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PAST AND PRESENT

ASHBRIDGE FAMILIES IN AMERICA

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INTRODUCTORY.

Scattered through the literature dealing with the history of many of the families which settled in Pennsylvania between the time of its foundation as a British colony by Penn, and the Revolution of 1776, are to be found numerous references to one George Ashbridge and his descendants.

A considerable number of these are still living in or near Philadelphia, and have no doubt been long familiar with the main features of the emigration and settlement of their English ancestor.

As in most families, however, not all of the children remained at home in Chester County, and so it happened that one family of several members moved to Canada, and others have since settled in the South, and to the descendants of these wanderers the opportunities for retaining the knowledge of old times have been necessarily curtailed.

In this respect, my own knowledge of anything further back than 1793, was limited, up to some three years ago, to a few family traditions relating to Pennsylvania and Welsh ancestry (with a suggestion also of Pennsylvania Dutch), and to a few written records in my great grandmother's Bible of children born before the Revolution.

However, about this time an opening was presented to extend my information, and in the process of tracing the connection between the Canadian and Pennsylvanian families, many facts came to me from various sources relating to other branches as well as to my own.

I decided finally to attempt some systematic arrangement of these records in one publication, and the result is presented in the following pages, in which the most attention has been given to details of the period covered by the first three generations.

The name of Ashbridge in America may be said to be an uncommon one, and no doubt most of those bearing it are descendants of George Ashbridge mentioned above.

Leaving out Philadelphia, Washington and Toronto, the directories of practically all the larger cities on the continent are free from it, and in

Pennsylvania even, it does not seem to flourish far from the greatest city in the State.

Salt Lake City has one family, whose origin I do not know. In the State of Ohio, also, several families are said to reside in or near East Palestine, which emigrated from England during the last century, while some of the family settled in Seattle, Wash.

In Philadelphia (besides those referred to in these pages), and in Johnstown, Pa., some members of Ashbridge families have sent me information suggestive of relationship, by the name-combinations, yet whose knowledge is not sufficient to be able to place them correctly.

A work of this kind can have little value if not accurate in the main, and I have been to considerable trouble to meet this requirement, verifying, where possible, the accuracy of the different records.

In the arrangement of the material, the sources of information are plainly indicated—in some cases several references being given for the same item—and may thus be easily verified by those wishing to do so.

Many items of apparently little importance in themselves, and of considerable detail, in documents, etc., are given in full, as it is not always easy to decide what should be omitted, and each item may have an interest for some reader.

The records of births, marriages and deaths are compiled from reliable sources, probably the greater number of them being from the entries in the books of the Society of Friends, while deeds, wills, family Bibles, and Ashbridge members, and others (many of whom are unknown to me save by correspondence) have all contributed to the general result.

The necessities of space, time and opportunity have limited the account to the Ashbridge name, with a few exceptions given in the Appendix, where some attention is given to those connected by marriage—of whom, by the way, the names of over a hundred are indicated upon the Chart, Plate XXXVII.

Neither is any attempt made herein to even name the thirty good people of the same generation as George and Mary Ashbridge, who must have shared with them the responsibility or privilege of being ancestors to those of my own generation (the fifth). Consequently, aside from purely

“Ashbridge” information still undiscovered or not generally available, there remains plenty of scope for genealogical exercise for any of the present generation wishing to indulge in the same, and I may, therefore, be pardoned for having concentrated my efforts upon what was for myself the easiest task.

This has called for a great deal of correspondence and careful search through libraries, books, papers, etc., but it has been full of interesting problems, all the more pleasant to me because of the sense of personal relationship involved.

My sincere thanks are here extended to all who have sent me information, photographs, etc., or in any other way contributed to the making of these pages, and if any who may read them have not had an opportunity yet to do so, I hope the printing of this book will not discourage them from it.

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Kelowna, B.C.,

July 29th, 1912.

PROLOGUE.

THE ASHBRIDGE NAME IN ENGLAND IN EARLY TIMES.

The name Ashbridge, rare in the south of England, was fairly common in the northern counties in the 17th century, particularly in Cumberland, where between the years 1617 and 1700, some 22 wills were recorded in Carlisle. How many there may be of earlier origin I do not know.

Judging from the index to wills in Carlisle and York, the name was commonly spelled ~~Ashbridge~~^{Ashbridge}, often Asbrigg—the latter form being apparently dropped before 1700, while the former spelling is still followed to some extent in England.

The English abstract of the details of an "Inquisition" in Chancery taken at Carlisle, 9th September, 1618, speaks of one Christopher Ashbridge and son Robert, indicating the use then of the present form.

In Yorkshire there are traces of the name towards the end of the century—one or two wills, also fragmentary Quaker records of a marriage near Hull, in 1673, and of children of this union :

The minutes of Hull Monthly Meeting record :

- (1) "a marriage in 1673, 3 mo. 4., of Elliner Ashbridge, of Ross, to Lance Packston, of Hastrop," also
- (2) the births of two sons to "Lancelot and Elin'r,"—viz., John, born 1674, and Thomas, born 1677.

In London and Essex in the 18th century there appears to be in all not more than half a dozen wills recorded.

Curiously enough in a list of some 60 English (north country) wills none represent the last instructions of a George Ashbridge.

The name occurs however in the will of one John Ashbridge, extracts from which are given below :

- (3) In the name of God Amen I John Asbridge of Low-raw within the p^{ish} of Bromfield & within y^e County of Cumberland Yeaⁿ being of perfect mind
. for my freehold estate I doe give
and dispose of it unto my wife untill y . my eldest son be twenty-five years

of age. I^t My son Isaac is to give ten pounds to my sister Mary when he enters on his freehold estate. I^t Five years after to give five pounds unto his brother Jeremy and five pounds to his brother George. All ye rest and residue of my personal estate goods chattells whatsoever I doe give & bequeath unto my loving wife full and sole Executor of this my last Will & Testam^t sett my hand and seal ye twentieth day of December in the year of Our Lord God 1697
. John Asbridge
. his mark & seald ○

In the presence of

(signed by four witnesses)

I have not followed the English records far enough to connect the American and English families, but have examined copies of a number of wills, and the one given below is inserted here merely as a rather curious example of such documents of the time.

- (4) In the name of God Amen I Margrett Asbridge of Low house in the parish of Wigton and Comty of Cumberland Widdow an week and sick in body but of good and perfect memory praise be to God do now make my last Will and Testament first of all I comitt my soul to God and my body to be buried in the church or chureyard att Wigton according to the dyrection of my Executor and as for my worldly affairs goods or personell estate I leave and dispose as followeth.

Imp^tms— I leave and bequeath to my sonn George Asbridge the sum of twelve pound 6 shelling to be paid att twelve month end after my desease and one enpboard standing y^e Manj^sion House att Lowhouse and one cheist

Item— I leave to my sonn Thomas one shilling sixpence.

Item— I leave to my daughter Mary Miller for lambs three of them to be gimmers and one a wether lambe

Item— I leave to my sonn John Asbridge of Brocklebank one Desk And whereas there is seaventeene sheep between me and my sonn George itt is my Will if my said sonn George shall have the full halfe of my part of y^e said sheep in lew for them lambs I have left to my daughter Mary

Item— I leave and bequeth to my sonn John Asbridge of Moorwhait on shilling And to my sonn Josep Asbridge one shilling.

Item— I leave to my daughter Mary all my wearing close except two pettycoats one for my daughter Jane all the rest of my goods and chattle moveable and unmoveable I leave to my sonn William Asbridge whom I make my whole Exceceter of this my last Will and Testament my debts legasyes first paid and discharged In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the first day of April 1701
 Margrett Asbridge
 her mark and seal [L.S.]
 (signed by three witnesses)
 Proved 1st July 1701

THE GENEALOGICAL CHARTS.

The general relationship of the different families can, perhaps, be understood more readily by a study of either of the charts shewn on Plate I or Plate XXXVII.

The large one is arranged in tabular form, the families of the same generation being all on the same horizontal line.

Some 49 families are shewn, with 241 Ashbridge names and 444 dated records.

It will be seen that the male and female members are nearly even numerically, the latter being slightly more numerous.

Main lines of descent are clearly marked, and details of births, marriages and deaths, place of residence, etc., where available.

Plate I contains the same information, with somewhat less detail, and, being arranged in tree form, shews at a glance the general facts relating to the families. This chart is drawn roughly to a scale of years, and it may interest some to trace the average birth-lines, etc.

From it, it may be seen that the average time between the birth of successive generations is greater now than formerly, and average 37 years over the whole period.

The different records are necessarily taken from many sources. I am, however, espeecially indebted to Miss Thomazin Ashbridge, of Philadelphia, to Miss Emily R. Ashbridge, of Rosemont, Pa., and to Mr. Gilbert Cope

of West Chester, Pa., for the greater part of the data used in arranging the lines of descent from the second George and first Joseph.

Looking over the Christian names, it will be seen that those of the original families occur most frequently through the six generations. Some of them are given below, viz. :

| | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|
| George | 15 times | Mary | 20 times |
| John | 12 " | Hannah | 10 " |
| Joseph | 11 " | Sarah | 9 " |
| William | 7 " | Elizabeth | 8 " |
| Jonathan | 5 " | Susannah | 8 " |
| Thomas | 5 " | Jane | 7 " |
| Aaron | 4 " | Ann | 7 " |
| Samuel | 4 " | Lydia | 6 " |
| Henry | 3 " | Phebe | 5 " |
| Richard | 3 " | Rebecca | 5 " |
| Jesse | 3 " | Sidney | 3 " |

Of the remaining names (about one-third) Abraham, Isaac, Levi, David, Daniel, Joshua, and perhaps others occur twice.

PART I.



THE FIRST PENNSYLVANIA FAMILY.

CHAPTER I.

GEORGE ASHBRIDGE AND MARY MALIN.

GEORGE ASHBRIDGE came to America in 1698, landing in Philadelphia on the 5th of July.

He is said to have come from Yorkshire, and from what has been said before, this would seem to be not improbable.

The date of his birth may be assumed to have been somewhere between the years 1665 and 1680.

His inclinations after arriving in America were towards the farm and the acquisition of country property, and in 1700 he purchased seventy acres of land in Edgmond Township, Chester County (later changed to Delaware Co.), and in the year following became united in marriage with Mary Malin, of Upper Providence Township in the same county.

In 1708, not satisfied with his first location, he bought a tract of 341 acres in Goshen Township, in the same county, and moved there, building his house near the Ridley Creek, about three-quarters of a mile from the Willistown line. Here he made his home during the lifetime of his wife, and from time to time added to his land purchases, property adjoining his own, until this amounted to over 900 acres. All of this later during his lifetime was given, or sold for nominal sums to his three sons, affording them a start in life.

In 1728, Mary died, and George Ashbridge married again the following year a widow, Margaret (Jones) Paschall, and shortly afterwards removed to Chester, the county-seat, then a town of some importance, establishing himself in business as a baker.

While in Chester he occupied a house, built by a former owner, on Edgmont Ave., between Second St. and Graham St., part of which is still standing.

He was an active member of the various Meetings of Friends, where he was living at the time, which is shewn by the numerous references in the records. It is not, however, certain that he was a Quaker while in England, as there is no record of his bringing with him a certificate of removal. He died in 1748 in Chester.

MARY, his first wife, was also an earnest and faithful Friend, judging from the Meeting records, and a direct evidence of her kindness of heart is to be found in an old letter, given further on. Her death occurred at Goshen in 1728.

(5) George Ashbridge arrived at Philadelphia in the Province of Pennsylvania on the V day of the V. month, 1698.

I have examined the old Bible which contains the above entry now in the Friends' Library at No. 140 N. 15th St., Philadelphia.

It is about $19\frac{1}{2}''$ x $12\frac{1}{2}''$ in size, said to be printed at Oxford in 1717, by John Basket, although the title-page is missing.

It is in a fair condition, and besides the statement given above, the names of the children of George and Mary have been printed by hand in large letters carefully, to give a curious shaded effect to them, and covering several pages.

Upon a slip of paper pasted on the cover is written :

"I desire this Bible to be deposited in the Library of Friends at Cherry St., and there kept for the use of Friends after I am gone.

Sarah Ashbridge.

Phila. 3 mo. 6th, 1845."

This Sarah was probably the daughter of Joseph and Priscilla (Davies) Ashbridge.

Some explanation as to the designation of the months and days by numbers may not be out of place.

The Society of Friends, which originated in England about the middle of the 17th century, declined to use the ordinary names for the months and days, on the grounds that they were a legacy of heathenism, and that to continue to use them would appear to perpetuate idol worship. They therefore numbered them, calling March the first month, and Sunday the first day of the week—the year commencing, as was then the custom, on the 25th of March.

In Pennsylvania, this custom of the English Quaker was made one of the laws of the Province, although it was not always carried out. Thus, for instance, what we would call June 1st, 1720, would be styled 4th month, 1st, 1720, while January 20th, 1721, would be denoted 11th month, 20th, 1720-21.

In September 1752, the Friends in Pennsylvania, following the adoption in Great Britain of the Gregorian Calendar, decided to conform with the same for the sake of uniformity, and the first month of the year was thereafter the month of January, but the custom of numbering instead of naming was unchanged.

(From "Clovercroft Chronicles," by Mary Rhoads Haines, 1893):

- (6) It is said that on landing at Philadelphia, George Ashbridge had with him a Bible, an axe, and an English coin of some value. The coin he gave to one who needed it more than himself, the axe was no doubt kept for use, and the Bible is probably still in possession of one of his descendants.

This Bible here referred to is of course not the large one in Friends' Library, and its whereabouts are presumably unknown.

- (7) Ashbridge, George, a member of the Society of Friends, had settled within the bounds of Chester Monthly Meeting as early as 1688* then probably quite a young man. In 1701 he married Mary Maylen of Providence. Their children were Joseph, John, George, Jonathan, Elizabeth, Mary, Aaron, Hannah, and Phebe. At the time of his death he owned a plantation in Chester township.

(Hist. of Delaware County, by Dr. Geo. Smith, 1862).

Dr. Smith was an old resident of Delaware County and spent years in the work of preparing his history of that county, first published in 1862, and his opportunities for obtaining information were very good.

In 1789, Chester County was divided into two, the part touching the earlier settlements being now called Delaware County and retaining Chester as its county seat.

Many people were emigrating to Pennsylvania at this period, and it is therefore, not strange that George Ashbridge should have his attention drawn to its advantages as a place for settlement. William Penn, having obtained his charter to the colony, launched a campaign of advertisement by pamphlet and otherwise, telling of the fertility of the soil, the liberality of its form of government, and the low expense and ease of obtaining land there.

The City of Philadelphia was located and laid out in 1682, under instructions from the Proprietor of the Colony, and grew rapidly, as in the following year Penn states there were 150 wooden houses in it. In 1684

*Evidently an error.—W. T. A.

he writes of it that it had "advanced to three hundred and fifty seven houses, divers of them large, well built, with good cellars, three stories, and some with balconies."

By 1698, its population must have been 5,000 or more, the number of houses in it being placed by various writers at from 700 to 2,000—either of which estimates is believed by John R. Young (author of "Memorial History of Philadelphia, 1895) to be extreme.

- (8) By deed of 7 mo. (Sept) 10, 1700, William Swafer conveyed to George Ashbridge a tract of 70 acres in Edgmont Township. This deed was acknowledged in Court and a memorandum made on the minutes but not otherwise recorded.

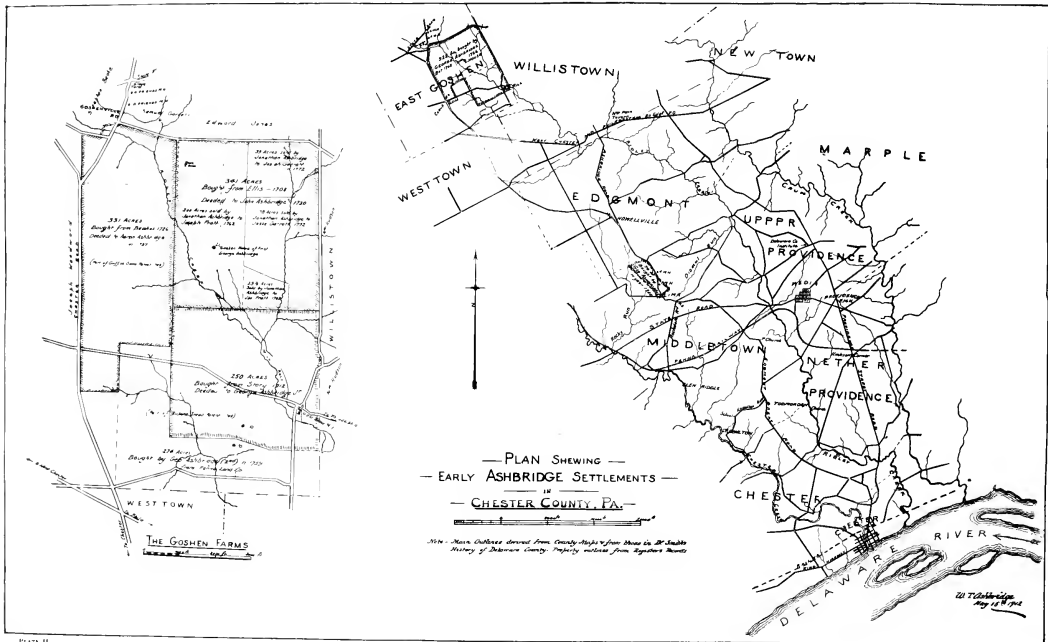
(Gilbert Cope.)

The land was situated in what is now Middletown Township, touching the line between the present townships of Middletown and Edgmont and forming at that date a part of the latter, and lay beside a large 370 acre tract of Thomas Minshall, adjoining the Edgmont Great Road leading to Chester, from which town it was distant about eight miles, and close to Rocky and Dismal Runs. (See Plate II.)

- (9) Second day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifteen, BETWEEN *Robert Baker* of the Township of Middletown County of Chester and Province of Pennsylvania and wife *Susanna* of the one part and *John Cheyney*, late of Ashton in the aforesaid County, Tallo chandler, of the other part.

WHEREAS, *George Willard*, late of said County, Yeoman by his deed Poll duly executed bearing date about March sixth, 1687, for the consideration therein mentioned did grant and convey unto *Roger Jackson* of the said County Yeoman his heirs and assigns, a certain parcel of land situate in said County Containing 220 acres, as by said deed Poll acknowledged in Court at Chester and Recorded in the Roll Office at Philadelphia 5/22/1690 in E vol 5 p. 137 as may now more fully appear. And WHEREAS the said *Roger Jackson* by his deed Poll executed, dated 6/3/1690 for the Consideration therein mentioned did grant and convey unto one *William Swafer* his heirs and assigns a certain piece or parcel of land hereinafter described situate in the Twp of Edgmont . . . Containing by estimation 70 acres, 2/25/1713.

and WHEREAS the said *William Swafer* by deed Poll bearing date 9/10/1700 for the consideration therein mentioned did grant and convey the said 70 acres of land with the appurtenances unto one *George Ashbridge*



his heirs and assigns forever as by the last mentioned deed Poll acknowledged in Court at Chester aforesaid next day after the last mentioned date may more fully appear and WHEREAS the said *George Ashbridge* and *Mary* his wife and *John Golding* and *Esther* his wife did by their deed of conveyance duly executed bearing date 2/25/1713 for the consideration therein mentioned did grant and convey the 70 acres of land with the appurtenances unto the said *Robert Baker* his heirs and assigns
 the price paid by Cheyney was seventy four pounds.

The name of Golding appearing in the deed with George Ashbridge would indicate that the former may have been a tenant on the land holding title under a lease, and joined in the conveyance to clear the title, or what seems more probable the land was sold to Golding at some time between 1700 and 1713, without a deed, and Baker, would require this in order to convey the property, so that George Ashbridge's title held in any event until it was sold to Baker in 1713.

Mr. Gilbert Cope of West Chester, sends the following record :

- (10) At Chester Monthly Meeting, held at the meeting house in Lower Providence (now) Delaware County, Pa., 5-28-1701.

George Asbridge & Mary Malin Laid their Intention of marriage before the meeting, itt being the first time the meeting orders Sarah Taylor & feby peckow to inquire Concerning her Clearness & report the same the next Monthly Meeting.

The wording of the minutes of the men's meeting is given by Miss Mary S. Allen, of Media, Pa., who copied same from the records :

- (11) . . . Georg Ashbridg and Mary Mallin both belonging to this meeting proposed thayr intentions of taking each other as husband & wife this being ye first time Robert . . . on (Vernon) & Tho. Minshall is appoynted to make repport thereof to ye next Monthly meeting.

Also from minutes of Monthly Meeting held at Springfield 6-25-1701 ; the same writer sends the record :

- (12) . . . Georg Ashbridge and Marry Malin proposed thayr intentions of taking each other as husband and wife this being ye second time and having proceeded orderly therein this meeting Leaves them to thayr liberty to proceed further and to acomplish it according to ye good order of truth.
- (13) George Asbridge of Edgmond Township in the County of Chester and Province of Pennsylvania and Mary Malin of Upper Providence Township in the same county, were married 8 mo. (Oct. O. S.) 23rd 1701, at Providence Meeting House).

(Signers to marriage certificate)

| | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| | | George Asbridge |
| | | Mary Asbridge |
| Hamah Sharples | John Sharples | |
| Elizabeth Harlan | George Smedley | Randall Malin |
| Sarah Taylor | John Worrall | Isaac Malin |
| Rebeckah Minshall | Peter Taylor | Jacob Malin |
| Elizabeth Jobb | George Maris Jun ^r | Ann Wicksteed |
| Rebeca Vernon | John Vernon | Margret Minshall |
| ffoby Peekea | John Redman | Robert Vernon |
| Hamah Vernon | William Woodward | Elinor Vernon |
| Lidie Ralph | Joseph Jervis | Thomas Minshall |
| Randolph Croxton | James Sorrell | Walter ffauccett |
| William Pennell | Thomas Woodward | Henry Hollingsworth |
| Randall Vernon | John Hollingsworth | Samuel Hollingsworth |
| Jacob Vernon | Joseph Carter | Thomas Hollingsworth |
| Moses Key | Isaac Vernon | Richard Woodward |
| Joseph Vernon | Thomas Vernon | Joseph Coeburn |
| Isaac Minshall | Joseph pennell | John Edgg |
| | Jacob Minshall | Jane Edgg |
| | | Joseph Phippes |

(This record from Chester Mo. Mtg. Records, reported by Gilbert Cope).

As may be seen, some fifty friends or relatives were present and witnessed the marriage.

The Quakers were very careful of the proprieties in the matter of marriage, and a young man wishing to end his bachelor condition was expected first to intimate this and obtain permission from the young lady's parents and his own before approaching her in the matter. All this being favorable, the meeting would take steps as shewn in this case and others further on.

The township of Upper Providence adjoins that of Edgmond.

Gilbert Cope says of this marriage "that though not one of the earliest in date this was the second marriage certificate recorded by Chester Monthly Meeting."

He also points out that "near relatives almost universally signed under the contracting parties, and this would indicate that the bride was nearly related to Randall Malin, father of Isaac and Jacob—perhaps a younger sister of Randall."

Dr. Smith assumes Mary to be a daughter of Randall, as is also the statement in *Memoirs of Chester & Del. Co.*, Vol. 2, p. 113.

- (14) Malin, Randal, with his wife Elizabeth from Great Barrum in Cheshire, England arrived in 1682 or 1683 and fixed their residence in Upper Providence. They were both active and influential members of the Society of Friends, meetings being sometimes held at their house. Elizabeth died in 1687, leaving two sons, Isaac and Jacob.

Randal was married a second time in 1693, to Mary Conway, daughter of Valentine Hollingsworth of Newcastle County, by whom he had two daughters, Hannah and Rachel. His death occurred about the year 1703. For making a prayer in a meeting in his native country, Randal Malin was fined £20. 5s, for which distress was made of his household goods, corn and hay. (Besse 1 107.)

(Hist. of Del. Co. by Dr. Smith.)

Many of the Pennsylvania settlers came from Cheshire.

- (15) (From "Clovercroft Chronicles")

George Ashbridge came from Yorkshire, England, and arrived in Philadelphia the 5th of 5th month 1698. He purchased a tract of land extending from Sugartown to Milltown in Chester County Pennsylvania.

- (16) . . . On the 24th of 7th Mo. (Sept) 1708, Rowland Ellis of Merion Township, Philadelphia County, conveyed to George Ashbridge of Edgmont, county of Chester, for £150, 341 acres of land in Goshen, patented to Ellis 23d of 6 Mo. 1703.

(From Deed Book B., p. 292.)

This was the first Goshen purchase, situated along Ridley Creek about 6 miles from the Edgmont property. A description of the land is given further on. (See also Plate II.)

(Copy of a letter of instruction to Isaac Taylor.)

Philadla 28th 4 mo 1712

- (17) Loving Fr^d Isaac Taylor:

Having agreed with George Ashbridge for 250^a of my Land at Goshen I desire & hereby impower thee to survey him off that quantity of the end next his Land in a regular piece across my whole Tract, of which I send the bounds (below) as in my Patent. Pray let it be done with what expedition thou canst my circumstance requiring haste, in which thou wilt oblige Thy
Loving Fr^d

Thomas Story

Beginning at a stake at a corner of Rowland Ellis' land thence by the same & the land of Griffith Owen's Land & John finsher's Land S.S.E. 276 pches to a hickory marked at a corner of the s^d finsher's Land thence E.N.E. 304 pches to a post near a marked black oak thence N.N.W. 276 pches to the beginning 524 acres.

"In pursuance of the above," Gilbert Cope says, "Isaac Taylor the County surveyor surveyed, on the 19th of 5th mo. 1712, a tract of 250 acres as shewn by a draft thereof among the papers of the said Taylor, now in the possession of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania."

Adjoining the 341 acres. This property was at some time given to George, the second son, who added more to it in later years.

The maps shewn on Plate II were prepared to shew where George Ashbridge settled in Chester County, and, also in some detail, to whom he conveyed his Goshen lands.

In early Pennsylvania days practical jokes and jokers were looked after by Friends, as may be seen from the following paragraph taken from the Genealogy of the Smedley Family, compiled by Gilbert Cope (Page 61).

(18) . . . (At monthly meeting at Providence 2 mo. 25, 1715.)

Springfield meeting complains against John Williamson for being one of the Chief actors in Dressing a man Pretending him to be a dead man or Corps, at Daniel Calvert's, and bringing of him into the house to affright the People: he being by some of them there Reproved for it, and was asked how he would answer it to the monthly meeting: his Reply was it was but giving in a paper, and they might Get a Box and Call it Williamson's Box; for which Presumptions action and slight answer this meeting taking into Consideration and appoints Francis Yarnall and George Ashbridge to speak with him to be at our next monthly meeting to answer the above complaint.

(19) From original in Hist. Soc. of Pennsylvania (Cope memo.).

"Goshen y^e 17 of y^e 11 moth 1717.

Friend Isreal Pemberton I desire thee to Let the bearer hereof John Ingram have six hundred wight of Iron and plee It to my account which I promise to pay thee with In two months time from the date hereof and In so doing thou wouldst greatly oblige thy friend George Asbridge upon the same betoken that I had a piece of osenbrigs of thee so no more at present but I remain thy friend

George Asbridge"

(Endorsed)

"Rec^d from Israel Pemberton six hundred and Eleven pounds weight of Iron the 18th 11 mo. 1717."

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John E Ingram."

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“Osenbrig,” or more properly osnaburg, referred to a “coarse linen made of flax and tow.” Watson says “Oznaburgs made of hemp tow at 1s. 4d a yard was used for boys’ shirts.” The word came from the town in Germany where first made.

When George Ashbridge settled in Goshen, he built his first building upon or very close to the site of the present one now on the property. In 1720 a more pretentious one was erected, and a date-stone with the inscription

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put up to mark its completion. The oldest part was then torn down (“as it comes out towards a well standing in the front yard”).

In or about 1798, a new end was built, probably by the Pratt family, and at a later date Mr. Pratt Roberts pulled down the old 1720 part and fixed the house as it now is, leaving in the two date-stones, thus marking the site, at least, of the original settlement.

The above is from information furnished me by Mrs. M. M. Roberts, of West Chester, a one time resident of the place.

(20) (From Deed Book B. p. 501 . . . Cope)

April 12, 1726 Stephen Beakes of West Town Township, yeoman, conveys to George Ashbridge of Goshen, yeoman, 331 acres in Goshen. This recites patent to Griffith Owen, 13 Dec 1703, for 775 acres in Goshen (Patent Book A. 2, p. 629) and will of Griffith Owen of Philadelphia, Practitioner of Physick, devising to his three sons, John, Edward, and Griffith, his lands in Goshen, between Cadwallader Ellis and land now of Samuel Garrett, and down between lands of George Ashbridge and Hugh Roberts, excepting out of the same the ground the meeting house stands on and the graveyard. The sons, on the 15th and 16th of March 1726, conveyed to Stephen Beakes 755 acres, part of the 775 acres, and Beakes, for £199, conveys 331 acres to George Ashbridge.

Adjoining the former two purchases. Conveyed to Aaron in 1737.

(21) George Ashbridge was appointed constable for Goshen Township for the year 1710. In that day the owners of land had to take their turns in the township offices (Cope)

Friends' Meeting Records :

Cope tells us "that Goshen Meeting of Friends was first held in 1702, in a house belonging to Griffith Owen, but a meeting-house is mentioned the next year, which was doubtless made of logs."

Also that "Chester Monthly Meeting at that time was constituted of the particular meetings of Chester, Providence, Springfield, Middletown and Goshen, with the addition of Newtown in 1706, and Uwchlan in 1712. Each of these appointed representatives to the monthly meetings, and George Ashbridge frequently appeared in behalf of Goshen meeting. Although his Edgmont home was nearer to Middletown Meeting he was a representative from Goshen 10-29-1707, and 11-26-1707."

Goshen and the neighboring townships appear to have been largely settled by Welsh, and, later, in 1722 these (Goshen, Newtown and Uwchlan) were united in Goshen Monthly Meeting.

The extracts from the meeting minutes (mostly from that of Goshen), as given below and elsewhere, are as sent by Mr. Gilbert Cope, of West Chester, Pa., unless otherwise noted, and are mostly of local interest, although in some instances they shew the attitude of Friends towards public questions of the day.

Friends' Records :

At a Monthly held at Springfield 2-24-1710.

- (21A) Goshen Preparative meeting presents James Thomas and George Ashbridge to be overseers of their meeting which the meeting approves of untill further order.

At Middletown 7-24-1711.

- (21B) In order that all friends may be carefull how they behave themselves both at the Election and faire this meeting appoints Randal Vernon, Bartholomew Coppock, Randal Malin, Joseph Baker, George Ashbridge and William Lewis, to give a friendly caution the next first day in their respective meetings.

These fairs were held in some towns or villages twice a year, and the Quakers were not satisfied with their moral tone.

Friends Records :

- (22) 7-29-1712. Peter Taylor was appointed overseer of Goshen Meeting in room of George Ashbridge.
- (23) 29-1717. . . . George Ashbridge was appointed overseer in the room of Thomas Garrett.

To y^e Honorable y^e Justices at y^e Quarter Sessions held
at Chester y^e 28th day of May, 1717

The petition of y^e Inhabitants of y^e Township of Goshen
and others, as shal^l content humbly sheweth;

That whereas we are sensible of y^e want of y^e new Roads
to be laid out to lead to, and from a mill lately erect-
ed, in y^e Township of Goshen; therefore y^e Subscribers, for
the behalf of y^e said Inhabitants, humbly sheweth, that you
would please to give your order for y^e laying out and
establishing these two Roads, namely, one Road
branching out of the Kings Road (which leads from
Chester to Goshen) in y^e land of y^e said Inhabitants, through
George Ayricks's land to y^e mill (called Goshen Mill)
The other Road, leading from y^e mill to a Road it was
formerly laid out by order of Court y^e leads from Che-
ster through Providence to y^e mill, crossing y^e said former
Road at such place as may be directed by or for y^e said
Thomas, so to fall into y^e said Road y^e leads to Dilacyp
These Roads being of publick Service & convenience for
carrying our flour and other Carriages to Mill or Marke
t, we hope y^e you in your more mature Judgments
will think Reasonable, to allow us a sufficient cote of
the R^d Roads; and we your Suppliant, as in duty
bound under a just sense of obligation pray for
your prosperity =

Thomas James
Swallow Barry
Rich^d Thomas
Edw^d Davd
George Pittbridge
David Davids
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Peer Thomas
Thomas David
Jesse Hains
Thomas Guins

(Note. Goshen Monthly Meeting was established in 1722, consisting of the meetings of Goshen, Newtown and Uwchlan).

Goshen Records :

- (24) At the second meeting 3 mo. 4th 1722, "George Ashbridge is appointed, Receiver of this Monthly Meeting's collections until further order."
- (25) 4-1-1722. "The Representatives of Goshen Meeting Presents Isaac Hains to be overseer of their meeting Instead of George Ashbridge who desires to be Released from that service at present with which this meeting Concurs."
- (26) 6-3-1722. "George Ashbridge appointed overseer of Goshen meeting in place of Thomas James, who desired to be released."
- (27) 2-2-1725. He is succeeded by Aaron James.
- (28) 1-26-1705. Sarah Smedley & Mary Ashbridge are Chosen overseers for Middletown Meeting.
- (29) 1-26-1711. "Mary Ashbridge is chosen overseer for Goshen Meeting instead of Rebecca Garratt along with hannah Davis."
- (30) 9-30-1713 Eliz hains is Chosen overseer for Goshen Meeting along with Martha Thomas instead of Mary Ashbridge
- (31) 6-27-1716. "Mary Ashbridge is Chosen overseer for Goshen Meeting along with Jean Davis instead of Eliz hains."
- (32) 7-30-1717. She is succeeded by Hannah Davis.
- (33) At Goshen 2 Mo. 6th 1722. "Mary Ashbridge is appointed Clerk of this meeting untill further order. Also the said Mary Ashbridge is Chosen overseer for Goshen Meeting along with Hannah Davies instead of Mary James."
- (34) 3-4-1722. "This Meeting appoints Mary Ashbridge to keep the Monthly's Stock and there Remains in her hand Three shillings."
- (35) 1-5-1724-5. Lowry Lewis, Sarah Williamson, Mary James and Mary Ashbridge are appointed to accompany men Friends in visiting families.
- (36) 2-1-1726. Mary Ashbridge appointed again.
- (37) Mary Ashbridge, wife of George Ashbridge Senior was buried 2 Mo. 15-1728. (Goshen Records)
- (38) 3-20-1728. Mary Williams is appointed overseer for Goshen Meeting instead of Mary Ashbridge deceased.

(Note. George and Mary Ashbridge were frequently appointed representatives to the Quarterly Meetings. (Cope)

In the "Memoirs of Chester & Delaware Counties," Vol. I. p. 47, is given an interesting autobiography of Benjamin Hawley, who deserted the

master to whom he was apprenticed, in London, in 1722, and, to obtain a passage to America, did what was quite usual then, sold his services for five years after his arrival in Pennsylvania. Part of his account is given below:

- (39) . . . I stayed on board till the vessel was loaded and went out, and then myself and two or three more of the servants whose time were not disposed of were put on board another ship belonging to the same owners, where we staid till she was loaded and went out, which was some time in January, 1722-3. Myself and another, which was all that was left of the servants, was sent down to George Ashbridge's in Goshen, for him to dispose of our time. There I had a severe fit of sickness and kept my bed for two weeks. Mary Ashbridge was as good to me as if I had been her own son. Some time in the 12th month (called February) it pleased the Lord to restore me to my health again and about the latter end of the first month (called March) 1723, I came to live with John Willis the younger in Thornbury Township, where I staid till my 5 years servitude was expired, which was the 12th of the 9th Mo. (called November) 1727.

George Ashbridge and Jacob Howell are mentioned by Ashmead as executors of Jonathan Ogden who owned the "Boar's Head Inn," in Chester, in which house William Penn is said to have passed the winter of 1682-83. Ogden died in 1727.

Henry G. Ashmead in his "Historical Sketch of Chester" (1883), devotes several pages to some account of those who lived in "The Ashbridge House," giving its location as follows:

(The maps in his book shew the location of Chester properties of George Ashbridge and Joseph Ashbridge, his son.)

- (40) . . . The ancient dwelling standing on the east side of Edgmont avenue, between Second and Graham streets, is partly built on the site of the House of Defense. The ground on which it stands was part of the estate of Jasper Yeates, who devised it to certain of his heirs, for July 13, 1728, George McCall and Ann, his wife, (Jasper's eldest daughter) and John Yeates, by release, granted this house and other lots to George Ashbridge. The latter was a Friend, who as early as 1688 emigrated, as a young man, to Pennsylvania and settled near Chester. Who it was built the house I fail to learn, but in all probability George McCall or John Yeates did, for the title to the ground was in these parties fully eight years after the death of Jasper Yeates, before they parted with the premises. . . .

Although by his will, made in 1748, this property was left to his youngest son Joseph, Ashmead states that "the second George Ashbridge

dying seized of the estate, the Orphans' Court of Chester County, in proceedings in partition adjudged the premises to his eldest son, George Ashbridge, the third of that name in the chain of title, who sold it May 5, 1797, to Dorothy Smith and Zedekiah Wyatt Graham, sister and brother to Henry Hale Graham, as joint tenants."

The title to the property became vested later in Sarah P. (Robinson) Combs, who died in 1865, leaving it to her children who owned it in 1883, at which time it was used as an office for Black & Worrell's cocoa matting works.

A present day view of the house is given in the front of this book. It is now used as a double house, and is occupied.

Mr. H. F. Troutman, of West Chester, describes it as "the oldest house on the square—with small windows and small glass in them—the side (not remodelled) of very heavy rough uneven brick with low square windows shewing great age—the front door entered formerly nearly where the window to the left is."

It is known locally as the house "formerly occupied by Sara Combs," and stands about two-fifths the distance between Graham and Second Streets, being closer to the latter, and is opposite the site of the old Court House built 1695.

- (41) By deed of 30 Jan. (11th Mo. O. S.) 1729-30, George Ashbridge of Goshen, yeoman, for £100, conveyed to his son John Ashbridge of Goshen, "the Messuage and Plantation whereon George Ashbridge now dwells," containing 341 acres, purchased from Rowland Ellis by deed of 24 Sept. 1708. Beginning at a post a corner of land late of Edward Jones Sen^r thence S. S. E. 252 perches; W. S. W. 217 per to a black oak. N. N. W. by land late of Griffith Owen 252 per. to post. E. N. E. by Edward Jones 217 per. to beginning. (Gilbert Cope)
- (42) At Goshen Monthly Meeting 11-19-1729. George Ashbridge and Margaret Paschall declared their intentions of marriage. Aaron James and George Garrett were appointed to inspect into his Clearness and to see that there be a proper settlement betwixt her and her children in respect to her former husband's estate.
- (43) George Ashbridge of Goshen, yeoman, and Margaret Paschall of Goshen, widow, were married 1st Mo. (March) 6th 1729-30, at Goshen Meeting.
- (44) George Ashbridge purchased from John Wade 16 1/2 acres of land in Chester, which was surveyed for him 11 April 1730. (Gilbert Cope)

- (45) At Goshen Monthly Meeting 2-20-1730. Goshen Meeting informs that George Ashbridge, intending to remove, requests a certificate for himself and wife to Chester Monthly Meeting. Robert Penrose and John Holland are appointed to inquire and prepare one.

Sarah Smedley and Mary Williams were appointed to inquire respecting Margaret Ashbridge.

- (46) 3-18-1730. A certificate was signed for them. This was recorded by Chester Monthly Meeting and states that "their Conversations have been orderly as far as we know and have been Servisable to friends, which we have unity with," etc.
- (47) At Chester Mo. Mtg. 3-25-1730. "George Ashbridge produced a certificate from Goshen Monthly Meeting for himself and wife Margaret, which was read and accepted.
- (48) 2-24-1732. "Margaret Ashbridge is Chosen overseer for Chester Meeting along wth Sarah Cowpland instead of Sarah Howell."
- (49) 7-25-1732. She is appointed, with others, to visit families.
- (50) 7-30-1734. Succeeded by Agnes Salkeld as overseer.

(Note. George Ashbridge was frequently appointed to represent Chester Meeting at the Monthly Meeting). (Cope)

- (51) By deed of Feb. 15, 1736/7, George Ashbridge of the borough of Chester, yeoman and wife Margaret, conveyed to Aaron Ashbridge, for five shillings and affection, a messuage and plantation in Goshen, beginning at a post thence S. 23 1/2 E. by land of John Ashbridge 330 per. to a black oak; thence S. 66 1/2 W. 97 per.; thence S. 23 1/2 E. 76; S. 66 1/2 W. 50; N. N. W. by lands of Mordecai James and Joseph Woodward 280 per. to a white oak etc., etc.,—331 acres, purchased of Stephen Beakes in 1726.

(Deed Book T. 503) (Cope)

- (52) (From Smith's Hist of Del. Co. p. 238)

Chester S. S.

At a Court of Oyer & Terminer & Gaol Delivery held at Chester for ye County of Chester the 19th day of June 1728.

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| Before David Lloyd Rich ^d Hill Jeremiah Langhorne | } | Esquires 3 ^d |
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| ^a | } | who were Indicted for murdering an Indian woman for J ^{no} Winter & Walter Winter } which they were arraigned, and pleaded not guilty, and for the Petty Jury being called and appeared, to wit, Henry Hays, George |
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Be it Remembered that the first day of the first month called March
my Year four last one thousand seven hundred and forty seven (Eight) I George
Ashbridge of the County of Chester and Province of Pennsylvania being
somewhat weak and indisposed in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory made
caption unto God therefore and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life being
appointed for all men once to die I made and ordain this my last will and testament
in manner and form following (that is to say)

From My will is that all my just Debts together with my former all expenses to paid
as soon as convenient may be paid for my Decease by my Executors hereafter named
I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Ashbridge all that Messuages and Tenement
whereunto I do well situate in Chester aforesaid with the Lots or parcels of Land
thereunto belonging which I purchased of James Logan and the Gramercy
Banks house with the Lots of Land thereunto belonging which I lately purchased
of John Quator and George McCall with the several Tenements and all these several
pieces of Ground which was lately the Estate of John Wiers deceased containing
about forty acres to hold to him the said Joseph Ashbridge his heirs and assigns
for ever

From I give and bequeath by way of legacy unto my Daughter Elizabeth Sharpleff the
Wife of John Sharpleff the sum of forty pounds lawfull money of the said Province
to be paid by my Executors hereafter named at the expiration of one year after
my decease

From I give and bequeath unto my Granddaughter Mary Sharpleff the Daughter of the
S^r John Sharpleff and Elizabeth his wife the Custody of Drawers in the Room where
I lodge

From I give and bequeath by way of legacy unto my Daughter Hannah Hoopes the wife
of John Hoopes the sum of forty pounds lawfull money of the said Province to be paid
by my Executors hereafter named at the expiration of one year after my decease

From I give and bequeath by way of Legacy unto my Granddaughter Mary Sparnall
Daughter of Amos Sparnall and Mary his wife late Deceased the sum of forty pounds
lawfull money of the said Province to be paid by my Executors hereafter named when
she arrives at the age of eighteen years but if she die before she arrives to
that age and not having lawfull issue then my will is that the said money be
equally divided amongst all her Brothers there and there children

All the remainder of my Estate whollies real or Personal as for my debts & funeral expences & Legacies are paid signed by me Joseph Ashbridge whom together with my son George Ashbridge of Namanta Constitute and appointe sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament here by revoking all other wills by me formerly made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this Day and Year within written

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced & Declared by the said George Ashbridge the testator to be his Last Will and Testament in my presence of us the subscribers who have in his presence subscribed our names as witnesses hereto viz

Jn. Taylor
of Parken

John Graham

Sworn to & signed
George Ashbridge

London March 29th 1748

Then personally appeared Joseph Taylor and John Graham before the Witnesses to the foregoing Will whom their solemn Affirmations did Declare that they were present and saw the Testator therein named sign Seal publish pronounce and Declare this Writing to be his Last Will and Testament and that at the doing thereof he was of sound Mind & Memory to the best of their

Knowledge & Understanding

London March 29th 1748

Then personally appeared Joseph Taylor the other Witness to this Will whom his solemn Affirmation did Declare that he was present and saw the Testator therein named sign Seal publish pronounce and Declare this Writing to be his Last Will and Testament and that at the doing thereof he was of sound Mind and Memory to the best of his Understanding

done before the Commission

Ashbridge, William Horne, Peter Worrall, George Wood, Rich^d Jones, Abraham Lewis, Benjamin Clift, John Davis, Tho. Vernon, John Tomkins & Evan Howell (who) upon their respective oath and affirmacon, do say that the a^d John Winter and Walter Winter are Guilty of ye murder a^d and must be hanged by the necks until they and each of them be dead.

In the early settled parts of Pennsylvania the Indians were not troublesome. Purchases were made from time to time of large tracts of their country, in the negotiation of which William Penn and his associates seem to have usually succeeded in satisfying the natives. It goes without saying that these purchases were equally satisfactory to the whites, and pains were taken to see that as much ground was covered by the "walkers" as possible. The Indians, however, did not desert their lands until they were occupied, and occasionally stole hogs, etc.

As time went on, however, complaints were made that the whites did not always, or promptly, pay for what they bought, and in the frontier lands, demonstrations were made by the Indians for the purpose of getting attention paid to these claims.

In the case here referred to, the condemned men had shot several Indians, believing that their lives were endangered, and would probably at the present day have been acquitted.

(From Friends' Library, Philada.):

(53) Gwynedd Marriage Record, 1715-1750.

Margaret & George Ashbridge sign marriage certificate of W^m and Hannah Foulk 8/15/1734.

Radnor Monthly Mtg., Birth Death & Marriage Record 1683-1732

George Ashbridge signed marriage certificate for Alex and Jane Banc 4/5/1713.

(54) George Ashbridge signed certificate of Clearness Haverford Monthly Mtg., for W^m Pashal & Hannah Roberts 9/8/1722.

(55) George Ashbridge signed certificate of clearness for Mordecai James & Gaynor Lloyd 3/5/1727.

(Friends' Library, Phila., sends the three above records.)

(56) Penna Archives 1st series Vol. 1, p. 767.—Refers to "Petition of Jacob Hibberd & 19 others re opening a road from Cobs Creek to line of Newcastle 17" Aug. 1747—and includes name George Ashbridge.

The will of George Ashbridge (1st) is given below, also the inventory of his personal estate.

Will of George Ashbridge, 1748.

(57) BE IT REMEMBED that the first day of the first month Called March In y^e year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty Seven (Eight) I George Ashbridge of Chester in the County of Chester and Province of Pennsylvania yeoman being Somewhat weak and Indisposed in body but of sound and perfect memory thanks be given unto God therefore and Calling to mind the uncertainty of this life it being appointed for all men once to die Do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say)

first my will is that all my Just Debts together with my funeral expences be paid as soon as Conveniently may be after my decease by my executors hereafter named.

Item. I give and devise unto my son Joseph Ashbridge all that messuage and tenement where I now Dwell Seituate in Chester aforesaid with the Lotts or Parcels of land thereunto Belonging which I lately purchased of John Yeates and George McCall with the appurtenances and all those several pieces of Ground which was lately the Estate of John Wade deceased Containing about forty aeres To hold to him the said Joseph Ashbridge his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I Give and Bequeath by way of legacy unto my daughter Elizabeth Sharpless the wife of John Sharpless the sum of forty pounds lawfull money of the said Province to be paid by my Executors hereafter named at the expiration of one year after my decease.

Item. I Give and Bequeath unto my Grandaughter Mary Sharpless the Daughter of the s^d John Sharpless and Elizabeth his wife the Chest of drawers in the Room where I lodge.

Item. I give and bequeath by way of legacy unto my daughter Hannah Hoopes the wife of Joshua Hoopes the sum of forty pounds lawfull money of the s^d Province to be paid by my executors hereafter named at the expiration of one year after my decease.

Item. I give and bequeath by way of Legacy unto my Grandaughter Mary Yarnall daughter of Amos Yarnall and Mary his wife late dece^d the sum of forty pounds lawfull money of y^e s^d Province to be paid by my Ext^{rs} hereafter named when she arrives at the age of eighteen years but if she die before she arrive to y^e afores^d Age and not having lawfull Issue then my will is that the s^d money be equally divided amongst all her Brothers Share and Share alike.

An Inventory of the Estate of George Ashbridge Esq
 late of Cedar Creek, taken by us Thomas Thomas and
 Joseph Perkins this 22^d Day of the 1st Month 1790

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| Two barrels of Spanish wine bottles and corks | 45 0 0 |
| Books and books unbound | 207 5 0 |
| Woolen coats amounting to | 24 5 0 |
| in the lower part of them and 2 to the same | 10 0 0 |
| 2 coats of the cut of the same as the others | 2 14 0 |
| In the same town at each of the same | 47 10 0 |
| Two coats of the same as the others | 8 10 0 |
| Two coats of the same as the others | 4 17 0 |
| Two coats of the same as the others | 2 8 0 |
| Two coats of the same as the others | 2 10 0 |
| Two coats of the same as the others | 5 0 0 |
| Two coats of the same as the others | 3 5 0 |
| Two coats of the same as the others | 2 5 0 |
| Two coats of the same as the others | 19 2 0 |
| Two coats of the same as the others | 15 1 6 |
| Two coats of the same as the others | 5 0 0 |
| Two coats of the same as the others | 70 0 0 |
| Two coats of the same as the others | 40 0 0 |
| Two coats of the same as the others | 20 0 0 |
| Two coats of the same as the others | 4 10 0 |
| Two coats of the same as the others | 5 10 0 |
| Two coats of the same as the others | 5 0 0 |
| Two coats of the same as the others | 5 12 6 |

Thos Morgan
 Joseph Perkins

And all the remainder of my Estate whether real or Personall after my debts ffunerall Expences & Legacies are paid I give to my son Joseph Ashbridge whom together with my son George Ashbridge I Nominate Constitute and appoint sole Executors of this my last Will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me formerly made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal the day and year within written.

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced & Declared by the said George Ashbridge the testator to be his Last Will and testament in y^e presence of us the Subscribers who have in his presence subscribed our names as witnesses hereto viz.

Jn^o Taylor

Jo. Parker

Hy H. Graham

Inv^y 10th January next.

Chester March 29th 1748. Then personally appeared John Taylor and Henry Hale Graham two of the Witnesses to the foregoing Will who on their Solemn Affirmations did Declare that they were present and saw the Testator therein named sign Seall publish pronounce and Declare the s^d Writing to be his Last Will and testament and that at the doing thereof he was of Sound Mind & Memory to the Best of their Understandings.

Affrd Before Jo. Parker, D. Regr.

Chester March 29th 1748. Then personally appeared Joseph Parker the other Witness to this Will who on his Solemn Affirmation Did Declare that he was present and saw the Testator therein named Sign Seal publish pronounce and Declare the s^d Writing to be his Last Will and testament and y^t at the doing thereof he was of Sound Mind and Memory to the Best of his Understanding.

Affrd Before Tho^s Cummings.

CHAPTER II.

FIRST GENERATION.

FAMILY OF GEORGE AND MARY (MALIN) ASHBRIDGE.

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| John | m. 8-12-1732 to | Hannah Davies | |
| b. 6-1-1702. | d. 5-21-1747. | b. 5-1-1710. | d. 1771. |
| George | m. 8-21-1730. | Jane Hoopes | |
| b. 12-19-1703. | d. 3-6-1773. | b. 5-14-1706. | d. 1-31-1789. |
| Jonathan | Lost or killed in woods near Lancaster, Pa. | | |
| b. 9-25-1705. | | | |
| Elizabeth | m. 4-6-1729 | John Sharpless, Widower. | |
| b. 12-6-1708. | d. 12-18-1767. | | |
| Mary | m. 3-18-1727. | Amos Yarnall | |
| b. 11-10-1710. | d. 11-20-1745. | b. 1-28-1700. | d. 2-4-1789. |
| Aaron | m. 2-21-1737. | Sarah Davies | |
| b. 12-25-1712. | d. 5 . . . 1776. | b. 7-20-1715. | |
| | m. 9-4-1746. | Elizabeth Sullivan | d. 5-16-1755. |
| | m. 6-4-1760. | Mary Tomlinson. | |
| Hannah | m. 2-8-1731. | Joshua Hoopes | |
| b. 2-26-1715. | d. 9-13-1793. | b. 4-25-1704. | d. 10-9-1769. |
| Phel'e | m. 2-10-1739. | Richard Thomas | |
| b. 8-26-1717. | d. 6-14-1784. | b. 12-22-1713 | d. 9-22-1754. |
| | m. 9-15-1757. | William Trimble. | |
| Lydia | m. 9-7-1741. | Ellis Davies | |
| b. 11-22-1719. | d. . . . 1792. | 10-24-1713. | d. . . . 1773. |
| Joseph | m. 4-8-1749. | Priscilla Davies | |
| b. 5-9-1723. | d. . . . 1796. | | |

JOHN.

John, the eldest son, and founder of the present Canadian branch, was born in Edgmond Twp., Chester County, Pa. in the coronation year of "good Queen Anne," and spent his boyhood and later years in Goshen to which his father had moved when he was about six years old.

After his mother's death, his father sold to him his first Goshen farm, and two years later (1732), John married Hannah Davies, the daughter of Welsh parents, and lived in the old homestead during the rest of his life, conducting the affairs of his farm.

In 1831 he was one of four trustees appointed to act in the matter of a grant of land made to Goshen meeting of Friends for building a meeting house, etc.

He also took some part in public matters, his name being recorded as holding office in Chester county by appointment of the Court of Private Sessions as "Constable" in 1732, as "Overseer of the Poor" in 1738, and as "Supervisor of the Highways" in 1742. He died in 1747, pre-deceasing his father.

Of Hannah his wife, frequent mention is made in Friends' meeting records, as overseer, clerk, and in charitable work.

She remained upon the farm for over ten years after the death of her husband, and until the marriage of Jonathan, the eldest son, soon after which she removed to Chester, where she resided the remainder of her life.

Goshen Records :

- (58) 6-21-1732. John Ashbridge and Hannah Davies declare intentions of marriage. Richard Parks and George Garret were appointed to inquire into his clearness from other engagements, and Sarah Smedly and Mary Williams to make the like inquiry respecting Hannah Davies.
- (59) John Ashbridge, son of George Ashbridge of the County of Chester, Hannah Davies, daughter of David Davies of the said County, yeoman, married 8-12-1732, at Goshen Meeting.

Signers

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Thomas Smedley | Ellie Golding | David Lloyd | John Ashbridge |
| John Hains | Ann Gibbons | Rees Jones | Hannah Ashbridge |
| Mordecai Yarnall | Susanna Parks | Elizabeth Baker | |
| Benja Hibberd | Mary Wright | Jane Ashbridge | George Ashbridge |
| J ^{no} Hibberd | Phebe Taylor | Isaac Malin | David Davies |
| Rich ^d . Parks | Phebe Hibberd | Lowry Evans | Jane Davies |
| Samuel Garratt | Sarah Garratt | Caleb Cowpland | Margaret Ashbridge |
| Benoni Griffith | Alice Hoopes | Sarah Cowpland | Thomas Evan |
| Daniel Hoopes | Lydia Malin | Dowse Yarnall | Hannah Evan |
| John Hoopes | Mary Yarnall | Jane Malin | Geo. Ashbridge Jr. |
| Daniel Hoopes Ju ^r | Catharine Evans | Hannah Paschall | Aaron Ashbridge |

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|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Roger Pugh | Hannah Edge | Gwen Lloyd | Richard Davies |
| Cadd ^r Evans | Elizabeth Malin | Susanna Malin | Amos Yarnall |
| Mord ^a James | Ann Evans | Ann Goodwin | Elizabeth Sharpless |
| Joseph Garratt | Jane Edge | Elizabeth Rhoads | Mary Yarnall |
| | Rebecca Jones | Robert Evan | Hannah Hoopes |
| | Hannah Paschall | Sarah Yearsley | Phebe Ashbridge |
| | Susanna Parks Jun | Ann Jones | Sarah Davies |
| | Sarah Smedley | William Lewis | Richard Jones |
| | Rebecca Matlack | | John Sharples |
| | | | Joshua Hoopes |

In Watson's "Annals of Philadelphia," written in 1842, the author gives the following description of old wedding customs (p. 178, Vol. 1).

- (60) . . . "The wedding entertainments of olden times were very expensive and harrowing to the wedded. The house of the parent would be filled with company to dine; the same company would stay to tea and to supper. For two days punch was dealt out in profusion. The gentlemen saw the groom on the first floor, and then ascended to the second floor, where they saw the bride; there every gentleman, even to one hundred in a day, kissed her. Even the plain Friends submitted to these things. I have known rich families which had 120 persons to dine—the same who had signed their certificate of marriage at the Monthly Meeting; these also partook of tea and supper. As they formally passed the Meeting twice, the same entertainment was repeated. Two days the male friends would call and take punch; and all would kiss the bride. Besides this the married pair for two weeks saw large tea parties at their home, having in attendance every night the groomsman and bridesmaids. To avoid expense and trouble, Friends have since made it sufficient to pass but one Meeting. When these marriage entertainments were made, it was expected also, that punch, cakes and meats should be sent out very generally in the neighborhood even to those who were not visitors in the family. . . .

It will be seen that over seventy people witnessed this wedding, among whom were all of John's brothers and sisters then living, except Lydia and Joseph, aged thirteen and nine years respectively.

It might also be noted here that Hannah Davies was a niece of Margaret (Jones) Paschall who became George Ashbridge's second wife.

- (61) To all people to whom these presents shall come
We David Davies, Ellis Williams, John Ashbridge and William Garrett all of County of Chester in the Province of Pennsylvania yoemen send greeting.

Sheweth,

That by an Order from the Court of Chester, a Road was Laid out about the Year 1698. from the great Valley to Chester Town, and Afterwards Opened by the Supervisors of the several Townships through which it passed, and Called, and known by the Name of Edgmont's great Road; But the said Road having not been Laid out by Course, & Distance; several Persons have fenced in, & crossed the said Road, & turned the same into some Inconmodious Places; And the Inhabitants having Neglected to Open the same, of a Necessary Breadth, in the Places where such Removals have rendered it uncertain: The s^d. Road is now become unfit to pass with Carts and Carriages, from the Lower parts of Goshier, to the Town of Chester afores^d. by reason of several Roads leading into the same, from Mills Iron-Works, &c. We Therefore desire you will be Pleas'd to Appoint six Indifferent Men, to Mark out the s^d. Road, & take the Course, and Distance thereof, as near where the same have heretofore been used, as may be with Conveniency to the Travellers of the said Road, and make Return thereof to the Next Court.

Dated 2/22/1748
Lawrence Cox

Ellis Davies
Thomas James

Daniel Hoopes
Joseph Garratt
Joseph Woodward
Stephen Hoopes
R. Jones

Geo: Ashbridge
David Davies
Alexander Bane
Jos: matter
John Hoopes
Guinea Peirce
Thomas Evans
Aaron James Junr

Araron James
James Gibbon
Thomas Morrey
Wm Taylor
Jacob Hearsley
William Hoeg
James Rushton
Benth Hickman
John Ashbridge

Whereas Joseph Garrett of the Township of Goshen in the said County of Chester Yoeman and Mary his wife by their Indenture bearing date the tenth of this Instant December for the consideration therein mentioned did grant and convey unto us the said David Davies, Ellis Williams, John Ashbridge and William Garrett a certain piece or parcel of land situate lying and being in the said Township of Goshen.

Beginning at a stone etc. . . . (description follows of a three quarter acre piece passing lands of Griffith Owen, Stephen Beakes, and Joseph Garrett) we do hereby declare that the said piece or parcell of land and premises were so as aforesaid conveyed unto us by the direction and appointment of the members or persons belonging to the monthly meeting of the people of God called Quakers, in Goshen aforesaid and the above recited Indenture was so made or intended in *trust* to the intent only that we or such or so many of us as shall and continue in Unity and Religious fellowship with the said people and Remain members of the said monthly meeting whereunto we now belong should stand and be seized of the said piece or parcell of land and premises in and by the said Indenture granted to the uses and intents hereinafter mentioned and declared and under the conditions provisos and restrictions hereinafter limited and exprest and to no other use intent or purpose whatsoever (That is to say) for the benefit use and behoof of the people of the said Quakers belonging to the said meeting forever for to build upon for the use and service of the said people and for a place to bury their dead. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the Twentieth day of December Anno Domini One Thousand Seven hundred and Thirty one, being the fifth year of the Reign of King George the second over our Great Britain.

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|-------------------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| David Davies | [SEAL] | John Ashbridge | [SEAL] |
| his | | | |
| Ellis \wedge Williams | [SEAL] | William Garrett | [SEAL] |
| mark | | | |

Sample of Court Appointment to Office.

- (62) CHESTER COUNTY TO WIT. At a Court of PRIVATE SESSIONS held and kept at Chester for the said County in March in the year of our Sovereign Lord George, by the Grace of God over Great Britain etc Annoque Domini 1738 for ordering and appointing Overseers of the Poor in the said County according to the direction of an Act of the General Assembly of the Province, intituled "An Act for the relief of the Poor," and for the appointing of Supervisors of the Highways for each Township in the

said County, and taking the returns of the Old Constables and appointing new ones in their stead for the ensuing year.

Appoints: JOHN ASHBRIDGE
JOHN HOOPES

To the office of *Overseers*.

Goshen Records :

- (63) 2-18-1737. John Ashbridge is appointed overseer of Goshen Meeting instead of John Holland.
- (64) 6-20-1739. George Ashbridge appointed overseer of Goshen Meeting instead of John Ashbridge released.
- (65) 10-21-1741. Hannah Ashbridge is chosen overseer instead of Mary Yarnall, with Rebecca Matlaek.
- (66) 3-16-1743. Mary Garratt is chosen overseer with Rebecca Matlaek instead of Hannah Ashbridge.
- (67) 5-18-1748. Hannah Ashbridge and Mary Hibberd are appointed to inspect and relieve the necessities of poor Friends of Goshen Meeting.
- (68) 1-20-17-52. Goshen Meeting recommends Ann Goodwin and Hannah Ashbridge for the service of visiting such as they may hear are in distress.
- (69) 4-16-1753. "This meeting makes choice of Hannah Ashbridge to be Clerk in the Room of Elizabeth Ashbridge.

Note. Hannah Ashbridge, and her brothers David and Ellis Davies signed the Administration bond Nov. 3rd, 1747.

- (70) A True & Perfect Inventory of all & singular the Goods Chattels & Credits of John Ashbridge late of the Township of Goshen, Deed

Together with a Conscionable Appraisal thereof by the subscribers the 5th & Yth. days of the ninth month Ao. Do. 1747.

| | £ | S | D |
|--------------------------------------|----|----|----|
| Wearing Apparel | 24 | 0 | 0 |
| A Horse Bridle & Saddle | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Bonds Bills & Cash | 47 | 6 | 11 |
| Book Debts | 26 | 13 | 11 |
| A Feather Bedd & Furniture | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Another Do. | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| One Do. | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| One Do. | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Beds & Bedding | 9 | 5 | 0 |
| Couch Bed | 1 | 15 | 0 |
| New Feathers | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| A Warming Pan | 0 | 12 | 0 |

| | £ | S | D |
|---|---|----|---|
| A Case of Drawers | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| Dressing Table & Box | 1 | 6 | 0 |
| A looking Glass | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Another Do. | 0 | 16 | 0 |
| 7 Chairs | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| 10 Do. | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mantle shelf Furniture | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| Tea Table and Drinking Glasses | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Table Linnen | 2 | 13 | 0 |
| A Trunk & Chests | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Pewter Dishes, Plates & Tankards | 4 | 4 | 6 |
| Knives & Forks | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Delf Plates | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Candlesticks stank & old Lanthorn | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Spinning Wheels & Reel | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Box and Sad Irons | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| Fire Shovels Tongs & Doggs | 1 | 8 | 0 |
| Griddle, Pot Racks & Hooks | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| 5 Iron Potts | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| Frying Pan, Spit, Flesh fork, Ladle & Skein | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Iron Mortar & some lارthen ware | 0 | 14 | 6 |
| Brass Pan & Kettle & Trenchers | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| A Watering Pot & other Tim Ware | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| Iron Hachel & Scales & Weights | 0 | 8 | 6 |
| Spoon & Butter Molds | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| Brand Mark, sheep shears & old cards | 0 | 8 | 6 |
| Glass Bottles with some Oyles | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| Augers, Chissels, Hammers & Nippers | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Tubs, Pails, Churn, Ches-vat & well Bucket | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Empty Casks | 1 | 12 | 0 |
| Books | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Wool, Swifts, a box with Hops | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| 12 lbs. Woollen Yarn | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 18 lbs. Tallow | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| 14 lbs. Worsted | 1 | 8 | 0 |
| A piece of raw stuff | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Some reumants of Cloth & stuffs | 2 | 17 | 6 |
| New Linnen | 0 | 17 | 0 |
| Dressed Deer Skins | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| 15 lights of Window Glass | 0 | 5 | 0 |

| | £ | S | D |
|---|----|----|---|
| Some old Iron & other Lumber | 0 | 11 | 0 |
| A Pidgeon Nett & some Ropes | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| Ten Baggs | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| A Gun | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Old Hackney Saddle | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Seythes, Sickles, & some old Iron | 1 | 13 | 0 |
| Plows & Irons | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| A Waggon | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| A Cart | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| Horse gears | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Ox Yoke & Chain | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| Mall & Wedges & Picking Axes | 0 | 14 | 6 |
| Spade, Shovel and Hows | 0 | 14 | 0 |
| A Cutting Box & Knife | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| A Wolf Trap | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| Coopers Tools | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Walnut Boards | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Cyler Mill | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| Grindstone & Hangings | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| Indian Corn | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| Flax Seed | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| Flax on the ground | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| A Horse | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| A Mare | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| One Do. | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| One Do. | 6 | 10 | 0 |
| One Do. | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| One Do. | 5 | 10 | 0 |
| One Do. | 5 | 10 | 0 |
| One Do. | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| One Do. | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| One Horse | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| One Do | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 Colts | 13 | 10 | 0 |
| 2 Cows | 5 | 10 | 0 |
| 2 Do | 4 | 15 | 0 |
| 2 Do | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| 2 Do | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| 3 fatt Steers | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| 2 Cows | 5 | 0 | 0 |

| | £ | S | D |
|--|-------|----|---|
| 2 Bulls | 3 | 15 | 0 |
| 3 Steers | 5 | 15 | 0 |
| 3 Heifers | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 Calves | 5 | 10 | 0 |
| 1 Heifer | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| 36 Sheep @ 5/ | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 Large Hoggs | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 18 lesser Swine | 4 | 12 | 0 |
| Wheat in the Barn | 19 | 10 | 0 |
| Do. in the Ground | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Hay in the Barn | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| A Stack of Hay | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| Another Do | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| One Do | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| One Do | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| One Do | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| A Servt. Mans Time 3-2,3 years | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| A Servt. Maids Time Do | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Sum Total | £ 485 | 10 | 4 |

N.B.—The Abovesd, Intestate Died Seizd. of a Messuage Plantation and tract of Land in Goshen aforesd. Containing 341 Acres.

Benjamin Hibberd }
William Garrett } Appraisers.

This inventory is interesting from its detail, and indicates a considerable farm. The last two items call for a little explanation.

At this date in Pennsylvania, when help for farm or other work was needed, there were three courses open: negro slaves might be purchased at from £40 to £100 each; white laborers might be hired as to-day, men receiving about £16 a year, females from £8 to £10; or, servants might be bought for a term of years, usually four.

These servants were generally Europeans who were too poor to pay for their ocean passage, and would sell their time to the captain of the vessel who in turn would dispose of it to the land-owners or those desiring it. The passage money was not more than £6 to £8, and the price advanced about £14, which would leave a surplus at the end of the term

for the redemptioner. Children were often sold thus for a longer time to pay parents' passage. At the end of the "servitude" each was to be given a new suit of clothes.

Negro slavery was common, and in 1751 in Philadelphia, the blacks formed 33 per cent of the whole population. Most of the slaves came from the West Indies, and they stood the climate better than those which were imported direct from Africa. In the interior and later settled parts of the Province, the bought-servants had almost ended the importing of slaves.

Frequently too, prisoners sentenced for some misdemeanor were upon their own petition, sold as servants.

(Above information gathered from Dr. Smith's Hist. of Del. Co.)

Goshen Records :

- (71) 12-19-1757. "Sarah Eachus is appointed or Chosen to Inspect into the necessities of the poor instead of Hannah Ashbridge, jointly with Ann Goodwin.
- (72) 5-15-1758. Hannah Ashbridge requests a certificate to Chester Monthly Meeting. Phebe Hibberd and Ann Goodwin to make the usual inquiry.
Amos Yarnall is appointed to assist women Friends to draw a certificate for Hamah Ashbridge to Chester.
- (73) 6-19-1758. A certificate is signed for her.
- (74) 7-15-1758. Phebe Trimble is appointed Clerk in the room of Hannah Ashbridge removed.

The account of Hannah Ashbridge, administratrix of her late husband's estate, dated 12 mo. 21st, 1757, shews rental of farm was placed at £20 per annum. Also that repairs of £10 were made to "ye real estate," and charges for "Maintaining Clothing & School. Eliza., John, Amos, David—£105. 10.

- (75) From Orphans' Court proceedings . . . at Chester in and for the County of Chester the eighteenth day of March in the year of our Lord 1761 & in the First year of his Majesty's Reign before John Culbertson, William Clingan, William Parker and Jonathan Cowpland Esqs. Justices present

. . . (follows a recital of summary of the petitions of Hannah Ashbridge and her children see item No. 77 and Plate xii) and continues :

We the undersigned subscribers do hereby
unanimously agree that Isaac Parsons,
John Fairbank, Joseph Gibbons, John
Jacobs junr. and John Taylor of New Town
shall put a true value on the real Estate
late of John Ashbridge dead —

Hannah Ashbridge

Jonathan Ashbridge

Tho. Starr

Elizabeth Ashbridge

John Ashbridge

Geo. Ashbridge

Now Forasmuch as all the Parties have agreed upon Isaac Pearson, John Fairlamb, Joseph Gibbons, John Jacobs Jr. & John Taylor of West Town THEREFORE it is Considered by this court, that the said Isaac Pearson, John Fairlamb, Joseph Gibbons, John Jacobs Jr. & John Taylor of West Town, shall go to all and singular the Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, situate lying and being in the said County of Chester, which the said John Ashbridge the Intestate died seized of and shall put a true value on the same, according to the best of their Judgments, to be divided between the said Intestate's widow and children, according to the sd Act of Genl Assembly, and What Value they shall put thereon, they are to make known to the next Orphans' Court to be held at Chester under their hands & seals, together with this order.

By the Court

Henry H. Graham.

- (76) To the Justices of the next Orphans' Court to be held at Chester for the County of Chester.

We the subscribers do humbly make known

That agreeably to the Tenor of the foregoing order We have been to a Certain Messuage plantation and Tract of Land said to belong to John Ashbridge in his lifetime and at the time of his decease situate in the Township of Goshen in the County of Chester Containing Three hundred and forty one Acres besides allowance for Roads &c. All which said Messuage plantation and Tract of land with the Buildings & Improvements and Appurtenances We Rate and Value at the sum of One Thousand and eighty pounds of lawful money of Pennsylvania and in regards to the Widow's Right of Dower in the premises aforesaid We understand a settlement hath already been made to the satisfaction of all parties and furthermore we take the Liberty to certify that it don't appear to us that the said John Ashbridge the Intestate had at the time of his decease any other Lands or Tenements in the said County of Chester.

In Testimony we have heremto set our hands and affixed our seals dated the twenty seventh day of the fifth month called May in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty one.

| | |
|-----------------|--------|
| Isa. Pearson | [SEAL] |
| Jno. Fairlamb | [SEAL] |
| Jos. Gibbons | [SEAL] |
| John Jacobs Jr. | [SEAL] |
| John Taylor | [SEAL] |

The valuation above made was confirmed 16 September, 1761, the widow and children certifying their satisfaction with same on the same date. (See Plate VIII.)

- (77) Petition for a division of the Real Estate late of John Ashbridge of Goshen deceased, 17th, March 1761. Valuation agreed on.

To the Honourable Justices of the Orphans Court to be held at Chester the 17th day of March Anno Domini 1761.

The Petition of Hannah Ashbridge the Widow and Reliet of John Ashbridge late of Goshen Deceased. Thomas Starr and Jane his wife one of the daughters of the sd Deceased, Elizabeth and John Ashbridge two other children of the said Deceased & Amos and David Ashbridge two Minor Children of the said Deceased by George Ashbridge their Guardian duly Appointed, Humbly Showeth

That the said John Ashbridge the father lately died intestate, that administration of his estate was committed to his said Widow, who hath paid all the deceased's Debts and finally settled her accounts of Admin on the said Deceased's estate, that the said Intestate was in his lifetime and at the time of his Decease seized in feof & in a Certain Messuage, Plantation & Traet of Land Situate in Goshen Township aforesaid Containing about 341 Acres, and left a widow and seven children to survive him (one of which children viz. Aaron is since deceased in his minority), That your petitioners are advised that the sd Lands are lyable to be divided among the said Widow and Children agreeable to the Laws of this Province.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that a Just and Equal Partition and Division of the said Messuage, Land and premises may be made to and among the widow and children of the said deceased. So that the part or share thereof belonging to each of your petitioners may be assigned to them. To hold the same in Severalty or otherwise as to you in your Wisdom's shall meet.

And your Petitioners shall pray &c.

Hannah Ashbridge
Thos. Starr
Jane Starr
Elizabeth Ashbridge
John Ashbridge
Geo. Ashbridge

Note. John, the second son had made a similar petition 18th December, 1760.



PLATE X

FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE
(MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE CO., PA.)

CHAPTER III.

FIRST GENERATION.

FAMILY OF GEORGE AND MARY (MALIN) ASHBRIDGE (*Continued*).

GEORGE.

George, the second son, married Jane Hoopes in 1730, and died in 1773, much respected by the community. He was a miller and farmer, prosperous in his business, and was returned by the electors to represent Chester County in the Provincial Assembly from 1743 to 1772. Evidently a man of strong personality and ability, it was his privilege to serve on many committees of importance during his long term of office, and in doing so, to constantly meet and associate with the foremost men of the day in the country.

Further on are given some references to his work in the Assembly, also a description of his life and character by Mrs. Haines, and by his daughter Jane (Maris).

(Sketch by Mary Rhoads Haines, in "Clovercroft Chronicles" p. 121).

(78) George Ashbridge II, the second son of George and Mary Ashbridge was born the 19th of Twelfthmonth 1703-04, and named for his father. As he grew to manhood he developed great physical strength and indomitable courage, but with it all a kind and generous spirit. It is related of him that he said he would rather be six feet under ground than fear the face of any man.

He owned the first carriage used in that part of the county. As he could not enjoy his hour of public worship unless his horses were made comfortable, he erected a stone building to shelter them and his carriage on the premises of the Friends' meeting house at Goshen, with a doorway at each end, because he "never liked to back out."

He married Jane Hoopes on the 21st of Eighth month 1730. Their home was the paternal mansion in Goshen, his father having chosen to reside in Chester a few month's previous to the son's wedding. Near it he had a flour-mill doing a good business, and he never took toll out of a grist that a labouring man brought to it on his back.*

* Old custom was to take part pay in produce.

In 1743 he was elected member of the Provincial Assembly which held its sessions in Philadelphia, and was returned by his constituents of Chester County to the end of his life. However late the Assembly adjourned he mounted his horse and rode twenty miles to his home, in Goshen, that night.

There is evidently a slight error in describing his Goshen home as the "paternal mansion." The father's home was upon the farm sold to the eldest son John, and is so stated in the deed. The farm of George (2) adjoined this and here, in all probability he erected his house.

(79) George (2) built a "mansion" said to have been still standing at time Futhey's sketches were written.

(Goshen Records):

(80) 6-17-1730. George Ashbridge Jr. of Goshen Meeting requests a certificate to Chester Mo. Mtg. in order for marriage with Jane Hoopes.

(81) 7-14-1730. One is signed.

(82) George Ashbridge of Goshen, son of George of the Borrow of Chester, Jane Hoopes, daughter of Daniel Hoopes, of Westtown Township, married 8, 21, 1730, at Middletown (App^{td}) Meeting.

The original marriage certificate, of which Plate ix is a reproduction, is written on paper, $13\frac{1}{2}'' \times 17\frac{1}{2}''$ in size, and is in the possession of Miss Laura Haines, of Buckingham, Penna.

Plate x shows the meeting house in Middletown, Delaware Co., in which the marriage ceremony took place.

For these two photographs, and also for that of the will of George Ashbridge (Plate v), I am indebted to Miss Caroline N. Rhoads, of Bryn Mawr, Pa., daughter of Dr. James Rhoads, the first president of Bryn Mawr College. Miss Rhoads is a niece of Mrs. Haines the author of "Clovercroft Chronicles," and has, I understand, the original of Plate v.

Goshen Records:

(83) 6-20-1739. George Ashbridge appointed overseer of Goshen Meeting in room of John Ashbridge released.

(84) 10-20-1742. John Hibberd appointed overseer of Goshen Meeting instead of George Ashbridge released.

(85) 11-17-1758. George Ashbridge appointed overseer of Goshen in room of Thomas Hoopes released.

(86) William Penn. by deeds of lease and release, 26th & 27th of September 1681, conveyed to Richard Snead of Bristol, England, 1500 acres of unlocated land in Pennsylvania.

Whereas George Ashbridge of the Township of Freshen in the County of Chester in the Province of Pennsylvania Son of George Ashbridge of the Borough of Freshen in the County aforesaid and Jane Hoopes Daughter of Daniel Hoopes of Water town in the County aforesaid Having Declared their Intentions of marriage with each other before several monthly meetings of the People of the said Quakers at Providence in the County of Chester according to the good order used Amongst them & Having the Consent of Parents & Relations Concerned their said Proposals of marriage were allowed by the said Meetings Now We take Care to Certifie whom it may Concern that on the full Accomplishing their said Intentions This 7th Twenty first Day of the Eighth month in the Year of our Lord 1730 They the said George Ashbridge and Jane Hoopes appeared in a publick meeting of the said People appointed for that Purpose at their meeting House in middle town in the County aforesaid And the said George Ashbridge taking the said Jane Hoopes by the hand did in a solemn manner openly Declare that he took her the said Jane Hoopes to be his wife Promising with Divine Assistance to be unto her faithful husband until Death should separate them And then & there on the same Assembly the said Jane Hoopes did in like manner openly Declare that she took the said George Ashbridge to be her Husband Promising with Divine Assistance to be unto him a loving & faithful wife until Death should separate them --- And more over they the said George Ashbridge & Jane Hoopes the according to the Custom of marriage assuming the name of Freshen and as a further confirmation thereof did then & there to their Parents set their hands --- And we whose names are hereunto subscribed being present at the solemnization of the said Marriage and subscription have as witnesses hereunto set our Hands the Day and year above Written ---

Thomas Mansfield
 Gt. Jackson
 William Gammans
 George Swadley
 John Gerratt
 Anne Jones
 James Giddons
 James Swadley
 Robert Kemrose
 Philip Taylor
 Joseph Pennell
 John Pennell
 Mary James
 David Davies
 Joseph Garratt
 Jobb Vernon Juner
 Nathan Gammans
 Samuel Lewis
 Joseph Gibbons
 Stephen Ogden
 John Hickman
 Richard Davies

Edward Mansfield
 Rachel Jackson
 Hannah Gammans
 Annal Malin
 Mary Goodley
 Esther Mansfield
 Jane Jones
 Ruth Jones
 Mary Edge
 Mary Morlan
 Esther Beck
 Hannah Kuhn
 Susannah Malin
 Mary Gerratt
 Elizabeth Baker
 Alice Martin
 John Staples
 Ann Pennell
 Sarah James
 Mary Taylor
 Susanna Gerratt
 Esther Nowell
 Rachel Jackson
 Hannah Gammans

John Gammans
 Joseph Gammans
 Philip Gammans
 William Gammans
 Jonathan Palmer
 James Palmer
 Hannah Davies
 Deborah Gammans
 Elizabeth Davies
 John Gammans
 Thomas Gammans
 Tho. Mansfield
 Samuel Gammans
 Daniel Hoopes
 John Hoopes
 Frances Gammans
 John Hoopes
 Abraham Hoopes
 Benjamin Gammans
 Joseph James
 Elizabeth Lewis

George Ashbridge
 Jane Ashbridge
 Relations
 George Ashbridge
 Daniel Hoopes
 Margaret Ashbridge
 John Ashbridge
 Anon. Ashbridge
 James Hoopes
 Jane Malin
 Elizabeth Pennell
 John Swadley
 Mary Gammans
 Mary Gammans
 Hannah Ashbridge
 Jane Malin
 Thebe Ashbridge
 Sarah Gammans
 Elizabeth Malin
 Joseph Pennell
 Wm. Worslaw
 Geo. Swadley
 Jane Whigg

Of this a tract of 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres was taken up in Philadelphia County and one of 524 acres in Chester County, and both confirmed by a patent deed Nov. 29, 1708.

Richard Snead, by deed of August 30, 1709, conveyed all of the 1500 acres to Thomas Story, then of Philadelphia.

Thomas Story having sold a part of the 524 acres, in Goshen, (to George Ashbridge) did by indenture dated 24 Dec. 1720 (recorded in Deed-Book F. 4, p. 266, Philadelphia) convey the remainder thereof to John Haddon of Rederiff in the county of Kent, England, and Benjamin Kirton of London, by estimation 274 acres. John Haddon died and later Benjamin Kirton, leaving his cousin William Kirton his heir-at-law, who on the 30th and 31st of . . . 1750, conveyed the same land to Thomas Hyam and others, representing the Pennsylvania Land Company in London.

They appointed Francis Rawle of Philadelphia their attorney, who on Dec. 12, 1759, conveyed this tract (275 acres by resurvey) to George Ashbridge (2^d): Beginning at a black oak, a corner of land of Aaron Ashbridge; S.S.E. by other land of George Ashbridge 130 perches to a hickory; E.N.E. by the same 240 perches to a post near the creek; S.S.E., partly by land of George Ashbridge and partly by land of George Smedley, 98 perches to the line of John Smedley; W.S.W. by lands of John Smedley, Joshua Hoopes and Stephen Hoopes, 322 perches to a post near a hickory a corner of George Ashbridge; N.N.W. by lands of George Ashbridge and Aaron Ashbridge, 98 perches to beginning.

(Deed Book L. p. 443, Chester County)—Cope.

Thomas Story here mentioned was a noted Quaker preacher.

(From Genealogy of the Smedley Family, the following is taken (p. 84).

(87) . . . At Goshen monthly meeting 7-11-1766, complaint was made of George Smedley for removing a landmark a corner of George Ashbridge's land, and cutting and taking a tree away.

The proceedings proved Smedley to be in the wrong after an impartial investigation and he was disowned, "not being willing to accept the decision."

George Ashbridge was elected to represent his county in the Assembly from Oct. 14, 1743, to the date of his death, nearly thirty years later. He served on many leading committees, being almost continuously on the "Committee of Aggrievances," also on the "Ferry Committee" in 1750, the "Committee regarding the sale of strong liquor" in 1752, the "Hospital Committee" and "Road Committee" in 1754, and others.

He was frequently appointed with others, to carry to the Governor the messages of the House, and also to assist in framing these communications. As there was frequently during his term of office, friction between the appointed and elected powers, a little diplomacy was often needed in drawing up these messages.

The following detached minutes, taken from the "Votes of the Assembly," will serve to illustrate the nature of George Ashbridge's part in the legislation of his day in Pennsylvania, and also throw a not uninteresting side light on the legislation itself.

(88) 1745 2^d mo. 26. (George Thomas Esq., Governor)

Ordered, That George Ashbridge and Arthur Patterson wait upon the Governor, that his other Message is under the Consideration of the House; and that they propose to adjourn to the 19th of the next 6th Month, if he hath no Objection to that Time.

(89) 11 Mo. 9. Ordered, That Israel Pemberton, Joseph Harvey, Thomas Chandler, George Ashbridge and Richard Mitchell be a Committee to prepare a Bill for amending the Flour Act.

(90) 1st Mo. 7. Ordered, That Mark Watson and George Ashbridge wait upon the Governor, and desire to know at what Time he will be pleased to receive the House, in order to the enacting into Laws those Bills that have passed the House with his Concurrence.

(91) 1748—7 mo. 1. Ordered, That John Hall and George Ashbridge carry up the same (the Assembly's Answer to the President and Council's Message) to the President and Council, and acquaint them, that another Message is under Consideration of the House, which they expect will be ready to send up in the Afternoon.

(92) 8 mo. 15. Ordered, That Thomas Leech, Joseph Trotter, Joseph Hamton, George Ashbridge and Arthur Patterson be a Committee of Aggrievances for the ensuing year. And they have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

(93) 11 mo. 24. (James Hamilton, Esq., Governor)

Ordered, That Owen Evans, Thomas Leech, George Ashbridge, Cephas Child and Arthur Patterson be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to regulate Horse-Jockeys, and prevent the stealing of Horses.

(94) 1749—11 mo. 9. Ordered upon Motion, That *James Morris, Joseph Trotter, Edward Warner, George Ashbridge* and Peter Worrall be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for continuing the Act for the more easy Recovery of Legacies within the Province.

11 mo. 12. Ordered, that Isaac Norris, Thomas Leech, John Hall, George Ashbridge, Arthur Patterson and John Armstrong be a Committee to inspect the Flour Act, and report thereon to the House.

- (95) 1750—6 mo. 14. The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Bill for the Continuance of an Act of Assembly of this Province, entitled, A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for preventing the Exportation of Bread and Flour not merchantable, and for the new Appointment of Officers to put the said Law in Execution.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Joseph Trotter and George Ashbridge carry up the same to the Governor, and desire his Concurrence thereto.

- (96) 1750—6 mo. 17. Ordered, That George Ashbridge and Richard Walker wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the engrossed Bill is compared and found to agree with its Original; and desire to know when he will be pleased to receive the House in order to the passing of the same into a Law.

- (97) 8 mo. 16. Ordered, That Joseph Trotter, William Clymer, Joseph Hampton, George Ashbridge and James Wright be a Committee of Aggrievances for the ensuing year, and they have power to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

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- (98) 8 mo. 18. Ordered, That Israel Pemberton, Joseph Fox, Abraham Chapman, George Ashbridge, James Wright and Harmanus Alricks be a Committee to prepare a Draught of an Answer to the Governor's Message, and report the same to the House.

- (99) 11 mo. 10. Ordered, That Owen Evans, Israel Pemberton, Joseph Fox, George Ashbridge, Griffith Owen, James Wright, John Witherow and Joseph Armstrong wait upon the Governor with the following Message, viz. "That the House apprehending there is a material Difference between the "Message from the Governor delivered this Morning, and the Governor's "Answer to the Message from this House of the 8th Instant; to prevent all "Misunderstanding, they request the Governor would be pleased to "communicate the Contents of his Message to the House in Writing."

- (100) 11 mo. 11. Ordered, That Israel Pemberton, John Smith, Joseph Fox, Joseph Hamton, George Ashbridge, James Wright and John Wright be a Committee more fully and carefully to examine the Charters and Laws of the Province, and also the Votes and Proceedings of former Assemblies, for all such Passages and Minutes as relate to the Privileges of the House, and the Proceedings of former Governors and Assemblies on any Failure of the Meeting of the Members, either upon their own Adjournments, or when called by the Governor's Writs; that the House may Judge what is fitting

to be done on the present Occasion. (The report is made, with signatures of above named Committee.)

- (101) 1751—6 mo. 13. Ordered, That Evan Morgan, Benjamin Franklin, Mahlon Kirkbride, George Ashbridge and James Webb be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for repealing the Act, intituled, A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for imposing a Duty on Persons convicted of heinous Crimes, and to prevent poor and impotent Persons being imported into this Province, passed in the Year 1749.
- (102) 6 mo. 16. Ordered, That George Ashbridge and Joseph Hamton wait on the Governor with the said Bill, and desire his Conenrrence thereto.
- (103) 6 mo. 23. We the Committee of Grievances do report, that we have inspected the Lists of licenced public House-keepers laid before this House, for the Years 1749 and 1750, and do find that according to the List of 1749, There was in that Year to the Number of Three Hundred and Thirty-nine, and by the List of 1750, there is now Three Hundred and Thirty-eight public licenced House-keepers in the Province.

Joseph Trotter,
George Ashbridge,
Joseph Hamton.

- (104) Oct. 14. Ordered, That Joseph Trotter, Benjamin Franklin, George Ashbridge and James Wright be a Committee of Grievances for the ensuing Year; and they have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records.
- (105) 1752—Feb. 11. The second Paragraph of the Petition from Chester County, praying that the Justices and Grand Jury may be allowed to regulate and adjust the Accounts of the Commissioners and Assessors, was again read, and considered, and the Question being put, Whether there should be any such Alteration in the present Law respecting the same?

Past in the Negative.

That Article of the aforesaid Petition which relates to drinking and tipping in Taverns and Ale-houses on the first Day of the Week, and likewise the Article which relates to selling Strong Liquor to white and Negro Servants on the said Day, were read;

Ordered, That Evan Morgan, Mahlon Kirkbride, George Ashbridge, Peter Worrall and John Withero be a Committee to consider thereof, and report their Sentiments thereon to the House.

- (106) Feb. 14. We the Committee appointed to inspect the Laws of this Province, respecting tippling and drinking in Taverns and Ale-houses on the first Day of the Week, do find, that there is a Law now in Force, intituled, An Act to restrain People from labouring on the first Day of the

Week, wherein there is a Clause laying a Fine on all People found tipping and drinking on that Day of the Week, and on the Inn-keepers that so entertain them. And also a Paragraph in a Law, entituled, A Supplementary Act to a Law of this Province, entituled, An Act that no Public-house or Inn within this Province, be kept without Licence, laying a Fine on all Retailers that shall, under any Pretense whatsoever, sell, barter with, or deliver any Rum, Brandy, or other spirituous Liquors, to be drank by Companies of Negroes, Servants, or others; which Laws, if duly put in Execution, would, in a good degree, remedy the Aggrievances complained of.

(This report signed by the five members named above.)

- (107) Feb. 20. (Referring to a Bill, passed to erect "Part of the Counties of Philadelphia, Chester & Lancaster into a separate County")—Ordered, That Henry Pawling and George Ashbridge do carry up the same to the Governor, and desire his Concurrence thereto.
- (108) Feb. 24. (Referring to a Bill for regulating Vendues)—Ordered, That the Bill be committed for Amendment to Edward Warner, John Smith, Benjamin Franklin, Hugh Roberts, Mahlon Kirkbride, George Ashbridge, James Wright, John Wright, and Daniel Williams.
- (109) March 11. Ordered, That Evan Morgan, Benjamin Franklin, Richard Walker, George Ashbridge, James Wright and John Wright be a Committee to enquire into the State of our Paper Currency, our foreign and domestic Trade; and the Number of People within this Province and report thereon to the next Sitting of Assembly.
- (110) 1755—Jan. 4. (Robert Hunter Morris, Esq. Governor)
Resolved, That a most humble Address be made to the King to testify the Affection and Loyalty of the People of this Province, and to represent the Difficulties we labour under by Reason of Proprietary Instructions, &c.
Ordered, That Joseph Fox, James Pemberton, William Callender, Joseph Hamton, Jonathan Ingham, George Ashbridge, Joseph Gibbons, Arthur Patterson, Calvin Cooper, David M'Connaughy, Joseph Armstrong, Moses Starr and James Burnside be a Committee to prepare a Draught of an Address, pursuant to the said Resolution, and report the same to the House.
- (111) Apr. 4. Ordered, That William Callender and George Ashbridge wait upon the Governor with the Bill for preventing the Importation of German or other Passengers, or Servants, in too great Numbers in any one Ship or Vessel, &c, and acquaint him, that the House have agreed to sundry of his proposed Amendments to the said Bill, and desire that he would be pleased to pass the same as it now stands; and further, that they acquaint the Governor, that the Bill to prevent the Exportation of Provisions, and naval

- or warlike Stores, to the French, is engrossed, with the Alterations agreed on, and the House request he would be pleased to appoint one of his Council to join with a Member of the House in comparing the said engrossed Bill with the Original.
- (112) May 14. Ordered, That Benjamin Franklin, Mahlon Kirkbride, George Ashbridge, James Wright and John Wright be a Committee to prepare and lay before the House, this Afternoon, the State of the Bills, and other Business, that is now in the House unfinished.
- (113) 1755—June 13. Ordered, That Mahlon Kirkbride and George Ashbridge wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the House are met, and ready to receive any Thing he may have to lay before them, and desire he would be pleased to furnish them with a Copy of the Writs by which they were summoned.
- (114) June 18. . . . therefore, it was ordered, that a Bill be now brought in for giving a farther Sum to the King's Use for the said Purposes and that Evan Morgan, Benjamin Franklin, Mahlon Kirkbride, George Ashbridge, Peter Worrall, David McConaughy, Joseph Armstrong, Moses Starr and James Burnside be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.
- (115) June 26. Ordered, That Mahlon Kirkbride and George Ashbridge wait upon the Governor with the Bill for granting Fifteen Thousand Pounds for the King's Use, and acquaint him, that the House adhere to the said Bill in all its Parts, and desire to know whether he is willing to pass it into a Law as it now stands; and further, that they request the Governor would be pleased to return the Lords Justices Approbation of the Pennsylvania Acts, which was sent up to him with the said Bill.
- (116) Aug. 20. The Governor's Message of the Sixteenth Instant, relating to the Exportation of Provisions to the French, being again read, and considered.
Ordered, That James Pemberton, Benjamin Franklin, Mahlon Kirkbride and George Ashbridge be a Committee to prepare a Draught of an Answer to the same.
- (117) Sept. 16. Ordered, That Joseph Stretch, Evan Morgan, Mahlon Kirkbride, George Ashbridge and Calvin Cooper be a Committee to inspect and settle the Accounts of the Incidental Charges of the current Year.
- (118) Oct. 16. Ordered, That Joseph Trotter, Joseph Fox, Benjamin Franklin, George Ashbridge and Peter Worrall be a Committee of Grievances for the Year ensuing; and they have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records.
- (119) Nov. 5. Resolved, That the Sum of Sixty Thousand Pounds be, at this Time, granted to the King's Use; . . .

- Ordered, That Joseph Stretch, Benjamin Franklin, Mahlon Kirkbride, George Ashbridge, Calvin Cooper and William Edmonds be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill pursuant to the foregoing Resolve.
- (120) Nov. 7. Ordered, That Joseph Stretch, Benjamin Franklin, Mahlon Kirkbride, George Ashbridge, Calvin Cooper, Francis Parvin and William Edmonds be a Committee to prepare a Draught of a Bill for supplying the Western and Northern Indians, Friends and Allies of Great Britain, with Goods at more easy Rates, supporting an Agent or Agents among them, and preventing Abuses in the Indian Trade.
- (121) Nov. 8, 10, 17, 19 and Dec. 3, George Ashbridge appointed with Franklin, Stretch, Hamton, Kirkbride and others to prepare answers to messages from the Governor, on various matters.
- (122) 1756—Feb. 7. Ordered, That Richard Pearn, Benjamin Franklin, Mahlon Kirkbride, George Ashbridge, James Wright, John Wright, John Smith, Francis Parvin and William Edmonds be a Committee to prepare a Draught of an Address to the Governor, representing the great Inconveniences and Hardships the Inhabitants of this Province labour under by Reason of the Inlistment of Servants.
- (123) 1756—Feb. 12. The Case of the French Neutrals was again read, and considered, and, after some Time spent therein,
Ordered, That James Pemberton, William Callender, Joseph Hamton, George Ashbridge and James Wright be a Committee to prepare a Bill for dispersing the said Neutrals into the several Counties of Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester and Lancaster, and the Townships thereof.
- (124) Mar. 12. The Bill for regulating such Soldiers as are raised, paid and maintained within this Province was read the second time; and after a considerable Debate thereupon, the Question was put, whether the said Bill should be transcribed for a third Reading? Passed in the Negative. (13 Years—including Jos. Stretch, Jos. Fox, Benj. Franklin, Calv. Cooper, Wm. and John Wright, Wm. Edmonds, and Mahlon Kirkbride. 17 Nays—among whom were Jos. Trotter, Jas. Pemberton, Rich. Pearn, Wm. Callender, Jos. Hamton, Geo. Ashbridge, Peter Worrall, &c.
- (125) 1760—Mar. 29. Upon Motion, The Petition from a Number of Freeholders in the County of Berks praying Restraints may be laid on the inhabitants going in large Companies far into the Indian Country to hunt Deer, and other Game, was read the second Time, and, after some Debate thereon,
Ordered, That Mr. Leech, Mr. Watson, Mr. Ashbridge, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. McConaughy, Mr. Potts, and Mr. Beeting, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for remedying the Mischiefs apprehended by the said Petitioners from such injurious Practice.

- (126) Oct. 15. Ordered, That Mr. Fox, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Strickland, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ashbridge, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Potts, and Mr. Beeting, be a Committee of Aggrievances for the ensuing Year, and that they have full Power and Authority to send for Persons, Papers and Records.
- (127) Oct. 16. Ordered, That Mr. Galloway, Mr. Masters, Mr. Melvin, Mr. Ashbridge, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Wright, Mr. Potts, and Mr. Beeting, be a Committee to prepare and bring in an Answer to the Governor's Message sent down with the General's Requisition. (The Question had been put, whether the House will accede to General's Moncton's Requisition of Four Hundred Provincial Troops for Winter Garrisons at the several Forts mentioned in his Excellency's Letter? and was resolved in the Negative.)
- (128) 1761—Jan. 9. Ordered, That Mr. Morton, and Mr. Ashbridge, wait on the Governor with the foregoing Message, and acquaint his Honour, that several Members being now in Town, who have not before appeared or been qualified since their Election, and the House having not yet been duly certified of the King's Death, they are under some Difficulty in regard to the Manner of qualifying the said Members, and therefore incline, with the Governor's Consent, to adjourn till Monday, the Twenty-sixth Instant, presuming his Honour may, by that Time, have more authentic Accounts of the new King's Accession to the Throne.
- (129) 1772—Feb. 8. The Committee appointed to make Enquiry into the Situation of a Number of distressed Families driven from their Settlements at Wyoming, made Report thereon in Writing (that they find from Information of John Lukens, Esq, the Surveyer General, and Robert Martin, one of the Petitioners, that certain persons are real Objects of Charity, and these they recommend to the Benevolence of the House. The Report is signed by)
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| William Edmonds, | John Brown, |
| William Thompson, | George Ashbridge, |
| Joseph Fox. | |
- (130) Feb. 28. (The Committee appointed to make Enquiry into the Allegations contained in the Petition of Samuel Phipps, present their Report, in which is:) " And by the Testimony of George Ashbridge, Esq., it appears, that Cadwalader Ellis was in possession of the said Tract of Two Hundred and Ninety-five Acres of Land about Fifty-seven Years ago, and that the said Samuel Phipps, the Petitioner, is now and hath been in Possession of the said Tract about forty-five Years, by Virtue of a Deed of Gift or Purchase from his Father, the aforesaid Joseph Phipps.—And it further appears by the Testimony of the said George Ashbridge, that the said Samuel Phipps was Likewise possessed of Eighty-two Acres of Land, (adjoining the Two

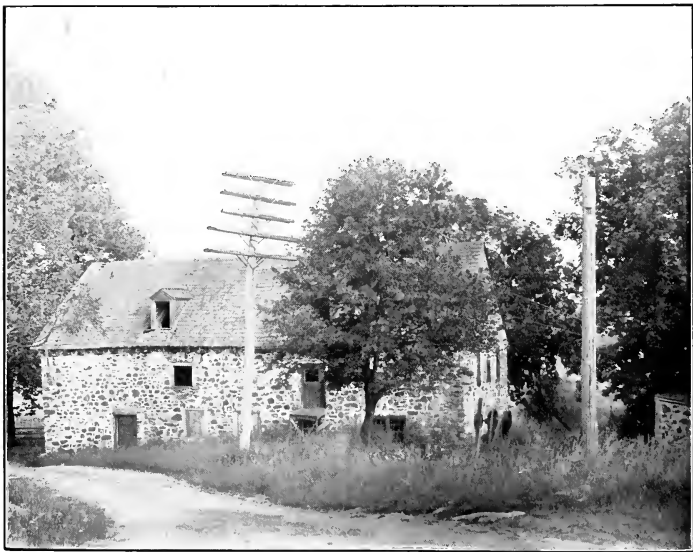


PLATE B.

OLD GOSHEN MILL, NEAR WILLISTOWN LINE.

Hundred and Ninety-five Acres aforesaid) which he purchased of a certain Stephen Beeks." . . .

- (131) 1773.—Jan. 12. (Mr. Ashbridge reported from the Committee, according to Order,) the said Resolutions, which he first read in his Place, and afterwards delivered at the Clerk's Table, where the same were again read by Order, and follow in these Words, viz.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Bill be brought in for emitting on Loan the Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, and to provide a Fund for the Payment of the Exigencies of Government.

Resolved, That the People of each County shall have the Liberty of taking on Mortgage a Proportion of the Money within a certain Time, to be limited in the Bill. . . .

Less than two months after the date of the last entry on the Assembly records, George Ashbridge passed away.

Speaking of George Ashbridge, Ashmead, in his "Historical Sketch of Chester," says :

- (132) — . . . who seems to have been an adroit politician, for, elected to the General Assembly in 1743, he managed to maintain the confidence of Friends (he being one of the society) until 1773. How, for thirty consecutive years he contrived to avoid committing himself on many of the votes taken during the long French war, which appropriated men and money to carry on that struggle, is incomprehensible, but in the latter year the society "report they have taken an oppy. with one of the representatives in Assembly and that he do not apprehend culpable," and yet Judge Futhey, in his History of Chester county states that "it is somewhat singular that his vote on some of the questions was not called up for condemnation by the society to which he belonged." That he was active in the Assembly and must have been a man of more than the average out of which representatives are made, is evidenced by the perusal of the Journal of Samuel Foulke, (Vol 5, Penna Mag. of History, pp. 64, 65, 68 and 71).

Note. These extracts, I have given below, and also one from the 8th Vol. of the same Magazine, published by the Histl Society of Pennsylvania.

- (133) Vol. 8. Penna Mag., p. 411. (From the opening of Foulke's Journal of 1761-2).

Jan 15 (1762). "From the 12th to ye 15th nothing remarkable happen^d when a Bill for ye better repairing the Highways etc was brought in & considered on which a tedious debate Ensued between Allen, Morton, Waine, Potts etc of One Side, and Fox Galloway, Smith, Ashbridge, Wright, Webb etc. of ye other Side which Continued till Night.

Also from "Fragments of a Journal kept by Samuel Foulke of Bucks County"—while a member of the Colonial Assembly, 1762-3-4," published in Penna Magazine, Vol. 5.

(134) Feb 1st, 1763. "A Bill was brought in for Authorizing the provincial Commissioners to make a proper Compensation to Masters of such apprentices who had 'Inlisted into ye King's Service in the course of ye late Warr.' In the Consideration of this Affair a very Close & tedious Debate arose, by reason of the Obstinate & interested bias of some of the Members, of whom, Sam! Roads and Geo. Ashbridg were ye Most unreasonable, who seem'd determined to Shut out Conviction & pay no regard to reason, untill at last Benj. Franklin Engaged (who by ye way is never forward to E(n)gage and man(a)geed the dispute so wisely, with so much Clearness & strength of reasoning as left them not a word more to say in Opposition."

(135) 19th Dec. 1763. "in pursuance of writts Issued by our New Governor, John Penn Esq^r, Grandson of y^t famous Legislator, William Penn Esq^r the first Propriator of this province, the house of representatives were Convened, and on the 20th the Governor was pleased to meet the House in the Council Chamber where he rec'd them with Great politeness & Marks of Affectionate respect, which he Expressed in a well Composed Speech for that purpose prepared, in which he informed ye House of the Requisition made on this Government by Sir Jeff. Amherst for 1000 Men Exclusive of Commissioned Officers to be employ'd in Conjunction with those of ye neiboring provinces, the Next Summer to Subdue the Savages who Infest Our Frontiers'.

The House went immediately into Consideration of s'd requisition, which was deliberately debated, three days Successively. The principal speakers for ye Measure were B. Franklin, John Hughs, Jos. Galloway & J. Dickenson; the Chief of those against it were G. Ashbridge & W. Smith (footnote says "William Smith was from Buck's Co. and George Ashbridge from Chester Co.)

(136) Jan. 2nd 1764. . . . p 68. "Jos. Galloway, Jos Fox G. Ashbridge", are mentioned as "Chief Speakers in opposition to B. Franklin & John Dickenson " which latter although according to Foulke having the best of the arguments were beaten on the vote" such was ye unaccountable Attachment of a majority of ye Members to ye usual mode of raising money & their Ill Judged fear of going out of the beaten track."

(137) 7th Feb, 1764. About the discussion on "a Bill for Forming & regulating a Militia" he says "Speakers for the Bill were Franklin Hughes Galloway & Ross, those against it were Smith As(h)bridge, Pearson;" "the Bill passed ye House on ye 28th."

From these notes of a contemporary member, (who was evidently not in sympathy with Quaker policy) we get a passing glimpse of the debates of that day, George Ashbridge took the side of the party which was so strongly assailed by Franklin at this time. By their principles, the Quakers were in a difficult position, owing largely to their disinclination to appropriate money for frontier defense. It may be noted that in 1765 the balance of power passed out of the control of the Friends, although their influence was still strong.

Of Benjamin Franklin, perhaps the most prominent character of the period in Pennsylvania, many varying views were held. In 1763, Chief Justice Allen of that Province said of him "Yes, all you have said of him is true and I could add more to his praise; but though I have now got the better of him, he has cost me more trouble than all mankind besides; and I can assure that he is a man so turbulent, and such a plotter, as to be able to embroil the three kingdoms if he ever has an opportunity." (Penna. Mag., Vol. 15, p. 245.)

Galloway was another noted public man of the time and later, remaining loyal to Great Britain, his property was confiscated.

Of the books in which there are to be found references to early Ashbridges, "Clovercroft Chronicles," published 1893, contains the most intimate personal sketches, biographical and descriptive, and I am pleased to be permitted to reprint some of them in this volume. These articles were written by Mrs. Mary (Rhoads) Haines, whose father Joseph was a son of Joseph Rhoads and Mary Ashbridge.

Below is given what Jane (Ashbridge) Maris has written of her father. (138) "On the 6th of Third month 1773 departed this life at Goshen in Chester County George Ashbridge (the II) after a short but severe illness, which he bore with great patience, being in the seventieth year of his age.

He seemed not to have much apprehension of his dissolution being so near till the day before he departed, at which he did not discover any surprise nor the least discomposure. Two of his children coming in the evening before he departed, who had not seen him in his sickness till then he seemed well pleased, but had little inclination for discourse. And so remained till early next morning when he quietly departed, to the great grief of his wife and children, as also a great number of his friends and neighbors; which was manifested by the vast concourse that attended his funeral, whose countenances were generally expressing sorrow, for indeed it was a general loss.

He was a true friend to the poor and afflicted who shared largely of his bounty. He had a great faculty for composing differences in which he often assisted with great success.

He was a useful member of (religious) society, and was for thirty years a member of Assembly, which station he filled with dignity and always acquitted himself well in his country's cause. He was not fond of fine-spun discourses, but his arguments were sound, pathetic and pertinent to the matter.

His appearance at home and abroad was manly and bold: few men of the age were endowed with a more constant and even temper for transacting business.

He acquired a large estate by honest frugality, with which he was very liberal in his contributions both public and private. He was a very kind husband and as tender a father; his bounty to his children was almost unbounded.

His steady decorum in his family was beautiful, he was solid in his deportment, not very talkative though pleasant and cheerful in the company of his friends, which he was fond of. It may be truly said that he was good without noise, without ostentation great."

Jane Maris.

CHAPTER IV.

FIRST GENERATION.

FAMILY OF GEORGE AND MARY (MALIN) ASHBRIDGE. (*Concluded.*)

(3) JONATHAN.

Jonathan, the third son, born in 1705, appears to have left no traces. The tradition is that he was lost or killed in a wood near Lancaster, and from this it is likely he grew to be nearly a man, as otherwise he would not be expected to get so far from his home.

(4) ELIZABETH.

Elizabeth is mentioned in her father's will.

Goshen Records :

(139) 2-21-1729. John Sharples Jr. and Elizabeth Ashbridge declare intentions.

(140) 3-19-1729. He produced a certificate of clearness from his meeting.

(141) John Sharples of Nether Providence, yeoman (son of John and Hannah), Elizabeth Ashbridge, dau. of George Ashbridge of Goshen, yeoman, married 4-6-1729, at Goshen meeting. (2nd wife)

(142) Children of John and Elizabeth Sharples

Mary, b. 2-17-1730; d. bet. 1763-70; m. Thomas Swayne 3-18-1749.

Margaret, 7-7-1731; d. 1791 m. Reuben Roberts

Elizabeth 6-25-1734; d. 1802 m. Richard Bradley

John 5-26-1736; d. 5-5-1769 m. Ann Sleigh or Slay

George 5-14-1738; d. 5-17-1819 m. Mary Lewis 11-19-1761

(5) MARY.

Mary, died before her father, in 1745. One of her children is mentioned in the will.

Goshen Records :

(143) 2-7-1727. Amos Yarnall and Mary Ashbridge declare intentions of marriage.

(144) Amos Yarnall, son of Francis, late of Willistown, yeoman, deceased, Mary Ashbridge, dau. of George Ashbridge of Goshen, yeoman, married 3-18-1727, at Goshen Meeting.

- (145) Children of Amos and Mary Yarnall.
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| Daniel, b. 12-15-1727/8. | m. Ann James 10-10-1747. |
| Amos, b. 8-28-1730. | m. Jane Hibberd 5-17-1753. |
| Mary, b. 1-28-1734. | m. Garrett 11-29-1753. |
| Aaron, b. 2-20-1738. | |
| George, b. 11-12-1745/6. | m. Lydia Ashton 10-7-1767. |

(Note by Cope.—“Amos Yarnall, son of Francis and Hannah, was born 1-28-1700, died 12-4-1789; m. 2nd wife Sarah (Hibberd) Garrett.”)

P. 179, Smedley Genealogy, says of Amos Yarnall and wife.

- (146) . . . They settled in Willistown on Ridley Creek, just below the present trolley road from West Chester to Philadelphia. The eastern end of the old house bears the initials Y. A. M. 1727.

(6) AARON.

Aaron, born in 1712, in Goshen Twp., was a farmer by occupation, living during his lifetime upon the farm deeded to him by his father when he was about twenty-four years old, on the occasion of his marriage with Sarah Davies. After Sarah's death he married again to Elizabeth Sullivan in 1746, and a third time to Mary Tomlinson, a widow in 1760. He took an active part in public affairs, acting as Justice of the Peace, in 1756 and 1757, a position of honour in the rural communities (see Martin).

He was also active and prominent for many years in matters connected with the Society of Friends, and by his will left a sum of £300 towards educating poorer children—designed primarily for Friends.

His second wife became a minister, and died while on a preaching visit to Ireland.

Goshen Records:

- (147) 1-14-1736/7. Aaron Ashbridge and Sarah Davies declare intentions of marriage.
- (148) 2-18-1737. Thomas Smedley and Alexander Bauc, Mary Williams and Rebecca Matlack to oversee the marriage.
- (149) Aaron Ashbridge, son of George, of the county of Chester, yeoman, Sarah Davies, dan. of David Davies of the same county, yeoman, married 2-21-1737, at Goshen Meeting.

(Note.—She was born 7-20-1715.)

- (150) 7-15-1746. Aaron Ashbridge requests a certificate to Burlington, N.J., in order to marry Elizabeth Sullivan.

- (151) "Aaron Ashbridge was married again, 9-14-1746, to Elizabeth Sullivan, a widow. She became a somewhat noted minister among Friends, and in 1753 she went on a religious visit to England and Ireland. She died in Ireland 5-16-1755." Cope.

(From Penna. Mag. Vol. 31, p. 376.):

- (152) . . . My sweetheart as well as myself desire (if it may suit thy convenience and freedom), that thou wilt favor us with thy company at our marriage, which is intended to be at Burlington the 4th of next month.

I am thy respectful friend,

Aaron Ashbridge.

Oct. 19th 1746.

The above is a copy of the wedding invitation issued by Aaron upon the occasion of his second marriage.

(Goshen Records):

- (153) 6-15-1748. "Goshen Meeting presents Aaron Ashbridge as an overseer instead of Benjamin Hibberd, released:" Approved.
- (154) 9-21-1748. Richard Jones acquainting this meeting that the Recording of this monthly meeting minutes seems to be more than he can well Perform Considering his other affairs and Motions that another Friend be appointed for that service, and to be Clerk of the meeting for the Future; therefore Aaron Ashbridge is appointed by this meeting for the same service until further order.
- (155) 12-18-1752. John Hibberd is appointed overseer of Goshen Meeting instead of Aaron Ashbridge released.

(From Colonial Records, Vol. VII, p. 406).

- (156) At a Council held at Philadelphia, Thursday, February 3rd 1757,

Present

The Honourable William Denny, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor

Richard Peters) Esquires
Thomas Cadwalader)

. . . . "A complaint was made by Captain Moore of the Royal American Regim that Justice Ashbridge of Chester County not only refused to attest his Recruits, but discouraged the Men that were brought to him for that purpose from entering into the King's Service. The Governor wrote a letter and acquainted Mr. Ashbridge with his complaint and desired his Answer."

(Same Vol. p. 408).

At a Council held at Philadelphia,
Monday, February 7th, 1757.

Justice Ashbridge waited on the Governor in Consequence of his Letter, and declared in Council that the Charge made by Captain Moore is without any Foundation; all he knew that could give occasion to it was that one Sergeant Dover had abused him in the Execution of his Office, for having granted a Summons against a Soldier, not with intent to take his Person, but to levy it on his Effects in the Hands of the Plaintiff. Mr. Ashbridge further said, that he never saw Captain Moore, and should be glad to see him Face to Face, that he might hear what Particulars he laid to his Charge. The Governor told him Captain Moore was recruiting at Lancaster, and expected he would have sent an Answer to his Letter, and in that answer, if it had been desired, he would have ordered the Captain to attend."

Present

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| The Hon. . . . Wm. Denny, etc., | |
| Robert Strettell | James Hamilton |
| Richard Peters | Benjamin Chew |
| John Mifflin | Thomas Cadwalader |

} Esquires

(Col. Records, Vol. VII, p. 408).

As a Quaker Justice, Aaron Ashbridge would not be viewed in a friendly light by soldiers. It appears, however, that the complaint did not affect his standing. At any rate we find him appointed again after this to the same office.

- (157) "Aaron Ashbridge" among the Justices appointed for Chester County, Feb. 22-1757.* (Col. Records, Vol. VII, p. 417.)

Goshen Records :

- (158) 12-17-1759. Aaron Ashbridge is appointed overseer of Goshen Meeting, instead of Benjamin Hibberd, released.
- (159) 4-11-1760. Aaron Ashbridge requests a certificate to Wilmington in order for marriage.
- (160) 5-9-1760. Certificate granted and signed by Richard Jones.

Cope states "Aaron was married a third time to Mary Tomlinson, a member of Wilmington Monthly Meeting."

* Martin mentions Aaron Ashbridge as a Justice in 1749.

- (161) 7-9-1762. Amos Yarnall Jr. to be overseer of Goshen Meeting in room of Aaron Ashbridge.
- (162) 8-9-1765. Thomas Massey and Aaron Ashbridge to deal with such as hold offices in Government.

By the last reference, the Meeting probably intended to advise Members of the Assembly to be careful in dealing with questions affected by talk of war, etc., as being contrary to their principles as Friends.

Goshen Records :

- (163) 8-10-1770. "Thomas Massey condescends to be Clark for this meeting in the room of Aaron Ashbridge who has divers times requested to be released from that service."
- (164) 1-8-1773. Aaron Ashbridge of Goshen Meeting, complained of for drinking to excess.
- (165) 2-5-1773. He offers an acknowledgement; case continued.
- (166) 10-8-1773. He offers an acknowledgement which is accepted.
- (167) 1-6-1775. Goshen Meeting complains of Aaron Ashbridge for drinking to excess "so as to be disguised therewith on a public road."
- (168) 3-10-1775. Aaron Ashbridge disowned: ("a serviseable member for many years past.")

Drinking to excess was not at that date looked upon generally so severely as now, The Friends in their attitude towards this question as to that of slavery, were in advance of outside public opinion.

Aaron Ashbridge's will . . . (Main points of, by Cope).

- (169) The will of Aaron Ashbridge of Goshen, is dated 4-30-1776; probated May 31, 1776. To wife (not named) the use of half the dwelling and garden and one-third of rent of plantation during life etc., and £200. To Jane and Elizabeth Starr, wives of Thomas and Isaac Starr, and to their brother David Ashbridge £30 each. To children of John Ashbridge late of Lancaster County (two in number) £30 each at 21. To Pennsylvania Hospital £30.

"I give towards setting up & supporting a school of usefull Learning for friends Children not excepting others, the Master to be a Capable-prudent Friend, such as the Yearly Meeting held at Philadelphia shall approve, to be kept at any place or places with in the Compass of it, on the West side of Delaware River; but my aim is Chietly for the help of poorer sort of Friends; the sum of Three hundred Pounds to be paid within four years of my decease to such person or persons as said meeting shall direct to receive it for the use aforesaid, the yearly Interest only to be used."

To brother Joseph Ashbridge of Chester £400, and the remainder of my estate to his children,—Aaron, Joseph, George, Sarah, Priscilla and Jane Ashbridge. Executor—George Ashbridge (3^d) of Goshen.

Goshen Records :

- (170) 11-19-1746. Elizabeth Ashbridge (Aaron's 2nd wife) produced a certificate from Burlington Monthly Meeting, New Jersey, which this meeting accepts.
- (171) 5-18-1748. Elizabeth Ashbridge and others appointed to visit families.
- (172) 2-15-1751. Hannah Eachus, complained of for aspersing the character of Elizabeth Ashbridge (disowned 4-17-1751)
- (173) 2-19-1753. Elizabeth Ashbridge, of Goshen Meeting, "hath Drawings upon her mind to visit friends' meetings in Great Britain and Ireland." Richard Jones, Thomas Goodwin and Amos Yarnall are appointed to inquire concerning her conversation and ministry and prepare a certificate.
- (174) 3-12-1753. A certificate signed for her.
- (175) 4-16-1753. "This Meeting makes choice of Hannah Ashbridge to be Clerk in the Room of Elizabeth Ashbridge."
- (176) 1-19-1756. "A certificate was Produced to this meeting from a morning meeting of ministers and Elders held in London the 2^d day of the fifth month 1755 in Behalf of our Dear Deceased Friend Elizabeth Ashbridge giving account that her conduct was orderly and becoming her Profession of the Truth and her ministry very acceptable which is of good satisfaction to this meeting."
- (177) 7-19-1756. "No minister or Elder lately Dece^d but our Dear fr^d Elizabeth Ashbridge who died in truth's service in Ireland the 16th 5^{mo} 1755 & who we understand has left some memorials of worth."
- (178) 10-18-1756. A certificate received from the National half year's meeting in Dublin, held 5 mo. 1st 1755, and also a testimony concerning Elizabeth Ashbridge from Friends in Ireland.

Mrs. Haines, in her *Clovercroft Chronicles*, says :—"There is an autobiography of Elizabeth Ashbridge in the fourth volume of 'Friends Library,' edited by William and Thomas Evans. It gives a singular picture of some phases of life in her time."

(179) 11-17-1760. Mary Ashbridge (Aaron's 3^d wife) produced a certificate from Wilmington Monthly Meeting, with daughter Mary Tomlinson.

HANNAH.

Hannah is mentioned in her father's will. (See Plate v.)

Goshen Records :

- (180) 12-15-1730/1. Joshua Hoopes and Hannah Ashbridge declare intentions of marriage.

- (181) Joshua Hoopes, son of Daniel (and Jane) of westtown, yeoman,
Hannah Ashbridge, dau. of George of the Burrough of Chester, yeoman,
married 2-8-1731.
- (182) Children of Joshua and Hannah Hoopes.
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| Jane | b. 7-12-1732 | m. William Starr | 11-3-1750. |
| George | b. 5-8-1734 | m. Jane Hall | 9- -1760. |
| Joshua | b. 7-15-1736 | m. Mary Garratt & Hannah Malin | |
| Mary | b. 4-4-1739 | m. John Chamberlain | 4-14-1763. |
| Phebe | b. 9-13-1741 | m. John Woolley | 4-22-1773. |
| Amos | b. 6-9-1745 | | |
| Joseph | b. 3-10-1748 | m. Mary Smedley | 5-17-1781. |
| Israel | b. 6-1-1750 d. 2-13-1751 | | |
| Ezra | b. 7-31-1751 | m. Ann Hickman | 1773. |

See Appendix for note on Hoopes family.

PHEBE.

Goshen Records :

- (183) 12-19-1738/9. Richard Thomas Jun^r and Phebe Ashbridge declare intentions of marriage.
- (184) Richard Thomas, son of Richard Thomas of Whiteland, yeoman,
Phebe Ashbridge, spincer, dau. of George of the burrough of Chester,
married 2-10-1739, at Goshen Meeting.
- (185) Children of Richard and Phebe Thomas.
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| Lydia | b. 12- 4-1740/1, d. 11-15-1780, | m. John Trimble | 11-24-1762 |
| Grace | b. 11- 3-1742 d. 9-14-1781 | m. William Trimble Jr | 9-11-1766 |
| Richard | b. 10-30-1744 d. 1-19-1832 | m. Thomazine Downing | 10-20-1774 |
| George | b. 12-21-1746/7 d. 8-17-1793 | m. Sarah Roberts | 5-26-1774 |
| Hannah | b. 5- 5-1749 d. 5- 2-1829 | m. Joseph Trimble | 5-14-1783 |

For sketch of Thomas family see Appendix.

- (186) William Trimble of Concord Township. (Widower)
Phebe Thomas of Whiteland (Widow),
married 9-15-1757 at Uwchlan Meeting.
- (187) 7-17-1758. Phebe Trimble is appointed Clerk in the room of Hannah Ashbridge, removed.

LYDIA.

Goshen Records :

- (188) 7-15-1740. Ellis Davies and Lydia Ashbridge declare intentions of marriage.

- (189) Ellis Davies, son of David Davies of Goshen, yeoman, and Jane, Lydia Ashbridge, dau. of George Ashbridge of Goshen & Mary, dec^d, married Nov. 7, 1740, at Goshen Meeting.

(Note. He was born 10-24-1713, died 1773-4.)

- (190) Children of Ellis and Lydia Davies.

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| Sarah | b. 7-12-1741 | m. Jonathan Eldridge & William Allen. |
| Mary | b. 6- 6-1743 | Of Concord, unmarried in 1791. |
| Jane | b. 6-23-1745 | m. William Smith of Goshen 6-20-1776. |
| Priscilla | b. 6-23-1747 | |
| Lydia | b. 11-16-1749 | m. Isaac Haines of Goshen. |
| Elizabeth | b. 1-20-1753 | m. George Dunn 12-8-1779. |
| Ellis | b. 10-24-1755 | m. Jane Griffith. |
| George | b. 3-19-1758 | m. Mary . . . |
| Israel | b. 10-14-1760 | |
| David | b. 176- | |

JOSEPH.

Joseph, the youngest, born when *John* and *George* had reached their majority, was seven years of age when his father moved to Chester, and to him descended the latter's business and town property.

He seems to have thought it well to follow the example of his brothers *John* and *Aaron*, and of his sister *Lydia*, by marrying into the same *Davies* family.

Goshen Records :

- (191) 2-17-1749. *Joseph Ashbridge* and *Priscilla Davis* declare intentions of marriage.
- (192) 3-15-1749. He produced a certificate of clearness from Chester.
- (193) *Joseph Ashbridge* of the Borough of Chester, son of *George*, deceased, *Priscilla Davies*, dau. of *David Davies* of Goshen, married 4-8-1749, at Goshen (appointed) Meeting.

Joseph died intestate, and the inventory made Oct. 21, 1796, indicates that he kept a general store in Chester.

Among the house furniture may be noted . . .

- (193-*a*) An eight day clock, £10—a Beaufelt, £2. 5. 0.—a large oval Walnut dining table, £1. 10—ten silver tea Spoons and Sugar Tongs, £1. 5.—An old large Family Bible, £1. 17. 6.—An old Baby Baskett— 3 pairs of Flax Sheets, £3. 15.—One large damask table cloth, £2. 0. 0.—A large spinning Wheel and Reel, £1.

In the yard—A red cow, £7. 17. 6.—a Black Milk cow, £7. 10.—a brown horse about 7 years old.

From the store stock I have copied some items, illustrating the prices of goods then.

Part of a Hogshead of Rum containing 96 gal. at 7/6—5 gals. molasses at 4/6—coarse salt 5/—fine salt 5/—hard soap 11d per lb.—9 blue edge plates 4/6—tea Potts 26/3.—50 yards clouded Nankeen 2/0.—4 doz. Tea Spoons 1/4—20 yards Dimity, £4—Cotton, at 2/10 and 3/10 per yard—23 yds Linen 2/5—40 Pocket handkerchiefs 1/10½—15½ yds white serge 2/6—10 lbs of Bohea tea 2/10—Souchong (tea) 4 sh—Coffee 20d and 1/9 per lb—Loaf Sugar 1/9½—50 gals Brandy 12 sh—30 bushel buckwheat 7/6—150 bushel corn 6/10—15 bushel Potatoes 3/9.

. . . Price & Jesse Rickerton were the appraisers, and the "Goods and Chattels" totaled £610. 7. 2.

The accounts relating to the real estate were filed by the administrators (Joseph Ashbridge &) January 18, 1800, and follow below.

| 1797 | | | | | | |
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| March 2.— | To Cash Received from sale of Lot | Sold John Gill | 119. | 5. | 10. | |
| " | " | " Garden | " D. Smith | 67. | 0. | 0. |
| " | " | " Marsh | " J. Caldwell | 292. | 8. | 9. |
| " | " | " Granary | " Jo ^s Ash- | | | |
| | | | bridge | 101. | 15. | 0. |
| " | " | " Lot adjoining granary | | 15. | 0. | 0. |
| " | " | " Brick House sold Wm | | | | |
| | | | Pennel | 225. | 0. | 0. |
| " | " | " Stone House Sold Pass- | | | | |
| | | | more West | 338. | 5. | 0. |
| " | " | " Lot sold John | | | | |
| | | | Moulder | 30. | 10. | 0. |
| " | " | " Field Sold Ann & S. | | | | |
| | | | Ashbridge | 416. | 0. | 0. |
| | | | | 1605. | 4. | 7. |

Among the disbursements are :

| 1797 | | | | | |
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| May 27.— | By Cash paid Priscilla Ashbridge | | 26. | 5. | 0. |
| 1799 | | | | | |
| Jan 22.— | By Cash paid John Price for filling up Assignment to Joseph Rhoads & Ann Ashbridge, Guardians | | 0. | 7. | 6. |

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| By Passmore Wests Mortgage, delivered Joseph Rhoads and Ann Ashbridge, guardians to the Minor | 67. 13. 0. |
| By John Caldwell's Judgement Bond to the Minor | 56. 16. 5. |
| By Amount of Field sold Ann & S. Ashbridge | 416. 0. 0. |
| By sundries Taken by Jane Ashbridge at appraise- ment, etc | 149. 18. 7½ |
| By amount against Prisey Asbridge etc . . . | 3. 10. 3. |
| May 26th 1800 | |
| Settled by the Court | |
| Jas. Barnard Clk. | |

Between the date of the arrival in America of the first George Ashbridge, and the death of the last of his children, over a hundred years of time had elapsed. Of this period, nearly eighty years, covering the life-time of the whole first generation except Hannah, Lydia and Joseph, the country was under British rule, and during this time Chester Comty increased in population and prosperity, and was but little affected by Indian raids, or the French war, both of which were serious matters on the Pennsylvania frontiers.

The older Pennsylvania writers have left interesting and lengthy descriptions of the manners and customs, conditions of living, etc., of the times, and from Watson's Annals of Philadelphia, in two volumes, printed in 1855, from information collected before 1842, I have copied a few disjointed extracts.

Gabriel Thomas, in a letter written 1697 (see Vol. 1, Watson's "Annals") says . . . horses "are not wanting, and of them good and well shaped." . . . "Poor people both men and women will get near three times more wages for their labour in this countrey, than they can earn either in England or Wales." . . .

He mentions one "famous orchard of above a thousand apple trees of various sorts." . . .

As to wages of mechanics, etc., he says . . . "carpenters, both house and ship, bricklayers and masons will get between five and six shillings per day constantly." . . . "brickmakers twenty shillings per thousand for their bricks at the kilns" . . .

. . . "the butchers, for killing a beast, have five shillings and their diet." He gives detailed wages of a variety of trades, and says of labour :

. . . "Labouring men have commonly here, between fourteen and fifteen pounds a year, and their meat, drink, washing and lodging; and by the day their wages is generally between eighteen pence and half a crown, and diet also; but in harvest they have usually between three and four shillings each day, and diet. The maid servants' wages are commonly between six and ten pounds per annum, with very good accommodation" "All maids commonly marry before they are twenty years of age" . . .

And from other parts of the "Annals" we find:

"Carriages of any kind were scarce"—in 1772 said to have been only 84 in all Pennsylvania. There were no stoves. Carpets were "a novelty in 1772" . . . "glass tumblers were rarely seen" . . . likewise "china on dinner tables was a great rarity." . . . "Pewter plates and dishes were in general use" . . . Houses had whitewashed walls, wall paper being introduced about 1790.

Sideboards were introduced after the War. Speaking of her recollection of the time before the Revolution a lady said . . . "A white floor sprinkled with clean white sand, large tables and heavy high back chairs of walnut or mahogany, decorated a parlour genteely enough for any body."

PART II.

THE LINE OF JOHN (INCLUDING CANADIAN FAMILIES).

CHAPTER V.

SECOND GENERATION.

FAMILY OF JOHN & HANNAH (DAVIES) ASHBRIDGE.

| | | |
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| Jane . . . | m. 10-3-1754 | Thomas Starr |
| b. 5-30-1733 . | | |
| Jonathan . . . | m. 5-12-1757 | Sarah James |
| b. 9-21-1734 . | d. . . 1782 | b. d. 6-13-1801 |
| Elizabeth . . . | m. 5-13-1762 | Isaac Starr |
| b. 8-22-1736 . | | |
| John . . . | m. 10-29-1762 | Rebecca Davies |
| b. 11-8-1738 . | d. —before 1776 | |
| Amos . . . | | |
| b. 6-25-1741 . | d. —about 1763, in Darby Twp., apparently unmarried | |
| Hannah | | |
| b. 4-9-1743 . | buried 7-11-1743 | |
| David . . . | m. 4-26-1769 (1) Mary Powell | |
| b. 6-22-1744 . | d. . . 1788 | |
| | m. 1782 or 1783 (2) Sarah Vernon | |
| Aaron . . . | probably died unmarried | |
| b. 5-29-1747 | | |

JANE.

Goshen Records :

- (194) 8-19-1754. } Thomas Starr and Jane Ashbridge declare intentions of
 9-9-1754. } marriage.
 (195) 10-3-1754. Were married.

JONATHAN.

Jonathan, the eldest son and second child, was about thirteen years of age when his father died, in 1747, and he no doubt acquired an early training in farm work.

In 1757 he married Sarah James, at Goshen meeting of Friends, in the presence of a large number of witnesses.

His father left no will, and by the laws of Pennsylvania, after a settlement for the widow's dower, Jonathan was awarded two shares in

the farm with a right to purchase at a valuation put upon it by parties appointed by the Court in charge of such matters (The Orphans' Court).

This estimate was petitioned for and made in 1761, the property valued at £1,080, and Jonathan exercised his right of purchase, paying to each of his brothers and sisters the amount due.

The following year, perhaps in order to defray the amount paid to the rest of the family, he sold to Joseph Pratt (married to his mother's sister) 200 acres of this land, including the house built and occupied by his grandfather George Ashbridge, and in 1763 to the same purchaser he sold 23 1/2 acres more, keeping for his own use some 117 acres lying between his old home and the Willistown line.

About this time his name is recorded as an "Overseer of the Poor" for Chester County (1764).

He remained in Chester County until 1772, his name appearing in the 1768 tax-list as "Distiller."

Some indication of the nature of his character and disposition is reflected from the records of Chester County during this period, and in 1761 writs were issued by the Court on his behalf against two of his neighbors for trespass. Later on, a quarrel with another neighbor resulted in a lawsuit, the episode ending ultimately by both parties to this being disowned by the Goshen meeting of Friends in 1770.

Like many others of the time in Pennsylvania, he was a slave owner, as attested by the Friends' records, and also by a recorded bill of sale in 1770, of a negro girl named Pegg, to one George Hoopes.

It is, perhaps, worth mention that Hoopes (who was most likely the same man sued by Jonathan some nine years before for trespass) gave this girl her liberty in 1786.

In 1772, Jonathan sold the remainder of his Goshen property and probably left the county. At any rate nothing further is met with of record concerning him until 1777, when Friends' records shew that he had removed "to a remote point up the Susquehanna River," and in 1778 and later years his name appears in tax-lists of Northumberland County (which was organized in 1772), the nature of these references indicating a temporary residence in different townships.

At this period the American Revolutionary War was at its height, and it appears practically certain that Jonathan took some active part in the struggle, enlisted on the side of the colonies, as his name appears in the pay-rolls of Northumberland Rangers, being styled Sergeant in one reference, while in others no rank is mentioned.

During this time also, he took steps towards acquiring a tract of some 305 acres of land on the west bank of the Susquehanna River, near the mouth of Pine Creek, then no doubt a district thinly settled. This land is situated about eight miles above Williamsport, being about a mile from the village of Jersey Shore, and in the county of Lycoming (then Lycoming township, Northumberland County, Pa.), and about 70 miles as the crow flies, from Philadelphia.

Upon this pre-emption he built a house and made some improvement, but died before a patent was obtained for the property.

As an illustration of the great difference which may occur between the birth or decease of one's ancestors of similar generations, I might mention that while this great grandfather of mine died in 1782, another (one of my mother's grandfathers, Joshua Long) passed away over a hundred years later.

Sarah, his wife, was the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth James, and a somewhat lengthy account of her ancestral connections is given in the Appendix, prepared by Gilbert Cope. Evidently of Welsh descent, the date of her birth is not available. By his will, her father left her a nominal sum of £5, but what is much more important to the working out of these records, he left her also his Bible, 1772, and in this are entered the names of the children of Jonathan and Sarah, with sufficient other entries to corroborate the family connection—without which this would have been less definite.

After the disownment of her husband, little intercourse was kept with the family by the Friends of Goshen meeting, and Sarah in 1785, refusing to request a certificate, lost her membership also.

From 1780 to 1793, the home of herself and family appears to have changed several times as, although the Pine Creek property was decided to their use, from the tax-lists of Northumberland county, they seem to be non-residents.

*In 1793, evidently the family was not satisfied with conditions in Pennsylvania, and having probably good accounts of Canada as a place of settlement, with prospects of plenty of free land, Sarah, with her sons John and Jonathan (then unmarried), and three daughters, viz., Elizabeth and Mary (married), and Sarah (and also possibly Ann) unmarried, moved north, travelling probably overland from the Susquehanna to Niagara, and on to York, U.C., now Toronto, in the Province of Ontario.

Settling with her sons a short distance east of the town, Sarah lived during the next eight years, upon the shore of Ashbridges' Bay, and passed away June 13th, 1801.

(196) Jonathan Ashbridge, son of John, late of Goshen, deceased. Sarah James, dau. of Joseph James of Willistown, married 5-12-1757, at Goshen Meeting.

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| Tho ^s Goodwin | Mary Hibberd | Amos Yarnall | Jonathan Ashbridge |
| William Starr | Phebe Hibberd | Sarah Yarnall | Sarah Ashbridge |
| Benja. Hibberd | Abigail Yarnall | Lydia Davies | |
| Tho ^s Hoopes | Mary Garratt | Jane Yarnall | Hannah Ashbridge |
| Isaac Massey | Susanna Ashbridge | Jane Pratt | Joseph James |
| Josiah Hibberd | Sarah Hall | Lydia Thomas | Eliz ^a James |
| James Massey Jun. | Ann Smedley | Mary Hoopes | Jane Davies |
| Samuel West | Eliz ^a Steel | Phebe Ashbridge | Richard Jones |
| Samuel Grubb | Phebe Massey | Mary Massey | Jane Starr |
| Daniel Yarnall | Eliz ^a Worrall | Phebe Hoopes | Eliz ^a Ashbridge |
| John Hibberd | Eliz ^a Hoopes | Sarah Davies | John Ashbridge |
| Fran ^s Smedley | Phebe Grubb | Rebecca Ashbridge | Amos Ashbridge |
| Sam ^l Hall | Eliz ^a Maran | Mary Garratt | Wm. Ashbridge |
| Sam ^l Williams | | | Sarah Howell |
| Tho ^s Massey Jun ^r | Jos. Hoopes Jun ^r | Lewis Massey | George Hoopes |
| Wm. Lewis | Josiah Garratt | Andrew Steel | Aaron Ashbridge |
| Geo. Ashbridge Jr. | Jn ^o Steel | James Garratt | |
| | Jos Garratt | Jos Ashbridge | |
| | Jesse Garratt | | |

(197) CHESTER COUNTY SS

GEORGE the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France Ireland
King defender of the faith etc to the Sheriff of Chester County Greeting,
we command you that you take WILLIAM McGuire of Chester County

*Many Pennsylvania families settled in York and Ontario Counties. A number of Friends settled up Yonge St., north of Toronto. Higgins says in "Life and Times of Joseph Gould," an Ontario County settler of old Philadelphia ancestry, many German families, known as Pennsylvania Dutch, came between 1800 and 1810, and an excellent class of settlers. He states also as to the labour of clearing the land "it would take a good man 8 to 10 days to chop an acre—then 5 men and a yoke of oxen a day to clear from a half to an acre logging, and a man a day or two to pick up chunks and burn logs."

To the Honourable Justices of the Orphan Court to be held
at Chester for the County of Chester the 11th day of March
Anno Domini 1761.

The Petition of Jonathan Ashbridge eldest son and heir
at Law of John Ashbridge late of Goshem in the County of
Chester Deceased who did Intestate
Humbly Sheweth

That the said John Ashbridge in his lifetime
and at the time of his Death was Seised in fee of and in
a certain Mesuage Plantation and Tract of Land Situate
in Goshem aforesaid containing about 300 Acres, and left
a Widow and Seven Children to succeed him (one of which
vizt. Baron is since deceased in his Minority) That your
Petitioner is given to understand that the Widow and Younger
Children of the said Deceased intend to apply to your Honour
this Court for an order for a Division of the said Mesuage
Land and Premises, but as your Petitioner is willing
to hold the same as eldest Son of the Intestate, and pay
the Widow and Younger Children their Shares according
to a just Valuation thereof

Your Petitioner therefore Prays that no
Division or Partition of the said Mesuage Land and
Premises may be made, but that your Honours will
be pleased to Appoint a set of fiducious Men to put
a true Valuation thereon, agreeable to an Act of Assembly
of this Province in such Cases made and provided.

And your said Petitioner shall Pray

Jonathan Ashbridge

Shoemaker if etc and him safely keep that you may have his Body before our Justices at Chester at our County Court of Common Pleas there to be held on the twenty fifth day of August . . . next to Answer JONATHAN ASHBRIDGE and SARAH his wife of a plea of trespass on the case etc to their damage etc and have you there then this writ. Witness THOMAS WORTH Esq. at Chester the twenty eighth day of May in the First year of our REIGN ANNO DOM M D C C L X I

HENRY H. GRAHAM

Note. A similar writ was issued the same day on the same charge to George Hoopes.

This marriage, as usual upon similar occasions, was witnessed by a large number of friends and relatives.

The deed, given below in full will be interesting to some as an example of the wording of such documents 150 years ago, and also from the detailed history contained in it of the original Goshen purchase of George (the pioneer). This document is witnessed by Sarah Ashbridge's father and uncle.

(198)

DEED FROM JONATHAN ASHBRIDGE TO JOSEPH PRATT

This Indenture made the seventh day of the Sixth Month called June in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & sixty-two Between Jonathan Ashbridge of the township of Goshen in the county of Chester and Province of Pennsylvania Yeoman and Sarah his wife of the one part and Joseph Pratt of the township of Edgemont in the county afsd. Yeoman of the other part Whereas Rowland Ellis by his Indenture duly executed bearing date the 24th. day of September in the Year 1708 Reciting as therein Recited for the consideration therein mentioned did grant and confirm unto George Ashbridge his heirs and Assigns forever as by the sd. Indenture Recorded at Chester in the Office for Recording of Deeds therein Book B Volume the 2nd. Page 292. Relation being thereunto had may appear AND WHEREAS the said George Ashbridge by his Indenture duly executed under his hand and seal bearing date the 30th. day of January Anno. Dom. 1729/30 for the considerations therein mentioned did grant and confirm the said Tract of three hundred and forty one Acres of Land with the Messuage and Plantation thereunto belonging, unto his Son John Ashbridge with the appurtenances To HOLD to him his sd Son John Ashbridge his Heirs and Assigns forever. Under the yearly quitrent of one English Silver Shilling; or value thereof in Coin current for every one hundred Acres thereof payable to the Proprietor his Heirs or Successors at Philadelphia on the first day of March yearlt forever. As by the sd Deed or

Indenture likewise Recorded at Chester in the aforesaid Office in Book L Vol 11 Page 366 may appear. Which said John Ashbridge being now deceased dying Intestate without making any Will; who at the time of his decease being as aforesaid seized of and in the sd Land and premises as of fee. Leaving a widow namely Hannah; and Issues Six Children namely Jonathan, John, Amos, David, Jane, and Elizabeth Ashbridge; The said Messuage Land and premises: with the appurtenances decended to his said Children as Tenents in Common the Eldest Son Taking two Shears and having a right of purchase of the whole according to an Act of Assembly of this Province entitled an Act for the Better Settling of Intestates Estate the widow having a Right of Dower or thirds therein during her natural life. AND WHEREAS the said Widow Hannah Ashbridge for and in consideration of the sum of sixteen pounds money of the Province aforesaid to her in hand paid and secured to be paid unto her Yearly during her natural life did Release Quit Claim discharge the sd Messuage Land and Premises unto her Son the said Jonathan Ashbridge his heirs and assigns of and from her right of Dower or Thirds therein or thereto he being the testator's Eldest Son and Heir at Law as by an Indenture of Release in that behalf made and by the said Hannah Ashbridge duly executed bearing date the 16th. day of September Anno Dom 1761 may appear. AND WHEREAS in pursuance and by virtue of an Order of the Orphans Court held at Chester for the said county in the said year 1761 The sd Messuage & Tract of Land and premises was by a set of judicious Men valued and Appraised to the Sum of One thousand and eighty Pounds of Lawful money of the sd province the Shear of them the sd John, Amos, David, Jane and Elizabeth therein being one hundred and fifty four pounds five shillings and eight pence half penny apiece which Together amounted to the Sum of Seven hundred and Seventy one pounds eight Shillings and Sixpence half penny and a return thereof made and approved of at a succeeding Court and the sd. Jonathan Ashbridge then paying or securing the sd sum of Seven hundred and seventy one pounds eight shillings and six pence half penny to be well and truly paid to them the sd John, Amos, David, Jane and Elizabeth agreeable to the aforesaid Act of Assembly whereupon the Shears or Rights of them the sd John, Amos, David, Jane and Elizabeth of in or to the aforesaid Messuage, Plantation and Tract of three hundred and forty one Acres of Land and premises wear assigned to the said Jonathan Ashbridge To HOLD to him his heirs and assigns forever as by the Records and proceedings of the aforesaid Orphans Court may sufficiently and at large appear. Now this INDENTURE WITNESSETH THAT the said Jonathan Ashbridge and Sarah his wife for and in consideration of the sum of nine hundred and twenty pounds lawful money of the afd province to them in

hand well and truly paid by the above named Joseph Pratt at or before the sealing and delivering hereof the Receipt of which sd sum of nine hundred and twenty pounds they the sd Jonathan Ashbridge and Sarah his wife doth hereby acknowledge and thereof do acquit and forever discharge the said Joseph Pratt his heirs and assigns by these presents hath granted gargained sold aliened enfeoffed and confirmed and by these presents doth grant gargain sell alien enfeoff and confirm unto the sd Joseph Pratt his heirs and assigns A Certain piece or parcel of the above said Plantation and Tract of Land hereinafter bounded and described Beginning at a Black Oak being a corner of the Land of George Ashbridge and in the line of the land of Aaron Ashbridge thence along the line of the sd. Aaron Ashbridge Land North North West two hundred and seventy one perches to a stone being a corner of the Land formerly of Edward Jones thence by the sd Land East North East one hundred and eighteen perches and two feet to a stone thence by the Land of the above sd Jonathan Ashbridge South, South East two hundred and seventy one perches to a stone standing in the line of the Land of the aforesd. George Ashbridge thence by the said George Ashbridge Land West South West one hundred and eighteen perches and two feet to the place of Beginning Containing two hundred acres be the same more or less within the limits and Boundaries aforesd the same being whereon the Messuage stands situate in the Township of Goshen aforesaid Together with all and singular the Houses Barns Buildings, Gardens Orchards Woods Meadows Marshes Cripples Swamps Creeks ways waters water courses fishings fowlings Hawkings Huntings Rights liberties privileges Hereditaments and appurtenances to the sd Messuage Plantation parcel or tract of two hundred acres of Land and premises hereby granted or mentioned and Intended to be hereby granted belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversions and remainder Rents Issues and profits thereof and all the Estate Right Title Interest use possession property Claim and Demand of them the sd Jonathan Ashbridge and Sarah his wife of in and to the sd Messuage or Tenement Tract or parcel of two hundred Acres of Land and premises and of and to every any part thereof and all Deeds Evidences and writings or truw Copies of all Deeds Evidences and writings touching or concerning the same to be had made and taken at the Charge & expence of the sd Joseph Pratt his heirs and Assigns To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Messuage or Tenement tract or parcel of Land Hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned to be granted and every part thereof with the appurtenances unto the said Joseph Pratt and his heirs To the only proper use and behoof of him the sd Joseph Pratt his heirs and assigns forever UNDER the proportionable part of the yearly quitrent hereafter becoming

due and payable for the same unto the Chief Lord of the fee thereof AND the said Jonathan Ashbridge and the sd Sarah his wife and his and their heirs the said Messuage Tenement Plantation Traet or parcel of Land Hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned to be hereby granted and every part thereof with the appurtenances unto the sd Joseph Pratt his Heirs and Assigns against all and every other person and persons whomsoever anything having or Lawfully claiming in the sd Land and premises or any part thereof by from or under the said John Ashbridge, deceased, his Heirs and Assigns; and against all and every or any of them Shall and Will Warrant and forever Defend by these presents and also that the said Messuage or Tenement Traet or parcel of Land and premises hereby granted; now is and so from time to time and at all times thereafter Shall Remain and continue and be unto the said Joseph Pratt his Heirs and Assigns free and Clear and freely and Clearly acquitted exonerated and discharged of and from all former and other Gifts, grants, Bargains, Seals, Mortgages, Leases joyntures Dowers, thirds, Wills, portions, Shears, entails, fines, emercements, Judgments, exemptions, extents, arrears of Quitrents, Taxes, Claims and Demands, Burdins and Incumberances, whatsoever heretofore had made Done suffered or exempted by the sd Jonathan Ashbridge and Sarah his wife or any other person or persons Rightfully claiming or which shall or may claim by from or or under him them or any of them AND that they the sd Jonathan Ashbridge and the said Sarah his wife and their Heirs and all and every other person and persons having or lawfully claiming any Estate Title or Interest of in or to the sd Messuage or Tenement Traet or parcel of two hundred Aeres of Land and premises hereby granted or any part thereof by from or under them or either of them shall and will at any time or times hereafter upon the Reasonable request Cost and Charges in the Law of the sd Joseph Pratt his heirs and Assigns make Do execute acknowledge and suffer or Cause so to be, All and every such further and other Lawful and Reasonable Act and Acts Deed and Deeds Conveyances and Assurances in Law Whatsoever for the further and Better assuring sure making Conveying and Confirming of the sd Messuage or Tenement Traet or parcel of two hundred Aeres of Land and premises hereby granted or Intended to be hereby granted unto the sd Joseph Pratt his heirs and Assigns as by him or them or by his or their Counsel learned in the Law Shall be reasonably devised advised or required.

In Witness Whereof the said parties to these presents have Interchangeably set their hands and Seals hereunto dated the day and year first above written.

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| Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of | JONATHAN ASHBRIDGE [SEAL] |
| Joseph James | SARAH ASHERIDGE [SEAL] |
| Aaron James | |
| Josiah Lewis. | |

Received the day of the date above written Indenture of and from the above named Joseph Pratt the Just and full Sum of Nine hundred and twenty pounds lawful Money of Pennsylvania it being the full Consideration money for the above mentioned Land and premises to him Conveyed. I Say Red. P me

Witness present

Joseph James

Jonathan Ashbridge

Aaron James

Josiah Lewis.

The day of the date of the within Indenture Personally appeared before me Isaac Davey one of the Justices of the Peas of the Court of Common Plays for the County of Chester the within named Jonathan Ashbridge and Sarah his wife and brought this Indenture with them. Which they did acknowledge to be their Act and Deed and desired the same might be Recorded as such. She the said Sarah being by me examined in private did acknowledge to have Signed and executed the Same without any force or compulsion of her husband or any other.

Witness my hand and seal the Day of the date of the within Indenture.

ISAAC DAVIS [SEAL]

Recorded the 26th. day of December 1789.

Goshen Records :

(199) At Goshen Mo. Mtg., 5-6-1763: Jonathan Ashbridge, of Goshen Meeting, is complained of for purchasing a negro lately for term of life.

As mentioned elsewhere (see page 120) slavery was abolished in Pennsylvania in 1780.

Before seeing this record I had thought of slavery as something practised by somebody else's ancestors, but it is somewhat consoling to know that our ancestor was not alone in his action.

Goshen Records :

- (200) 3-10-1769. He is complained of for kicking one of his neighbors several times in the public road. Isaac Williams is complained of for suing a member of the meeting for assault.
- (201) 6-9-1769. Jonathan Ashbridge is willing to refer the case as to payment of costs of suit against him. Isaac Williams refuses to pay any part or to refer the matter.
- (202) 10-6-1769. The Quarterly Meeting committee advises that unless the parties become better reconciled both should be disowned.
- (203) 1-5-1770. Both are disowned.

These records are sufficient to explain a quarrel between neighbors, which resulted in their losing their membership with the Friends. It appears probable that Jonathan remained separated from the Society during the rest of his life.

Extracts from deed to Jesse Garrett :

- (204) Indenture made the "First day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy two, between "Jonathan Ashbridge of Goshen Township, in the County of Chester, in the Province of Pennsylvania Yeoman and Sarah his wife of the one part and Jesse Garrett, of Willistown Township in the same County and Province, Cordwainer of the other part" recites Orphans' Court Proceedings in Estate of John Ashbridge as see gives the consideration as "seven hundred and twelve pounds fourteen shillings and two pence" and the description ALL THAT message or tenement and tract or parcel of land thereunto belonging, part of the aforesaid 341 acres, situate in Goshen Township aforesaid, BEGINNING at a stone in line of land of James Day, being a corner of George Ashbridge's land, thence by said George Ashbridge's land, south sixty-three and one-half degrees west fifty perches to a post a corner of land lately sold and conveyed by the said Jona Ashbridge to Joseph Pratt, thence by the said Joseph Pratt's land, north twenty eight degrees west forty one perches to a stone a marked white oak, south seventy nine degrees west twenty eight perches to a marked white oak, south eighty eight degrees west forty eight perches to a post in a line in or near a marked cherry tree, and north twenty five and one-half degrees west one hundred and eleven perches to a stone a corner of land intended to be granted to Josiah Garrett, thence by the same north sixty three and one-half degrees east seventy six perches to a stone, north one degrees west thirty five perches to a marked white oak, north thirty three and one-half degrees east thirty perches to a stone on a road in the line of John Griffith's

land formerly called Hudson's line, thence by the same land late of Samuel Clarkson, and James Day, two hundred seventy eight and one-half perches to the place of beginning.

CONTAINING seventy eight acres, be the same more or less
under a proportional part of the yearly Quitrent hereafter accruing for the said hereby granted premises to the chief Lord or Lords of the fee thereof

Above witnessed by Thomas and Josiah Garrett, and signed by Jonathan Ashbridge and Sarah his wife.

Last sale of this Goshen land of 119 acres to Mary Rawle Williams by Margaret H. and Bertha M. Smedley, 18th April, 1910, was for \$7000, and the area is given as 119 acres, 89 perches of land.

Bill of Sale of Negro Wench Pegg. Deed Book B 2-36-563 (West Chester).

- (205) *Know all men* by these presents that I Jonathan Ashbridge of Goshen in the County of Chester and Province of Pennsylvania Yeoman for and in consideration of the sum of fifty pounds and other consideration Pennsylvania Currency to me in hand *pd* myself therewith fully satisfied therewith have bargained sold and delivered unto the said George Hoopes *a Negro Wench* named *Pegg* to have and to hold the said Negro Wench unto the said George Hoopes his heirs Executors and Administrators and Assigns forever and I the said Jonathan Ashbridge for myself Executors and administrators and assigns against all persons shall and will warrant and forever Defend by these presents.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fourth day of August Anno Domini 1770.

Jonathan Ashbridge [SEAL]

Witness Present

John Hutchison

Issabillah Bate

Manumission George Hoopes to Negro Pegg. B 2-Vol. 26-564 (West Chester.)

- (206) To all People to whom these presents shall come I George Hoopes of Goshen in the County of Chester and State of Pennsylvania Send Greeting Whereas a Certain Negro Woman mentioned in the within *Indenture* aged about Twenty Seven Years hath been in my Service Since the date of said *Indenture* now know ye that in Consideration that all mankind have an equal Natural and Just right to Liberty I have Released Discharged and

Set free the said Pegg and Do by these presents release Manunit and set full Liberty the said Negro Pegg and for myself my heirs Executors administrators & Assigns & all persons Lawfully Claiming under me or any of them in Witness whereof I have here unto Set my hand set my hand & Seal Dated the Twenty first day of September Anno Domini one Thousand Seven hundred & Eighty Six 1786.

Geo Hoopes [SEAL] Acknowledged

before me George Pierce.

Recorded 9th June 1787.

Goshen Records :

- (207) 12-5-1777. Jonathan Ashbridge removed to a remote part up the Susquehanna River, and Elizabeth and Hannah, two of his daughters, are since married. Committee appointed to visit them.

It is evident that the Friends kept some interest in the movements of those who were formerly of their number, and this seems to be the last direct reference to Jonathan Ashbridge in their records.

And, in fact, there is little trace of further facts relating to him.

He, no doubt, settled upon the land for which he took out a pre-emption right in Northumberland County, and began the work of clearing the forest. The change in conditions from his Chester County residence would be very great—about the difference there is to-day between life on a homestead in New Ontario and that on a farm in York County near the City of Toronto.

Cope Letters :

- (208) In the 23rd volume of the 3d Series of Pennsylvania Archives 162 pages are occupied with the names of "Rangers on the Frontiers"

"The list of Revolutionary Soldiers which follows is copied from a volume recently discovered of payments made to the individuals noted for services chiefly on the Frontiers as Rangers, between the years 1778 and 1783. As the majority of the names appear more than once upon the list, this is owing to the fact that they were paid for different tours of duty. It is to be regretted that the Company designation is not attached to each individual, for had that been the case the men might have been arranged into companies. No year is given for the specified service."

In one of the Northumberland County lists (page 337) are Thomas Ferguson, Capt., Wm. Campbell, Lieut., Isaac Bodin, Ens., Robert Love and Jonathan Ashbridge, Sergts.

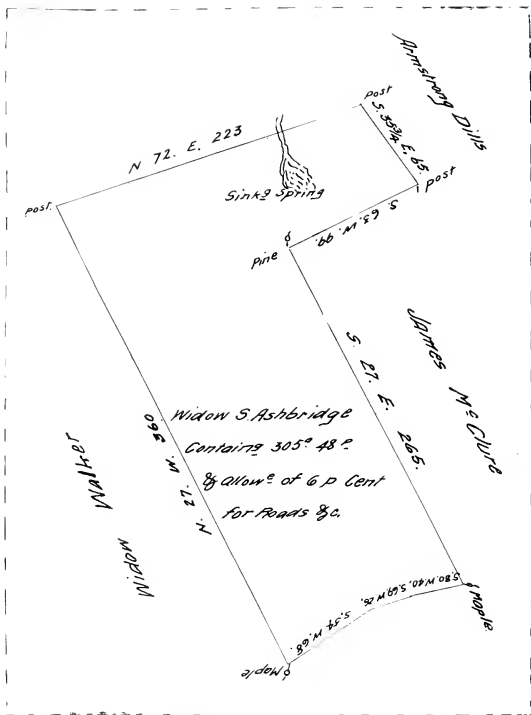


PLATE XIII

THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER PRE-EMPTION

From Penna. Mag., vol. 26, p. 145 :

(209) PAY ROLL OF CAPT. THOMAS FERGUSON'S VOLUNTEER COMP^A FROM 13TH AUG. TO 13TH SEPTEMBER 1778.—

Capt. Tho^s Ferguson; Lieuts., James Brandon, William Campbell; ensign Isaac Bodine, Serg^t Robert Love, Jon^s Ashbridge.

Penna. Archives, 5th Series, Vol. 5, p. 79 . . . has similar note but spells Jonath Ashbridge.

The Jonathan Ashbridge mentioned in the last records was in all probability identical with the one under consideration.

While upon this subject, the following entry in Penna. Archives, 5th ser., Vol. 7, might be mentioned, viz.:

(210) . . . Associators and Militia of Lancaster County, 1782. Capt. William Johnston, 3rd Company, 10th. Battalion. John and Joseph Ashbridge.

These may have been sons of Jonathan, but were more likely sons of his brother John (and Rebecca Davies), who died in Lancaster County. By either assumption they would be under 21 years of age.

(211) Northumberland County Tax lists.

State Tax, Northumberland Co. 1778-80, Mahoning Township—Jonathan Ashbridge, Valuation 6.13.0.

1785 Bald Eagle Township—Heirs of Jonathan Ashbridge, non-residents, 100 acres, Tax 3.9.

1786 Lycoming Township—Sarah Ashbridge 1 horse, 1 cattle, Tax 2.9.

1787 Lycoming Township—Sarah Ashbridge 300 acres 1 horse 1 cattle Tax 1.0.10. John Ashbridge single man Tax 10.6.

These lists seem to indicate that Jonathan lived, or had a property first in Bald Eagle Township, and later in Lycoming Tp. There is however, no record now of any holding in the former township, and he probably disposed of it before having a deed to it.

I have nowhere found specifically stated the date, manner, or place of Jonathan's death, but in the Administrator's account returned to the Orphans' Court dated May 26, 1786 (see Plate XIV), there is an item of expense for care of Sarah, a minor for 4 years and 6 months, from which it appears probable that her father died in the last month of 1781 or the first of 1782.

Letters of administration were granted as shewn in following entry in the Register's Docket No. 2 in Sunbury.

Jonathan Ashbridge, dec'd.

- (212) Be it remembered, That on the 20th day of August A Dom^l 1782 Letters of Administration, were in due and Common form of law, Committed to Sarah Ashbridge and Robert Martin, of all & singular the goods & chattels which were of Jonathan Ashbridge Dec'd, Who put in Securities Wilton Atkinson & Dr. McKenney.

Per. J. Simpson Reg^r

The account of the administration was exhibited June 29th, 1786, and showed a balance due the administrators of 38 pounds 19 shillings and 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ pence.

The inventory of Estate of Jonathan Ashbridge, "late of Northumberland County," shews goods and chattels to value of £33 19 9, of which nearly £25 represents live stock, one 2 year old colt being apparently the most valuable at £6, while a brown cow was valued at £5, a mare and colt at £3, and two sheep at £1. 10.

Among the other articles were a "spinning wheel at 15s, a looking glass at 5s, two beds and bedsteads at £4. 17s. 6d, a crane & 2 Pott racks, 1 tea Kettle & warming pan, 1 Boat, 1 Dough Trough, 1 Pott & skillet &c &c.

This inventory was made by Andrew Richardson and Jno Elder.

Goshen Records :

- (213) 9-9-1785. Sarah Ashbridge, widow, who removed many years ago without a certificate is settled far remote from friends & hath wholly declined to attend meetings; also declines to request a certificate & is therefore disowned.

This entry, apparently closes the books of the Friends to matters concerning this branch of the Ashbridge family—after over eighty years of such duty.

Warrant dated 14th day of October, 1785 (Returned 15th April, 1800), states :

- (214) WHEREAS . . . SARAH ASHBRIDGE . . . hath requested to take up three hundred acres of land, (In trust for the heirs of JONATHAN ASHBRIDGE, dec'd) including an Improvement made before the year 1780 by said

JONATHAN ASHBRIDGE on the North side of the West Branch of Susquehanna half a mile below Pine Creek adjoining the Heirs of JOHN WALKER and ABRAHAM BUNKER . . . she agrees to pay . . . at the rate of thirty pounds per hundred acres . . . CHA'S BIDDLE, V.P.

The return of the survey, dated 15th April, 1800, *re* Sarah Ashbridge property, states :

- (215) A Draught of a tract of Land Situate on the West Branch of Sus^a river & about half a mile below the mouth of Pine Creek, in the late purchase. Surveyed for the Widow S. Ashbridge on a preemption warrant dated the fourteenth of October 1785 Containing three hundred & five acres & forty eight perches & all^e of six p cent for roads &c

Saml. Edmiston
D. Surv.

John Lukens Esq^r S. Genl.

13 Nov. 1785.

(Attached to the above survey on a separate piece of paper is the following note :)

Preemption warrant granted to Sarah Ashbridge in Trust for the Heirs of Jonathan Ashbridge dated 14 Octr. 1785

Land now in Lycoming County

(On the back of the return is):

Widow S. Ashbridge
305 acres 48 ps.

Disputed by Geo. Albright who has a warrant for said spot
see Geo. Albrights Cert. being unsatisfied &c

J. B.

- (216) 30th Sept. 1785.

At an Orphan's Court held at Sunbury for the County of Northumberland the thirtieth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five before Christian Getty, David Mead and John Buyers, Esqrs., Justices assigned &c.

Came into Court Sarah Ashbridge, widow and relict of Jonathan Ashbridge, deceased, and prays the Court to appoint one or more fit person or persons Guardian or Guardians over the persons and estates of Jonathan Ashbridge and Sarah Ashbridge, minors of the said deceased.

The Court on due consideration appoints John Ashbridge and Thomas Robinson, Guardians over the persons and estates of the said Jonathan & Sarah Ashbridge, minors as aforesaid, during their minority, or until other guardian or guardians should be appointed in their room.

The various records here given shewing the administration of the estate are from the Orphans' Court or Register's records at Sunbury, the former being the Court dealing with all such estates in Pennsylvania. The Pine Creek farm, while in what is now Lycoming County, was then a part of Northumberland County, which accounts for the records being at Sunbury, the county seat of the latter.

The account of the administrators was put in June 29th, 1786, shewing the estate to be indebted to them. They, therefore, petitioned the Court to sell the property on the Susquehanna, the greater part of which was no doubt covered with standing timber (see following).

The following records shew the completion of the transactions.

Copy of the original Petition for the sale of the Real Estate left by Jonathan Ashbridge, filed at Sunbury, Pa.

(217) Petition for sale of real estate for payment of debts and education of minors.

PETITION HUMBLY SHOWETH—

That the said Jonathan Ashbridge lately died intestate leaving your petitioner, his widow and three small children.

That the said Jonathan Ashbridge was entitled at the time of his death to a certain message and tract or parcel of land in township of Lycoming and County aforesaid.

That the personal estate of the said Jonathan Ashbridge amounted to 43 pounds and 9 pence as appears by the inventory filed in the Register's Office out of which your petitioners have paid debts amounting to 98 pounds 19 shillings and 1/2 pence and there are remaining due the sums of 40 pounds, 37 pounds &c. as will appear by a list thereof annexed to this petition exclusive of the debts which can not be ascertained.

Your petitioners therefore pray your worships to make an order empowering them to sell and convey the said plantation and tract of land to enable them to pay the debts of the said intestate and to maintain and educate his minor children, agreeable to the Acts of Assembly in such case made and provided.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will pray &c.

(signed) Sarah Ashbridge—Robert Martin.

Extracts from Orphans' Court Docket :

(218) May 27, 1790. Exposed to sale the said tract containing three hundred and five acres and forty eight perches and sold the same to John Kelly for six hundred and ten pounds.

To the Worshipful the Justices of the Oyerman's Court
held at Sunbury in and for the County of Northumberland

The Petition of Sarah Asbridge and Robert Manton
Administrators of all and singular the Goods and Chattels
Rights and Credits which were of Jonathan Asbridge late of
Northumberland County Yeoman deceased

Humbly Sheweth

That the said Jonathan Asbridge lately died
Intestate leaving your Petitioner his Widow and ~~eight~~ ^{three} small Children

That the said Jonathan Asbridge was intitled at the time of
his Death to a certain Messuage and Tract or parcel of Land in
the Township of Leyburning and County aforesaid

That the personal Estate of the said Jonathan Asbridge
amounted to £43. 9s as appears by the Inventory filed in the
Registrar's Office out of which your Petitioners have paid sundry
Debts amounting to £98. 19. 0¹/₂ and that there are remaining
due the sums of £40. 13s 6d as will appear by a Bill thereof
annexed to this Petition exclusive of the Debts which cannot
yet be ascertained: and

Your Petitioners therefore pray your Worships to
make an Order (empowering) them to sell and convey
the said Plantation and Tract or parcel of Land to
enable them to pay the Debts of the said Intestate and
to maintain and educate his minor Children agreeable
to the Acts of Assembly in such Case made and
provided

And your Petitioners as in
& Duty bound will pray - &c

Josiah B. K. B. B.

Robt. Martin -

John Kelly refused to pay the purchase money and sale set aside and resale ordered.

Oct. 12, 1790. Sold (the above described premises) at public sale at the Court House in Sunbury, Pa., to James Davidson for four hundred and fifty-seven pounds and ten shillings, which was confirmed.
(From Orphan's Court Docket No. 2, page 20.)

(From Deed Book "E" page 46.)

(219) DEED :

SARAH ASHBRIDGE AND ROBERT : :

MORTON, ADMRS. OF JONATHAN ASHBRIDGE : :

DECEASED, : :

To

JAMES DAVIDSON OF NORTHUMBERLAND, : :

PA. : :

Dated Oct. 21, 1790.

Consideration—30 shillings per acre consisting of 169. 6 perches.

Total Consideration—457 pounds and 10 shillings.

RECITAL

That he (Jonathan Ashbridge) died possessed of a preemption right to hold about three hundred acres of land situate in Lycoming Township in the County aforesaid adjoining the heirs of John Walker deceased, and others. In pursuance of which preemption right the said Sarah Ashbridge after the decease of the said Jonathan to wit, on the 14th day of Oct. Anno Domini. MDCCCLXXV obtained a warrant for the tract of land aforesaid in trust for the heirs of the deceased, by virtue whereof there was surveyed unto the said Sarah in trust as aforesaid at the place aforesaid the following tract of land bounded as follows viz. :—

Beginning at a marked maple standing the bank of the West Branch of the River Susquehanna about a mile below Pine Creek thence running from the river aforesaid north twenty seven degrees west three hundred and sixty perches to a post, thence north seventy one degrees & fifty seven minutes east two hundred and twenty three perches to a post, thence south twenty five degrees and forty nine minutes east sixty five perches to a post, thence south sixty three degrees west ninety nine perches to a pine, thence south twenty seven degrees east two hundred and sixty five perches to another maple on the bank of the said river, thence up the same the following courses and distances to wit :—, south eighty degrees west forty perches, south eighty degrees west twenty six perches and south fifty four degrees west sixty eight perches to the place of beginning, containing three

hundred and five acres & forty eight perches and the usual allowance for roads and highways, be the same more or less.

Recorded the 24th day of Nov. 1790.

J. Simpson, Recorder.

- (220) Robert Martin who was one of the administrators of Jonathan Ashbridge, was quite a prominent man in the early days, having been a delegate to the provincial Conference of June 18, 1776, and the Constitutional Convention of July 15, 1776, and a member of the House of Representatives in 1795. (C. F. Shipman).

Davidson (Doctor James) received his patent in 1800 (April 17th), which recites the facts as given above and calls the tract "WHEATFIELD."

This property is situated "about a mile West of the village of Jersey Shore on the banks of the canal."

Doctor Davidson was a surgeon during the War, in the Second Battalion of Infantry of Northumberland Co.

From Minutes of Board of Property.

- (221) A claim of some sort by Sarah Ashbridge for her son John, opposed by James McClure, . . . McClure, Lewis Lewis & Wm. Dunn, at meeting held at the Surveyor General's 7th Novembr 1786.

"The claim for SARAH ASHBRIDGE for her son JOHN appearing not well founded is dismissed, as the Improvements which LEWIS and DUNN and McCLURE seem to be equally entitled to the preemption, and as both parties have warrants It is the opinion of the Board that the land be equally divided between them, but as there is a probability that some addition might be made at the back end, therefore this matter is postponed to the first Monday in April next at which time the draught of division will be considered."

Also a dispute bet Sarah Ashbridge and George Albright.

"This case postponed to the first Monday in April next in order that the parties may try to settle the dispute or at that time if not settled then to be further heard."

The above refer to land disputes with neighbors. Enquiry at Harrisburg shows that nothing was done in the matter during the following year.

The James McClure mentioned was an early settler along the Susquehanna River, and it was possibly his brother who married Mary, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah.

In 1793 (a year noted for plague in the City of Philadelphia) a general agreement seems to have been made by the family to remove to Canada. At any rate those emigrating were the mother with one unmarried daughter, Sarah, two sons, John and Jonathan, and two married daughters, Elizabeth (Wilcott), and Mary (Mills), with their husbands and children, which would make quite a large party, besides, possibly, other neighbors.

At this time Canada possessed a very small population, especially in the district with which our story is concerned.

In great part occupied by untouched forests filled with all manner of wild animals, and peopled by native tribes, it was a paradise for trappers and hunters, and a considerable trade had early been developed with the Indians, who brought the results of their hunt to barter at the different "factories" or forts which had been erected for the purpose, and of which those at Oswego, Frontenac (now Kingston), Niagara and Toronto were important examples.

The last mentioned of these (then known as Fort Rouillé, and whose site is now appropriately marked in the Exhibition grounds by a monument) was built in 1749 by the French, and soon became an important centre for such trade, but it was burned and abandoned to the British in 1757, and was not rebuilt. During the French occupation some 300 acres of land was cleared of timber.

From this date onward, settlement of the Niagara peninsula and the Lake Ontario frontier was practically at a standstill until the close of the Revolutionary War in 1783, when the current of "Loyalist" emigration set towards this and other regions north of the new Republic, resulting in a loss to the latter of many thousands of those who had taken a more or less active stand for the British, and for whom conditions were made intolerable in their native land.

Between this date and 1789 "some 17,000 of these had settled above Montreal, and in 1790 this number was increased by some 8,000 more."

Prior to 1792, the regulations for land entry were so drawn up as to work largely for the benefit of those affected by the late war, and the pretensions of new settlers in this respect were examined and dealt with by Land Boards appointed for the purpose.

In 1791, by the passing of the Constitutional Act, Upper Canada was created a separate province with Colonel John Graves Simcoe commissioned as its first Lieutenant-Governor, and by his proclamation of Feb. 7th, 1792, free land in plenty was offered as inducement to all bona fide settlers of good character, willing to properly recognize the authority of Great Britain.

Simcoe, in his headquarters at Niagara, was not satisfied to make that a permanent seat of Government, and became favorably impressed with the advantages offered by the site near the old French fort, on the northern shore of Lake Ontario.

He, therefore, in May of the following year (1793), took over the lake a detachment of fifty men, and began the work of erecting necessary barracks, public buildings, and the cutting of roads in the new townsite of York, which he had surveyed for him the same year.

The new fort was built east of the old one and overlooking the entrance to the harbour, but the site for public buildings was not far from the Don River, at the mouth of which a smaller fort was built.

In this way were laid the foundations of the present city of Toronto, with its 400,000 people.

Returning now to the families about to leave Pennsylvania, there were two main routes followed ordinarily to Niagara; one from the Susquehanna River, up the Genesee, the other *via* Lake Oneida and inland waterways to Oswego, and it is not known which was followed, but very probably the first mentioned.

A missionary to the Indians, travelling from Bethlehem, Pa., to Fairfield, Canada—a journey said to average 55 days—has left a few remarks on the advantages of the water route as follows:

(221-a) "Conveniences attending the route (*via* lakes) are "no joggling of wagons, no danger of oversetting them, children and all ride easy, baggage convenient to hand, expenses less. Best manner of going safe in boats on the Lakes is to be civil and friendly to the boat men always, and to have some liquor along so as to serve out to them after a fatiguing spell, and to promise them that you will furnish them with a couple of gallons on their return home." See also Appendix, Note 328. (Penna. Mag., Vol. 9, p. 356.)

Whichever route was followed to Niagara, from there to York the journey was most likely made in large open boats, skirting the west end of Lake Ontario, past the earlier settlements there.

Arriving in York, they found it a city "in the making," all the inhabitants having, like themselves, arrived that season, and it is not certain at what date they began clearing the lands which they had selected, but it would appear probable that such selection was made early.

The mother, sons, and sons-in-law, were each permitted to acquire free grant Patents to 200 acres, and of this a block of 600 acres was selected about a mile and a half east of the Don River, and fronting the smaller bay east of the York harbour, and this quickly became known by its present name of Ashbridges' Bay.

It is said that upon entering the bay in their boat, someone in the party blew a blast on a big shell, of which at least two were brought with them and used later for dinner horns, and that the ducks flew up in thousands at the sound.

Bouchette, who made a survey of the York harbour in the previous year, said the waterfowl were so numerous as to be an annoyance at night.

The age of my great grandmother would be probably more than sixty years, when she undertook for the second time in her life to do her share in the strenuous task of establishing a new home in the woods. For all concerned, this meant hard manual labour and perseverance to make a success, but it was a work to which all were by early training adapted.

In those earlier years the necessaries of life were at times somewhat difficult to obtain. The waters were full of fine fish, and the woods with game, but to get flour, for instance, it was necessary to take the first wheat to Kingston to be ground at the mill, a distance of some 150 miles, in open boats, not a pleasant journey in stormy weather.

But, no doubt, there was a bright side as well, and being so close to the small but growing village of York, life was less lonely, and had a variety not to be found on homesteads situated further from the front.

Thus, for example, in Robertson's "Diary of Mrs. Simcoe," mention is made of a visit by the Governor's wife to the settlements, and a reference to Mrs. Ashbridge given below.

Item from the "Diary of Mrs. John Graves Simcoe" by J. Ross Robertson, p. 302.

- (222) 1796—"Thurs. 4th (Feb).—" We drove three miles to the settlement below the town (across the Don River), and at Mrs. Ashbridge's saw calabashes, the fruit of the calabash tree, a vessel made of a dried gourd or shell—a gourd plant, which have holes cut in them used as bowls to ladle out water, having a natural handle. I brought away some of the seeds, which are to be sown in March, in rich ground. Might not the use of these calabashes, which are in shape like skulls, have given rise to the story of the southern Indians drinking out of the skulls of their enemies. . . ."

From a biographical sketch of William Smith, the early settler on the Don River, in the "History of York County" (1885), p. 148, the following extract is copied to show what the extent of settlement really was in York in 1793.

- (223) . . . The following year (1793) he joined General Simcoe, and came with him to explore that section of the country of which Toronto is now the capital.

He found three Indian wigwams east of the Don on the river banks (lot 15), one of which contained the chief Kashago; the only white settlers then being William Peak and his family. The latter had been settled there some time, and knew the locality well, and often accompanied General Simcoe on hunting and fishing expeditions, that being Peak's principal occupation.

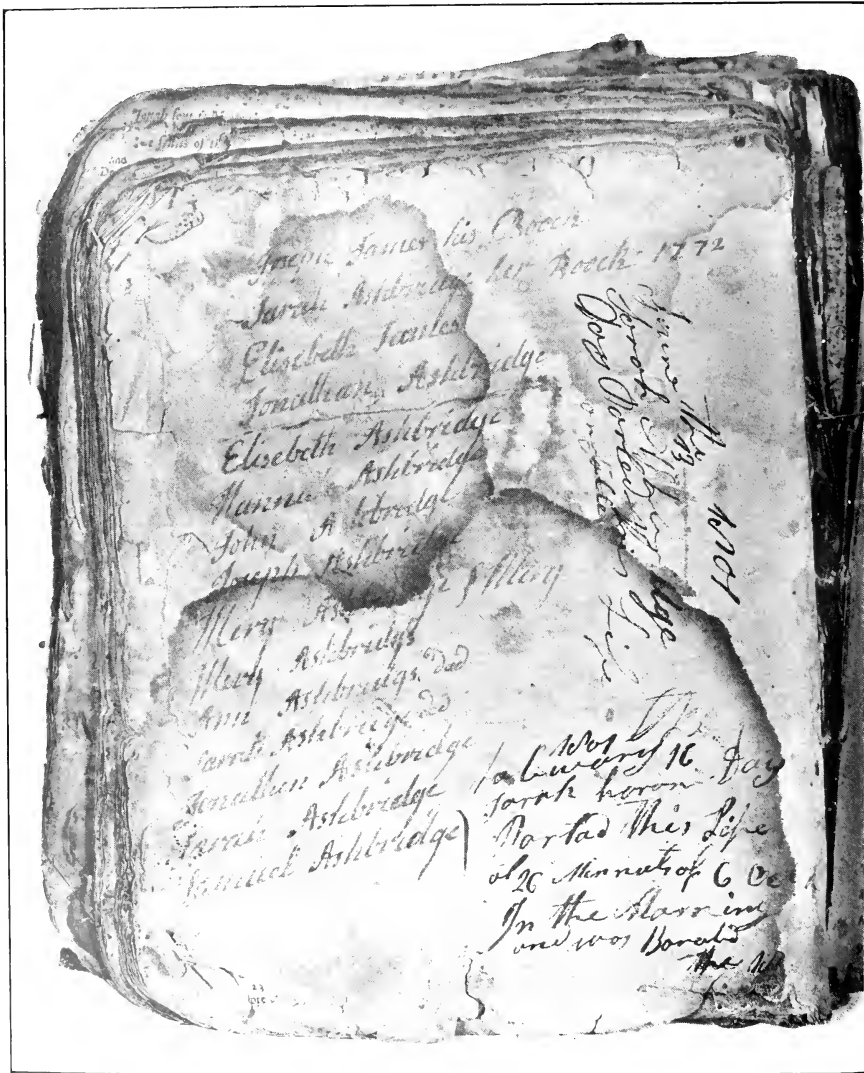
Referring to early York patentees mentioned further on it will be seen that Sarah Ashbridge received a grant of 200 acres in Scarboro' Township, fronting on Lake Ontario, in 1799.

The following is extracted from the Patent books in the Provincial Registrar's office, in the Parliament Buildings, Toronto :

- (224) . . . George 3rd & Co . . . Do give and grant unto Mrs. Sarah Ashbridge . . . in Township of Scarborough containing by admeasurement 200 acres more or less with an allowance for roads the same composed of lot 27 in Con B. with a very small broken front in Range A. . . . in County of York & Home District the 28 $\frac{4}{7}$ acres in lot 25 Con 1 for Clergy purposes being 1 to 7 of lands granted . . .

The above is signed by "Honorable Peter Russell, President," and is dated "16th May 1799 & 39th of reign."

Sarah's death occurred in 1801, her daughter Sarah (Heron) passing away during the same year, both events being noted in the old Bible formerly her father's, and which came to her upon his decease.



James James his Book
 Sarah Ashbridge her Book - 1772
 Elisabeth Scoble
 Jonathan Ashbridge
 Elisabeth Ashbridge
 Hannah Ashbridge
 John Ashbridge
 Joseph Ashbridge
 Mary Ashbridge & Mary
 Macey Ashbridge
 Ann Ashbridge, Dad
 Sarah Ashbridge, Dad
 Jonathan Ashbridge
 Sarah Ashbridge
 Samuel Ashbridge

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The entries found in this Bible, which I shall call the "Joseph James" Bible, are given below, and are also reproduced upon Plate XVI and XVII.

(225) ENTRIES IN "JOSEPH JAMES" BIBLE.

Joseph James his book
 Sarah Ashbridge her book 1772
 Elizabeth James
 Jonathan Ashbridge

 Elisebeth Ashbridge
 Hannah Ashbridge
 John Ashbridge
 Joseph Ashbridge
 Mary Ashbridge } Mary
 Mary Ashbridge }
 Ann Ashbridge (decd)
 Sarah Ashbridge (decd)
 Jonathan Ashbridge
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(On preceding page is written):

Jean Linton was born Jan-8th 1774
 William Linton was married 1773
 John Linton was born Jan 23 1778
 Ann Linton

(On another page is written):

Jonathan Ashbridge 1806 York

The title-pages and a considerable part of the binding of this Bible are gone. The pages containing the entries and the greater part of the reading matter are in good condition, although, of course, yellowed with age. No Ashbridge birth dates are found.

Without the entries in this Bible, this volume would have remained unwritten, as they furnished a starting point for search and also form an important link in establishing the connection of the Canadian families

with that of Jonathan Ashbridge and Sarah James, and should be studied with Goshen records, and Sunbury Orphans' Court proceedings.

No doubt prized by my great grandmother for its associations (and being probably printed before she was born), she brought it safely on the long journey from Pennsylvania to Canada, and undisturbed it has remained for the last 120 years, being now in my mother's possession and close to its first Ontario resting place.

CHAPTER VI.

SECOND GENERATION.

FAMILY OF JOHN AND HANNAH (DAVIES) ASHBRIDGE. (*Concluded.*)

ELIZABETH.

Goshen Records :

- (226) 4-9-1762 } Isaac Starr and Elizabeth Ashbridge declare intentions of
5-7-1762 } marriage.
(227) 5-13-1762. Were married.

JOHN.

John, the second son was born in 1738, married Rebecca Davies, his cousin, in 1762, and removed to Lancaster county, where little is known about his further history. His death occurred somewhere between 1771 and 1776, and two children survived him.

It appears quite likely that these were two sons, John and Joseph, and that they enlisted for service in the latter part of the Revolution. (See Note 210.)

John and Joseph Ashbridge were both warrantees for Northumberland County land on March 15, 1794.

These warrants seem not to have been executed, and may have been intended for sons of Jonathan, or possibly of John and Rebecca, of Lancaster.

Goshen Records :

- (228) 10-9-1761. John Ashbridge (intending to remove) requests a certificate to Sadsbury Monthly Meeting.
(229) 11-6-1761. A certificate signed for him.
(230) John removed his membership from Goshen to Sadsbury Monthly Meeting, Lancaster Co. Pa, in 1761, and was married 10-29-1762, at Friends' Meeting in the town of Lancaster (now a city and county seat) to Rebecca Davies, daughter of Joseph and Mary Davies of Lancaster County. His residence is given as in the town of Lancaster, and he was described as the son of John Ashbridge deceased, and Hannah his wife. (No will of John Ashbridge in Lancaster Co.)

The births of his children were not recorded by Sadsbury Mo. Mtg., but it appears by the will of his uncle Aaron Ashbridge, 1776, that they were two in number, and that the father was then deceased. (Cope)

In one of the volumes of the Pennsylvania Register, printed 1828-35, is a list of names in an account of cocoons purchased in Philadelphia in 1771, among which is—

(231) John Ashbridge, Lancaster, 75 lbs. 10 oz.

Dr. Smith tells us that great efforts were made to promote the culture of silk in the province about this time, and through the promise of premiums some 335 lbs. was brought in 1771 from Chester Co. and 1754 lbs. from all Pennsylvania.

AMOS.

Amos, born in 1741, moved from Goshen to Darby in 1758, to learn the trade of a blacksmith, and later established himself there in that business. His death occurred in 1763.

The administration bond was signed by his mother and by his uncles Joseph Ashbridge and Joseph Pratt, and dated Oct. 11th. 1763.

The inventory is dated 14th day of the 10th month 1763 and made by Abram and John Sellers.

Chief Items :

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|---------|
| (232) Cash | £ 7 | S 8 | D 4 1/2 |
| wearing apparel | 25 | 15 | 0 |
| a Watch with three cases | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| one Ditto with two cases | 5 | 10 | 0 |
| a Mare Saddle Bridle & Whip | 12 | 5 | |

Also "a parcel of Gun flints," "a blanket and sheet," and sundry other small articles including "a Glass Cork-screw."

DAVID.

David, born in 1744, married at the age of 25 years, Mary Powell of Marple township, and in the same year (1769) moved to the State of Delaware (Duck Creek), but returned four years after and made his home in West Whiteland township for the rest of his life.

He appears to have become interested in some degree in the preparations of the country for war with Great Britain, and through it lost his membership in the Society of Friends in 1776.

In 1783, he was married the second time to Sarah Vernon, and as the ceremony was performed by a minister, his wife was disowned.

He died about 1788, leaving two children by his first wife, viz., Susannah and Hannah, the first marrying her step-mother's brother, George Vernon, in 1789, while the younger never married.

Goshen Records :

- (233) 4-7-1769. David Ashbridge receives a certificate to Chester to marry Mary Powell.

David Ashbridge, son of John Ashbridge late of Goshen, and

- (234) Mary Powell, daughter of David Powell late of Marple Twp., Chester
(now) Delaware County Penna.,

were married 4-26-1769, at Springfield Meeting (a branch of Chester Monthly Meeting).

His mother was a witness to the marriage.

He removed to Duck Creek, (now) Delaware State, the same year, but brought a certificate from Friends there to Goshen in 1773, about which time his wife died. He was disowned by Friends in 1776, for joining in warlike matters.

Goshen Records :

- (235) 6-9-1769. He receives a certificate to Duck Creek in order to settle there.
(236) 2-5-1773. David Ashbridge produced a certificate from Duck Creek for self, wife and daughter Susanna. (Women say his wife is lately deceased.)
(237) 11-10-1775. Newtown Meeting complains of David Ashbridge "for Joyning in the millatary association & signing their articles."
(238) 2-9-1776. He declines meeting with those who have taken up arms.
(239) 7-5-1776. He is disowned. (Would not make an acknowledgment for military exercise.)

During the troublous times before and during the Revolution, when the whole country was aroused as never before, the non-resistance principles of the Quakers must have been thoroughly tested. Many of the younger men were unable to resist the call to arms and were accordingly disowned. Of these the greater number joined the Continentals. While the war was in progress both parties in the struggle looked upon them with suspicion and probably also with some contempt, and much hardship fell to their lot.

Goshen Records :

- (240) 3-7-1783. Sarah Ashbridge, late Vernon, was complained of for marriage by a priest (minister) to one not a member, and disowned by Goshen Monthly Meeting.

- (241) David Ashbridge of West Whiteland Township, Chester County died intestate and letters of administration were granted Nov. 24, 1788, to Sarah Ashbridge and George Vernon. Sarah was the widow and George Vernon was her brother. (Cope)
- (242) Susanna Ashbridge and George Vernon, both of West Whiteland were married April 13, 1789, before Thomas Cheyney, Esq. (Cope)
- (243) 7-8-1791. Hannah Ashbridge, dau. of David, received a certificate from Goshen to Concord Mo. Mtg. (Cope)
- (244) Hannah Ashbridge of Chester County died intestate and administration was granted to George Vernon Aug. 17, 1802.

A deed executed 11 Feb. 1794 by George Vernon of West Whiteland saddler & wife Susanna, and Hannah Ashbridge of Goshen, spinster, shows that these were the only children left by David Ashbridge. (Cope)

CHILDREN OF DAVID AND MARY (POWELL) ASHBRIDGE.

Susanna . . . m. 4-13-1789 George Vernon.
 Hannah . . . d. . . 1802

AARON.

Nothing appears to be known of this Aaron, and he possibly died young.

CHAPTER VII.

THIRD GENERATION.

FAMILY OF JONATHAN AND SARAH (JAMES) ASHBRIDGE.

- Elizabeth m. (before 1778) Paul Wilcott.
Hannah m. . . . 1773 William Linton.
John m. 6-20-1809 Sarah Mercer,
b. 1761, d. 10-25-1843. b . . . 1785, d. 2-26-1865.
Joseph
Mary (dec^d)
Mary m. possibly about 1787 . . . McClure.
b. about 1766, living in 1841, m. possibly about 1795. Parker Mills,
b. about 1762, d. Dec. 29, 1837.
Ann
Sarah (dec^d)
Jonathan m. 6-21-1809, Hannah Barton (Bennett),
b. 1772, d. 4-6-1845. b. 4-1785, d. 1-26-1859.
Sarah m. 12-14-1794, Samuel Heron.
d. 2-16-1801.
Samuel

As the knowledge available concerning this family relates very largely to the time of their residence in Canada, the following extracts from the "History of York County," (1885), will not be out of place :

- (245) The history of York township as a distinct territorial division commences in 1791, in which year the work of survey was undertaken. Eleven townships extending along the lake front, from the Humber River to the Bay Quinte and the river Trent, were marked out, York, being at the western end of the line. The name at that time bestowed upon it at that time was Dublin. All that was then done in the way of survey was to run the dividing lines between these townships. Mr. Augustus Jones, who had charge of the work, completed it, as far as "Dublin" was concerned, on September 15th, 1791. The name was shortly after changed to that which it now bears, though it seems to have also borne for a while the designation of "Toronto" In 1798, according to the abstracts of the town clerk's return of inhabitants in the Home District, the town of York, York township, Etobicoke and Scarborough altogether had a total population of

only 749. The returns for 1802 give 659 inhabitants for York town and township and Etobicoke. The abstract of the assessment of the Home District for the year commencing 8th March, 1803, gives the area of cultivated land in the township (York) at 1109 acres. From the same we learn that the live stock of the settlers included 68 oxen, 113 milch cows, 45 young horned cattle and 53 swine. The township at this time also boasted one grist mill, a couple of sawmills and two taverns.

In 1820 York Township had 1672 inhabitants, an increase of 349 over the preceding year. In 1825 the population numbered 2412. In 1830 it was 3127. In 1842 there were 5720 inhabitants, and the rateable property in the township was assessed at £82,682. . . . The population of York Township according to the census of 1881 was 13,748.

Scarborough Township.

. . . . In 1842 Scarborough contained 2,750 inhabitants,
in 1850 3821. . . . in 1881, 4208.

ELIZABETH.

Born probably about 1758, Elizabeth married Paul Wilcot, about the year 1777, probably in Northumberland County, Penna., as there were several Wilcots settled there at that time.

One, Paul Wilcot, took active part in the War of Independence, fighting for the Americans.

Emigrating to Canada in 1793, Paul Wilcott received a Patent for 200 acres (as in records, page 91), which property was sold by him to John Small in 1801, Elizabeth releasing her dower the following year. The front of this property is now used as a race course by the Ontario Jockey Club.

Tax lists of Bald Eagle Township, Northumberland County shew names of both Paul and Silas Wilcot.

Northumberland County tax lists for 1786 contain the names of Paul and Silas Wilcot in same township as "Heirs of Jonathan Ashbridge" (Bald Eagle Township). Both Wilcot names frequently occur among lists of enlisted continental soldiers between 1777 and 1782. Silas Wilcot resided in Bradford County, Pa., in 1822.

(246) 11-6-1778. Elizabeth Willcot, formerly Ashbridge, "appeared so ignorant of Friends rules that friends tho' fit to appoint Jane Hibberd & Lydia Williams to visit her again."

(247) 2-5-1779. Elizabeth Wilcot disowned.

TOWNSHIP OF YORK

TOWNSHIP OF SCARBORO

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ASHBRIDGE LAND PATENTS

YORK COUNTY, ONT.

SCALE OF FEET

○ — show sites of first buildings

W. G. ... 1871

TORONTO BAY

ASHBRIDGES' BAY

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SCARBORO BLUFFS

SCARBORO JUNCTION



Inst. 175—Toronto Registry—is “Memorial of a Deed Poll bearing date 18th July, 1801, made between Paul Willcutt and Elizabeth his wife and John Small.”

200 acres—which said indenture is witnessed by Samuel Heron and Jonathan Ashbridge.

This deed was for the land patented by Paul Wilcot, and has since passed from the Small family, the front being occupied by the Toronto Jockey Club as a race track, and the greater part of the rest has been sold for residential lots—a considerable part of it having until recently been in the possession of the Toronto Golf Club.*

Below is given a few names from what J. Ross Robertson says “is, we believe, the first (Return) ever made to the authorities of what was then a little hamlet of five hundred people.”

From Robertson’s Landmarks, Vol. I., p. 312.

(248) A Return of the Inhabitants of the Township of York taken in March, 1805.

| Heads of Families. | No. of Men. | No. of Women. | Male Ch'd'n. | | F'm'le Ch'd'n. | | Servants. | Total. |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| | | | Over 16. | Under 16. | Over 16. | Under 16. | | |
| | | | John Ashbridge..... | 1 | 1 | .. | | |
| Jonathan Ashbridge. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| Samuel Heron..... | 1 | 1 | 3 | .. | .. | 2 | 3 | 10 |
| Parker Mills..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 6 | .. | 9 |
| Paul Wilcott..... | 1 | 1 | 3 | .. | 1 | 3 | .. | 9 |
| Jonathan Wilcott.... | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 2 |

The “Return” totals up 119 families and 474 total population in the Town of York, and 111 families and 494 total population in the Township of York, and 22 families in Scarboro’ Township with total population of 102.

The Jonathan Wilcott mentioned in this return, was probably a married son of Paul and Elizabeth. His wife’s name was Rebecca. . . . and she was granted a Patent to 200 acres in Scott Township

* Elizabeth Wilcott’s release of dower in this land was registered 10th Aug., 1802.

Curiously enough, Mrs. Wilcote is referred to in an entry in an old account book of 1795 as a purchaser of . . . "50 lbs. of cornmeal" from Abner Miles' store in York. (Robertson's Landmarks.)

Wilcote Creek mentioned in "Scarboro' 1796 to 1806" (David Boyle).

HANNAH.

Of Hannah, there remains little trace other than the record of her marriage to William Linton in 1773.

The name of Linton was not uncommon in different parts of Pennsylvania, and there were some in Northumberland County.

A record 2-7-1792, of a marriage between one Hannah Linton and Robert Grove Jordan,* may indicate William's death and Hannah's second marriage, but there is no supporting proof.

Goshen Records :

- (249) 1-8-1779. Hannah Ashbridge now Linton, married out a considerable time ago but not dealt with on account of the distance. Friends "now has heard where she lives," to be visited by Lydia Williams and Hannah Garratt. Thomas Hoopes, Jr., James Gibbons and William Hoopes appointed by men.
- (250) 3-5-1779. Hannah Linton's residence unknown.

JOHN

Reasoning from the order of the names of the children in the "Joseph James" Bible, John was the eldest son. The record in the churchyard in which he was buried (St. John's Anglican, Toronto) places the date at 1761. His father at this time was living on the old Goshen farm, and his recollections of those early associations, would be most valuable if they had been preserved in tangible form. Near this farm was an Indian reserve where no doubt many happy days were spent, and it is said that John became a favorite with some of these and that he had the promise of a farm there if he would make it his home.

However this may be, at the age of 16, he accompanied his father to Pine Creek, and his name appears later in the tax lists there.

He was 32 years old when the family emigrated to Canada, and as has been before noted he made his home in the Township of York, some three miles east of the centre of what is now the City of Toronto.

* In Sweede's Church, Philadelphia

He was married in 1809 to Sarah a daughter of Thomas Mercer of Yonge St., and resided on his Kingston Road farm until his death in 1843.

In the early days of York, he frequently served as a public official in several capacities, such offices in those days being largely non-remunerative.

During his 50 years residence in Canada, he acquired considerable property most of which was willed to his family, some being sold from time to time during his lifetime.

By the provisions of his grandfather's will (Joseph James, which see Note 323), John was to receive the sum of £10 when 21.

Ashbridge Land Grants in Ontario.

In Town of York.

South side King St. (formerly Duke St., old town).

Lot 8, John Ashbridge, all $\frac{1}{2}$ acre, patented, May 17, 1802.

In Township of York (now all in City of Toronto).

Lot 8, Broken Front 38 acres, John Ashbridge. Patent, Aug. 24-1796.

“ Con. 1 200 “ “ “ “ “ “

E. $\frac{1}{2}$ “ 9, Broken Front 17 “ Jonathan Ashbridge “ “ “

“ “ Con. 1 100 “ “ “ “ “ “

Township of Scarboro'.

Lot 27, Con. A, } 200 acres, Sarah Ashbridge. Patent, May 16, 1799.
 “ “ “ B, }

(Front) “ 26 Con. B, 100 acres, Jonathan Ashbridge. “ Aug. 8, 1799.

Some Grants to Ashbridge connections in Ontario.

In Town of York.

King St. (formerly Duke St., old town), north side.

Block 2, Lot 8, all 1 acre, Samuel Heron . . . Patent, Dec. 31, 1798.

King St. (formerly Duke St., old town), south side.

Lot 7, all $\frac{1}{2}$ acre, Parker Mills Patent, May 19, 1798.

In Township of York.

Lot 7, Broken Front, 38 acres, Paul Wilcott. Patent, Aug. 24, 1796.

W. $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 9, Con. 1, 100 “ Parker Mills. “ “ “

In Scarboro' Township.

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| Lot 24, Con. B, all 132 acres, Parker Mills . . . | Patent, May 17, 1802. |
| “ 24, “ D, all 200 “ Samuel Heron . . . | “ July 8, 1799. |
| “ 10, “ D, all 200 “ “ “ . . . | “ May 20, 1801. |

Referring to the granting of lands to settlers, the Executive Council, in session Nov. 6, 1794, resolved . . . “That all persons professing the Christian Religion, and being capable of manual labor, who can adduce satisfactory vouchers of their having paid obedience to the laws, and led a life of inoffensive manners in the country where they last resided, shall in future be considered, as qualified to be admitted to the possession of lands within this Province, after having taken and subscribed the oaths of allegiance and settlement prescribed by act of Parliament.” . . .

An authorization was issued the same day to any magistrate in the county where prospective settlers wished to locate, to issue recommendations to the deputy county surveyor who was then to proceed in the usual manner.

The fees fixed amounted to £4. 9. 6. Halifax Currency.

It is worth notice that the York Patents of the Ashbridge family were among the first to be issued in the district.

Those earlier (quoting from Robertson) being

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| (251) F. G. Simcoe, Park Lot 1, Aug. 8, 1795 |
| John Scadding, Lot 15, May 6, 1796 |
| John Cox, Lot 14, June 22, 1796 |

while those receiving Patents the same day (Aug. 24, 1796) were, besides those mentioned,

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|---|
| (252) Patrick Barn, Samuel Cozens, Benjamin Mosely, George Playter, and William Demont. |
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Lands obtained at that early date were not looked upon as being a very valuable acquisition, and for many years could not be sold in most cases for more than a dollar an acre. Neither was there the rapid increase there often is in new land to-day.

Mr. John Heron once told me that after the War of 1812, he refused upon one occasion to purchase a hundred acres of land, the same to be paid for by one pair of long boots. Both Mr. Heron and the would be seller preferred the boots.



PLATE A. THE "DUTCH CHURCHES" (SCARBORO.)

. . . The property (Lot 8, York) . . . 238 acres, is now all in the City of Toronto. It extended from the Bay to the Danforth Road, and is now intersected by Coxwell, Rhodes and Ashdale Avenues and closely built upon by a multitude of owners.

The Scarboro' property, patented by his mother (who left no will), descended to John, and of this, the southerly 100 acres (fronting the lake) were sold Mar. 13, 1834, to James McClure for £100, and the northerly half* (100 acres) was disposed of shortly after his death (under an agreement made while he was living) to Andrew Heron for £200. Both purchasers were nephews of John Ashbridge.

Illustrating the increase in land values about this time, it may be said that Andrew Heron, in 1857, or about the time of the entrance of the Grand Trunk Railway, sold the same land to Wm. Heal for £2,500.

The lot in the Town of York mentioned before, was sold in 1823 to John Heron for \$1,000.

Besides the properties obtained as grants, there were some purchases made in common by the two brothers, and these were made the subject of an agreement of division in 1813. They include—

Lot 22, Con. 3, Pickering, 200 acres, bought June 14, 1806, from Peter Robinson.

Lot 21, Con. 2, Scott, 200 acres, bought Mar. 14, 1809, from Rebecca and Jonathan Willcutt.

£25 was paid for the latter property, and John became the owner of the south half of it.

The following items from "Toronto of Old" and Landmarks of Toronto, explain themselves.

Some extracts from Robertson's Landmarks (Vol. 2, p. 990):

(253) The first assessment roll where the town of York is referred to is dated Feb. 1798, and comprises not only the town but also the townships of York, Vaughan and Markham . . .

. . . The Collector appears to have been Samuel Heron . . .

. . . In 1800 taxpayers had increased to 254, the rate producing 81-5-6 (\$325.10). John Ashbridge and Elisha Beman were the assessors.

*The hotel called the "Halfway House" is built upon this property. W. T. A.

In "Toronto of Old," page 221, the following similar records are noted by Dr. Scadding :

- (254) In the Upper Canada Gazette for March 9th 1799 we read that at a Town Meeting Benjamin Mosely was appointed overseer of highways and fence viewer for the section of road "from Scadding's Bridge to Scarborough."

In 1800 Mr. Ashbridge is appointed to the same office and the section of highway placed under his charge is on this occasion named "the Bay Road from Scadding's Bridge to Scarborough."

This Mr. Ashbridge is the early settler from whom Ashbridge's Bay was so called. His farm lay along the lower portion of that sheet of water . . .

Robertson's Landmarks, Vol. 2, p. 990, continues :

- (255) . . . In 1801, overseers of the highways were Elisha Bemens, Robert Lang, J. Ashbridge, John Playter (and five others named).

1802—Duncan Cameron and Samuel Heron were Assessors. . . .

There were no less than eight pathmasters, John Ashbridge, John Playter . . .

From Dr. Camiffis' sketches in Miles' Hist. Atlas of York (1878) :

- (256) The first settlers in York in 1793 found an Indian trail along the front from the mouth of the Humber to the mouth of the Don . . .

- (257) On the east of the Don a short distance from the lower bridge there was a road opened before 1799 northward to the mills of Parshall Terry called the Mill Road . . . (later known as the Don Mills).

. . . Governor Simcoe conceived the idea of making for Upper Canada two great roads (one north and south and one east and west) . . . the road eastward towards Kingston, was to be constructed in time by the settlers, meanwhile the communication with Montreal was to be by water. The old maps show the line of this intended road, some parts of which are placed further north than the present Kingston Road. The road was called by Simcoe Dundas St. after Right Hon. Henry Dundas Viscount Melville who was Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dundas Street was slowly constructed eastward. In 1799 it is recorded that the road from York to the Bay of Quinte was "contracted out by the Government to Mr. Danforth to be cut and completed by the first of July next." Mr. Danforth had already made forty miles of excellent road.

The Gazette of Dec. 14th 1799 says—the road from York to the Midland District is completed as far as the Township of Hope about sixty miles, so that sleighs, waggons etc, may travel it with safety.

Marriages in 1809.

147 On Tuesday the twentieth day of
June in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and nine were married by License
John Ashbridge and Sarah Mercey

By the George Phill Shuart

Item from "The Oracle" :

(258) Found on Sunday last the 12th instant, on the beach opposite Messrs. Ashbridge's an Iron Pot capable of containing about two pails full. Whoever may own the above-mentioned Pot may have it again by proving property, and paying charges, on application to Samuel Lewis or to the Printer hereof, York, Oct. 16th, 1806.

(259) 1807. John Ashbridge was Collector. (Landmarks of Toronto, p. 991.)

Among Marriage Licenses (by Mr. Stanton), are :

(260) John Ashbridge to Sarah Mercer June 19-1809

Jonathan Ashbridge to Hannah Barton June 21-1809.

Landmarks of Toronto, page 256, Vol. 1, also Toronto of Old, page 334.

Marriage entries, St. James (Anglican) Church, Toronto :

(261) (147) On Tuesday the 20th day of June, in the year of our Lord 1809, were married by license John Ashbridge and Sarah Mercer by me, George O'Kill Stuart.

From will of John Ashbridge, 27th April, 1842 :

(262) that burial ground on said lot should commence at grave of widow McPherson as the south boundary thence running 2 chains to north thence one chain to west then 2 chains to south to complete the then place of interment.

This plot had been probably used by the family since the first deaths in Canada, and many others (possibly hundreds) found a last resting place there, and this accounts no doubt for the mention in the will.

The property was sold in lots about ten years ago by the then owner, William Hill, whose mother was a ^{daughter} ~~wife~~ of John Ashbridge. There is very little record left of those who were buried there. Some were removed to St. John's Anglican Cemetery, Norway.

From Articles of Division of certain lands and properties entered into by John and Jonathan Ashbridge :

(263) . . . and the above parties do further agree that Jonathan Ashbridge shall have the use of the barn as heretofore for the term of four years from the date of these presents and Jonathan Ashbridge to have half the hay on Lot No. 8 and No. 9 and Each to be at Equal Expence in making the Hay.

We do hereby Bind ourselves our heirs Executors and assigns to stand by the above Agreement as mentioned within this indenture witness our hands this fourteenth January 1813

Witness (Benj^a Mosley
Pa t (Paul Willcutt

John Ashbridge
Jonathan Ashbridge

JOSEPH.

A surmise as to the date of Joseph's birth would place it at somewhere between 1762 and 1765.

He appears to have been a witness in 1782 to the administration bond in the matter of his father's estate.

There is a record below of a land transaction in Frankstown Township, Huntingdon County, Pa., where one Joseph Ashbridge sold a pre-emption right to a homestead later known by the curious name of "Drinker's Delight."

This particular property is situated comparatively near the Susquehanna home of Joseph's father, and it seems probable that this reference is to him.

Enquiry at the county seat brought information suggesting that the deed spoken of by Ashbridge to Drinker had never been recorded, consequently this means of tracing the matter appears useless.

A certified copy of the return of the survey made of land located by Joseph Ashbridge in Huntingdon (return dated Jan'y. 7th, 1794), shews a tract of land 325 perches long by 228 perches wide, bounded by Pigot Shaw on one side, Capt. John Louden & Co. on the other; on the ends by Thos. Edmondson and Timothy Paxson.

The description stating :

- (264) Situate on some of the head branches of Mushannon Creek three or four miles south westerly from the upper Beaver Dams on said creek in Frankstown Township Huntingdon County Containing abt 436 acres 145 perches & the usual allowance for Roads surveyed the 1st day of June, 1793 in pursuance of a warrant dated the 21st day of December, 1792.

Daniel Brodhead, Esq^r, S.G. John Canan, D.S.

The Warrant, dated 21st December, 1792, calls for survey of :

- (265) "four hundred acres of land adjoining land this day granted to GEORGE BAKER in Frankstown Township, to be paid for at the rate of " fifty shillings per hundred acres "

Patent to Ketland, Jan. 22, 1794 :

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

- (266) To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting: know ye, That in consideration of the monies paid by Joseph Ashbridge into the Rec^r's Gen^l's Office of this Commonwealth, at the granting of the warrant hereinafter mentioned, and of the sum of Nineteen shillings & seven pence lawful money now paid by Thomas Ketland Jun^r, into said Office, there is granted

by the said Commonwealth, unto the said Thomas Ketland, Jun'r a certain tract of land, called "Drinkers Delight" situate on some of the Head Branches of the Moshannon Creek three or four miles south westerly from the Upper Beaver Dams on said Creek in Frankstown Township, Huntingdon County, Beginning at a white pine Containing Four hundred & thirty six acres one hundred and forty five perches and allowance of six per cent for roads, &c (which said tract was surveyed in pursuance of a warrant dated 21 December, 1792, granted to the said JOSEPH ASHBRIDGE who by deed dated 5 January, 1793, conveyed the same to Henry Drinker* who by deed dated 10 January, 1793, conveyed the same (int al) to the said Thomas Ketland, Jun'r)

The warrant instructs Daniel Brodhead, Surveyor General, to survey "four hundred acres of land adjoining land this day granted to George Baker in Frankstown Township, in the County of Huntingdon.

The beaver dams on Moshannon Creek said to be in Center County.

MARY.

Jonathan Ashbridge had apparently two children called Mary, the first dying probably in infancy. As to the birth date of the second available evidence is conflicting, being that of witnesses at a law-suit in 1840. She would appear to have been born about 1766, and to have married McClure about 1786, by whom she had one son James, who later married Delila Barton (see Appendix).

After McClure's death, Mary married Parker Mills (possibly about 1795, or after coming to Canada).

As noted elsewhere Parker Mills patented the west half of Lot 9 in York Tp. where he resided until a short time before his death. The relations between the husband and wife were latterly far from harmonious, and culminated in a bitter suit between Mary and some of her children, after the husband's decease, in 1837.

THE CHILDREN OF PARKER AND MARY MILLS WERE:

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Hannah | |
| Ann | m. George Wright. |
| Elizabeth (Catherine) | m. — McMullen. |
| Maria | m. Levi Parsons. |
| Susannah | m. Nehemiah Stevens. |
| Jane | m. Sterling Pangman. |
| Samuel | |

*Henry Drinker was a well known quaker of the time, and a large land owner.

McGinnis (a Lycoming County, Pa., writer), says :

- (267) As early as 1772 William McClure made improvements on the river about 1 1/2 miles from Jersey Shore. He left in 1778 at the time of the "Big Runaway" but returned in 1784. He found a squatter on his claim, but after a contest succeeded in establishing his claim. The following year he sold out to his brother James and left the country. May 3, 1785, James McClure took out a pre-emption warrant for the land, a survey was made July 10, 1786, and on the 10th of April 1787, he received a patent.

This James McClure died in 1825 in Penna. William McClure may have married Mary Ashbridge, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah.

From sworn statements made in 1842, by Mary's son, James McClure, it would seem that he was born about 1788, and that he was the only child of his father. He lived with Parker Mills from the age of seven years until thirty. Mills appears to have been born somewhere about 1762.



PLATE XIX.

JONATHAN ASHBRIDGE HOMESTEAD.
(QUEEN ST. EAST, TORONTO, ONT.)

JONATHAN.

Jonathan was born in 1773, in Chester County, Pa. His early years were spent on the Susquehanna River, and his father dying when he was about the age of ten years, he was, together with his sister Sarah put under the guardianship of his elder brother John.

Coming to Canada from Pennsylvania in 1793, which fact is specifically stated upon his gravestone in the Necropolis, he made entry for the east half of Lot 9 in York Township, and received a Patent for same, the terms of which are given below as an example.

Here he made his home for 52 years, living with his mother until 1801, and married in 1809 to Hannah (Bennett) Barton, a widow with three children by her first husband, about which time probably he built the large frame house upon the east side of the ravine which was his home during the remaining 36 years of his life. This house is still standing, and in the family possession, and is shewn on Plate XIX.

Similarly to his brother John, he obtained considerable property in York and Ontario counties, by free grant and purchase, and seems to have retained it all, deeding it by will to his children.

His death occurred April 6th 1845, at his home on the Kingston Road.

There are still some living who have recollections of my grandfather. Jonathan Ashbridge, of Scarboro', is said to resemble him in appearance. (See also Appendix on "Bennett.")

Patent to Jonathan Ashbridge (Warrant No. 1263).

(268) GEORGE THE THIRD, by the GRACE OF GOD of GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE and IRELAND KING. Defender of the Faith and so forth

To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting

Know ye, that we of our Special grace certain knowledge and mere motion have given and granted and by these presents do give and grant unto Jonathan Ashbridge and his heirs and assigns forever a certain parcel or tract of land situate in the Township of York Containing by admeasurement 117 acres with an allowance for roads being composed of the east half of number nine with the broken front thereof in the first concession and situate lying and being in the Township of York aforesaid in the County of York and Home District, of our Province aforesaid together with all the woods and waters thereon lying and being under the reservations

limitations and conditions hereinafter expressed: which said one hundred and seventeen acres of Land are butted and bounded or may be otherwise known as follows (that is to say) beginning etc., etc., to the place of beginning and whereas by an Act of the Parliament of Great Britain passed in the thirty first year of his Majesty's reign entitled an Act it is declared that no grant of land hereafter made shall be valid or effectual unless the same shall contain a specification of the Lands to be allotted and appropriated solely to the maintenance of a Protestant clergy within the said Province, in respect of the Lands to be thereby granted. Now know Ye that we have caused an allotment or appropriation of lands being sixteen acres and five sevenths to be made in the Lot number fourteen in the fourth concession west of Yonge Street, being in the proportion of one to seven of the lands hereby granted as and for a reserve and for the sole use of benefit and support of a Protestant Clergy

To have and to hold the said parcel or tract of land to him the said Jonathan Ashbridge Saving nevertheless to Us our heirs and successors all mines of gold silver copper tin lead iron and coal and all white pine trees if any such shall or may now or hereafter grow or be growing in and upon any part of the said parcel or tract of land hereby given and granted shall and do within 3 years erect a dwelling and cause same to be resided in during one year hence next ensuing

Honorable Peter Russell

Administrator of the Government

24th day of August 1796

and 36th of our Reign

P.R.

Entered in the Auditor's Office

8 September 1796

Peter Russell Auditor General

W^m Birdseye Peters

Asst Secy

Registered 3rd Novr

1796.

The East half of Lot 9 referred to above, in York, remains partly in the family to-day, although no longer used for farm purposes.

The Scarborough Patent (100 acres), fronted on the lake running north to the Kingston Road, and situated just east of the Halfway House. The clay cliffs on the lake shore fronting the property are very steep and picturesque and are known as the "Dutch Churches" (See Illustration, Plate A.)

Marriages in 1809.

148. On Wednesday the twenty first
day of June in the Year of our Lord, one
thousand eight hundred and nine was
married by licence Jonathan Ashbridge
and Hannah Barton of the Township
of York

by me

George Oble Smith,

This marriage was solemnized
between us Jonathan Ashbridge and Hannah
Barton in presence of ^{us} ^{mark}
Moses Adams
James McAlune

Besides the 200 acres free grant land, Jonathan acquired title to 100 acres in Scott Tp., Ontario Co., and 100 acres in Pickering.

He also bought from his brother John, in Nov. 18, 1822, 44 acres in Lot 8, Con. 1 and 8 acres in the broken front of the same lot (York Tp.). The consideration mentioned being £50, would appear to be the carrying out of the intent of the 1813 agreement made between the brothers (mentioned before).

Names of jury summoned Feb. 26th, 1798, at York. (Robertson's Landmarks of Toronto.)

- (269) Samuel Heron, James Ruggles, Samuel Cozens, Abner Mills, Parker Mills, John Coon, Edward Haywood, Benjamin Moseley, John Ashbridge, Jonathan Ashbridge, Paul Wilmot.*

St. James' Church Records. (Robertson's Landmarks.)

- (270) Vol. 3. p. 402. Names of Jonathan Ashbridge and James McClure are mentioned as witnesses to the marriage of Thomas Adams and Sarah Miles, 4th May 1809.
- (271) (148) On Wednesday the 21st day of June, in the year of our Lord 1909, were married by License, Jonathan Ashbridge and Hannah Barton of the Township of York, by me, George O'Kill Stuart. This marriage was solemnized between us Jonathan Ashbridge and Hannah Barton in the presence of Thomas Adams and James McClure.

From Toronto Assessment Rolls for 1834 (Robertson's Landmarks, pages 408 and 409).

| (272) | King St. in the Liberty | Assmt. |
|-------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| | Jonathan Ashbridge | 1 3 acre £1 |
| | Jonathan Ashbridge & John Ashbridge | 40 " Lot No 8 £40 |
| | Parker Mills | 10 " " 9 14 |

Ontario Bureau of Archives Report, 1905, p. xxv, notes a letter (dated 1810), of W. Chewett to S. S. Wilmott, stating that "the road to Ashbridges must first be carried into execution."

Also 1810, survey of a road from the town of York to Mr. Ashbridge's, Samuel S. Wilmott.

The "History of York Co.," Vol. 1, p. 82, notes: "The first Municipal Township Record—a meeting, Jan. 4, 1836," and the name of Jonathan Ashbridge was among the pathmasters elected.

*This may have been meant for Paul Wilcot.

Hannah, wife of Jonathan, was born in Pennsylvania in 1785, and married first . . . Barton, by whom she had three children, namely ;
 Julia Elma . . . married John Heron.
 Delila . . . married James McClure, Sept. 24, 1818.
 Phebe . . . married — Wharfe.

All of these settled in Scarborough Township.

See note in Appendix on Bennett family.

From the will of her husband, dated 1845, the following is taken :

(273) . . . Also to my beloved wife Hannah Ashbridge 50 pounds a year to be paid quarterly in advance in equal shares by my three sons Isaac Jonathan and Jesse. Also the use of my light waggon and horse at any time she may require same with the west half of my dwelling house with the whole of the garden in front and rear and two cows for her own use. And it is my wish that my daughters Rebecca and Amy shall remain in my dwelling house and have their support the same as they had in my lifetime as long as they remain single and my horses cattle and sheep to remain during the lifetime of my wife for the benefit of the farm and family.

And the fruit in the orchard to be divided among my children of my farm . . .

Of this will, proved Oct. 4, 1845, Hannah and her son Isaac were executors.

My grandmother survived my grandfather some fourteen years. She was buried in St. James' (Anglican) Cemetery, on Parliament Street, where the record entry reads: "Hannah Ashbridge 74 years old born in Pennsylvania died 26 Jan 1859." Her body was removed to the Necropolis March 21st the same year.

SARAH.

Sarah, the second child of the name in the family, born probably about 1775, was untroubled by the stormy events taking place around her. Spending her childhood in Northumberland County, it is not difficult to picture her paddling in the Susquehanna River with her brother Jonathan, but little her senior.

In 1794 (Dec. 14) she married Samuel Heron, an early settler in York, and bore him three sons, mentioned further on. Her death occurred in 1801, shortly following that of her mother.



Jonathan Ashbridge



Ann Talton.



Isaac Ashbridge



Hannah McCowan



GEORGINA McCOWAN.
FIFTH GENERATION.

THE CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND SARAH HERON.

- Samuel
 John m. Julia Elma Barton.
 b. about 1798.
 Andrew b. . . . 1800. m. Cynthia Beaugardis 1829.
 (For sketch of Heron family see Appendix.)

SAMUEL.

Samuel, the youngest son of Jonathan and Sarah, died about the commencement of 1784, in Pennsylvania. The date of his birth is not available.

CHAPTER VIII.

FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH GENERATIONS.

FAMILIES (CANADIAN), IN DESCENT FROM JOHN AND HANNAH (DAVIES) ASHBRIDGE.

THE CHILDREN OF JOHN AND SARAH (MERCER) ASHBRIDGE.

Ann Mercer m. 6-24-1846, Samuel Hill.
(b. 5-31-1810), (d. 2-27-1884).

George
(b. . . . 1813), (d. 12-31-1879), unmarried.

John
(baptized 6-4-1815), d. (after 1880), unmarried.

Susannah m. . . . Columbus.
b. . . . 1816, d. 4-25-1841.

Levi Heath m. 10-2-1851, Mary Mitchell.
(b. 3-25-1820), (d. 3-25-1895).

Samuel
b. 10-16-1821, d. 2-6-1886, unmarried.

ANN MERCER.

Ann Mercer, married Samuel Hill in 1846, the ceremony being recorded in the records of the St. James' Anglican church (Toronto). (See entry below.)

Mr. Hill was born in 1815. He was a farmer by occupation, and lived until some time after the death of his wife upon the east part of Lot 8 (York Tp.) on the south side of the Kingston Road. He also conducted an ice business at one time. Mr. Hill lived retired in Western Ontario for some years before his death.

Vol. 3, p. 500, Robertson's Landmarks, notes. "Marriage of Samuel Hill and Anne Mercer Ashbridge, by License, 24 June, 1846," by H. J. Grassett, Asst. Minister.

THE CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND ANN M. HILL.

John (died unmarried).

Deborah Ann Ashbridge (died unmarried).

William.

William is living unmarried in Toronto, upon land formerly his mother's.

Mr. Hill was a Methodist, the rest of the family being Anglicans.

GEORGE, JOHN AND SAMUEL.

These three brothers remained unmarried. Each received under the provisions of their father's will an equal portion of the York farm on the Kingston Road.

John and Samuel were given equal shares also in 100 acres in Pickering.

LEVI HEATH.

Levi, the youngest son of John and Sarah, was evidently named after a maternal uncle. Curiously enough, there was an Episcopal Clergyman in Pennsylvania in the 18th century who bore the same name, and the coincidence suggests some old relationship between Mercer and Heath families. (Mercer family also came from Pennsylvania.)

Receiving a similar share in the Kingston Road farm to that of his brothers, he spent his life upon it. In addition to this property, he was given 100 acres in Scott Tp., county of Ontario.³

Some of my own earliest recollections are of the old house and of the family above mentioned. Many changes have taken place there, following the growth of the city. The trial and show grounds of the Steele Briggs Seed Co. now occupy the Queen St. front, the gardener's house standing where the old house was.

THE CHILDREN OF JONATHAN AND HANNAH (BARTON) ASHBRIDGE.

Isaac . . . m. . . . 1850. Ruth Auburn.

b. 2-11-1811. d. 10-27-1893. b. 7-27-1822. d. 2-21-1890.

Sarah (died before 1845). m. . . . Thompson.

Rebecca.

b. . . . 1816. d. 5-11-1860 (unmarried).

Jonathan.

b. . . . 1819. d. 11-8-1890 (unmarried).

Amy.

b. 11-23-1823. d. 3-4-1892. m. 10-10-1854. William Lambert.

Jesse . . . m. 12-24-1860. Harriet A. Trainor. b. 1841. d. . . . 1863.

b. . . . 1825. d. 7-12-1874. m. 1864. Elizabeth Rooney. b. . . . 1843.

Joseph died young (before 1845).

ISAAC.

Isaac was born in York Twp., in 1811, went to school in the old Simcoe house east of the Don, kept by Mr. Stark, and remained at home until 1843, at which time he is said to have settled in Scarboro' upon the south part of Lot 27, Con. B, which property (100 acres) was willed to him two years later by his father.

Here he made his permanent home, and few more beautiful sites are to be found upon the shores of the lake near Toronto. He married Ruth Auburn in 1850, a native of Northumberland, England.

Besides the Scarboro' farm, he became the owner of the 200 acre lot in Scott Twp., patented in 1808 to Rebecca Wilcot (whose husband was probably Isaac's first cousin), of which the north half was given to him by his father, and the south half was purchased by himself from Levi Ashbridge in 1865. This Scott property all passed from the family possession in 1901.

In 1853 and 1859 Isaac Ashbridge was a member of the Township Council. He was a member of the Methodist denomination, and a Liberal in politics.

During his lifetime, he made at least two journeys back to Pennsylvania, one with his mother, when a young man, and again in 1876 to the Centennial celebration in Philadelphia.

SARAH.

Of *Sarah*, I have little to record. No doubt some who will read these sketches would be able to write many of them much better and with more detail, but the difficulty is to get this done.



MES. AMY (ASHBRIDGE) LAMBERT.

FOURTH GENERATION
LINE OF JOHN.

JONATHAN ASHBRIDGE.

REBECCA.

Rebecca, born in 1816, is mentioned in her father's will and provision made for her maintenance. She never married, and survived her mother less than two years.

AMY.

This aunt of mine, since my first recollection of her, lived in the City of Toronto, on Sumach St., upon property formerly her father's.

She married William Lambert and had several children, two now living, namely Hannah, and Amy Wilhelmina Rebecca Harriet, married to . . . Fitzgerald, and both residing in Toronto.

JONATHAN.

Jonathan, named for his father, and born in 1819, was when very small, left after an illness, deaf and dumb.

He made his home entirely on the old home farm and never married.

He enjoyed during his lifetime excellent health and strength, and had no difficulty in making himself understood by those of us with whom he lived, by means of signs and finger language.

To me, he was the best known of his generation, and I look back to many happy hours spent with him, but it is no part of my plan to crowd these sketches with personal recollections and I will, therefore, pass on.

JESSE.

Jesse (my father) was born and spent his life upon the old Kingston Road farm, and added to it by purchase 56 acres adjoining it to the west, lying along Greenwood's Lane, between the Kingston Road and the Grand Trunk Railway, and which originally formed part of the homestead of his uncle by marriage (Parker Mills).

In 1854, he built the brick house, illustrated on Plate xxv, in which he died twenty years later, and which is still the home of my mother, although many changes have taken place in it as well as in the neighborhood.

My father was a Methodist, and took an active interest in the building up of the Leslieville Methodist Church, the first of that denomination to be built east of the Don River, and which, by the way,

soon after celebrating, in 1909, its fiftieth year of usefulness, was sold to provide a building fund for a new congregation further north. His portrait is shewn on Plate XXIII.

JOSEPH.

Little is remembered now of Joseph, further than that he died from the effects of exposure through falling into the Bay, while in his teens.

All the Canadian members so far considered were farmers, although some may have followed other occupations at times.

THE SIXTH GENERATION.

Of those of my own generation, I shall try and be most brief for obvious reasons.

THE CHILDREN OF LEVI HEATH AND MARY (MITCHELL) ASHBRIDGE.

John

b. . . . 1854, d. 7-19-1878, unmarried.

Thomas George, unmarried.

b. . . . 1855, d. 10-3-1881.

Susan m. Christopher Bright.

Sarah m. Alsey Thos. Fox.

b. . . . 1858, d. 2-25-1888.

Elizabeth

buried 2-18-1861.

Levi

b. 7 . . 1864, buried 8-9-1864.

Mary Jane m. 11-28-1889, Nathan O Hagerman.

b. 8-25-1860.

Albert James m.

(b. . . 1865).

Lily m. (10 . . . 1888), Richard Short.

b. 11-2-1870.

John, the eldest, was killed by a train.

Thomas George, fond of shooting, was upset from his punt on a cold November day, in Ashbridges' Bay, and although a good swimmer, was weighted down by his heavy long rubber waders and drowned.



|| Jese Ashbridge || Elizabeth Ashbridge ||



Jesse Ashbridge

Susan married Christopher Bright, a son of James Bright (both blacksmiths), and lived on Queen Street, a little west of Broadview Ave. She left two children, both now married and living in Toronto.

Sarah married Alsey T. Fox, a brickmaker, my mother's half-brother, and lived on Curzon St. Before her marriage she made her home with my mother.

Surviving her is Gertrude Elizabeth, wife of David Brubacher, who has one child, Helen. Her home is in Riverdale, Toronto.



PLATE XXIV. MRS. N. O. HAGERMAN.
FIFTH GENERATION—LINE OF JOHN.

Mary Jane married Nathan O. Hagerman, formerly resident in Toronto, now living on Yonge St., near Richmond Hill.

Albert James married and resides on Queen St. East, near Vancouver Ave. His mother living opposite.

Lily married Richard Short, a grocer, living on Queen St. at corner of Leslie St.

CHILDREN OF ISAAC AND RUTH (AUBURN) ASHBRIDGE.

Jonathan m. 6-15-1887 Hannah Heal.
(b. 12-10-1850).

Ann m. John Walton.

Hannah m. Robert McCowan.
b. 4-6-1854.

Georgina m. 2-26-1889 Alexr. McCowan.
(b. 1856) (d. 12-4-1891).

Ann married John Walton, a farmer, residing now in Mt. Albert, Ont.

Jonathan, the only son, married Hannah Heal, and carried on farming operations on the old Scarboro' homestead of his father, until early last year, when he sold it to parties for subdividing into building lots, the extensive growth of the city and the nature of the property making this advisable. He retained the house and garden and still resides there.

Hannah married Robert McCowan, a farmer on the Kingston Road some distance east of the Halfway House, in Scarboro' Twp.

Georgina, the youngest, married Alex. McCowan, cousin of Robert, and a farmer of the same township. One daughter survives.

Mr. McCowan now resides in East Toronto, and for several years has represented East York in the Ontario Legislature.

THE CHILDREN OF JESSE AND ELIZABETH (ROONEY) ASHBRIDGE.

Jesse,

b. 10-7-1865

Alfred William,

b. 2-21-1867. d. 8-17-1885.

Wellington Thomas. m. 2-3-1904, Mabel F. Davis.

b. 6-3-1869.

Jesse, the eldest, is living in the old home, 1444 Queen St. East, Toronto, and is a brick manufacturer.

Wellington T., the writer of these sketches, is a civil engineer, now living in Kelowna, British Columbia.

In 1904, he married Mabel Florence, daughter of Thomas W. and Anne (Shaver) Davis, of Toronto.

The old farm, patented to my grandfather in 1796, remained entire for almost a hundred years, and indeed no very considerable part of it passed from the family until about five years ago.

Since then, however, it has been divided into small lots and a very great deal of it has been sold for residential purposes, the largest single

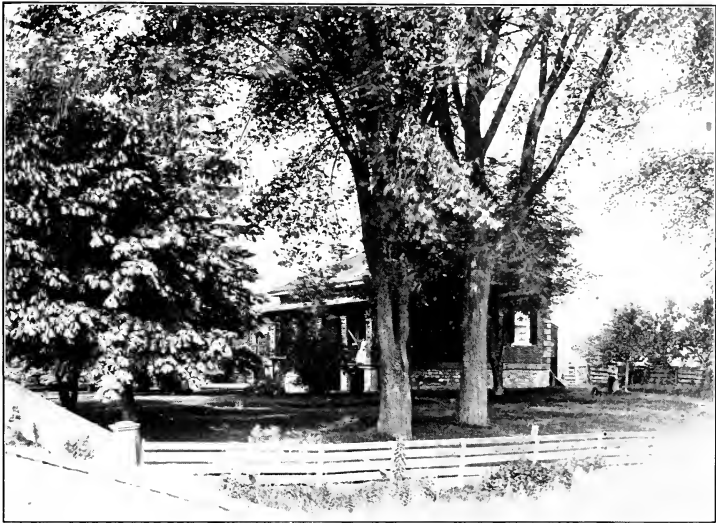


PLATE XXV.

JESSE ASHBRIDGE HOMESTEAD—BUILT 1854.
(NOW 1444 QUEEN ST. E., TORONTO, ONT.)

block to be disposed of being some 42 acres of land covered with hardwood bush, sold early this year (1912). In the orchard, just behind the house (1444 Queen St. E.), a six acre block was bought a year ago by the city, and a twenty-three roomed school is in the course of erection, the corner stone of which was laid by the Duke of Connaught recently. There is

also another very large public school on the property, about a mile further north.

The views shewn on Plates XXXIV and XXXV were taken by myself while the place was practically entire, and anyone wishing to compare them with what they are now can easily do so.

Plate XXXIV shews in the distance Lake Ontario, while the old farm lane with its snake fence, the creek valley, and the house with the high elm trees may all be traced by close examination. The dog in the foreground is old "Mike," of well known local memory. This view was taken from what we used to call the "stump field," being on the present site of Morley Ave., a little south of the G. T. Railway.

The other view looks northward towards the bush and stump field, and was taken from what is now Morley Ave., a little south of Gerrard St.

CHILDREN OF JONATHAN AND HANNAH (HEAL) ASHBIDGE.

| | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Isaac William (b. 3-9-1889) | Robert John (b. 12-19-1900) |
| Auburn (b. 9-26-1890) | Violet Elma Joyce Irene (b. 2-20-1901) |
| Sarah (b. 10-27-1893) | Alfred Edward (b. 8-10-1904) |
| Olive Ruth (b. 11-29-1896) | |

CHILDREN OF WELLINGTON T. AND MABEL F. (DAVIS) ASHBIDGE.

Dorothy Shaver, b. 5-20-1905, in Moose Jaw, at that time in the North West Territories, a month or two later organized as the Province of Saskatchewan.

Winifred Elizabeth, b. 3-31-1907, in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

The activities of these two members are many and varied, but are not to be chronicled here. Both are now attending the school of Miss Hewetson, in Kelowna, and report progress every day.



William F. Ashbridge

Mabel F. Ashbridge



PART III.

THE LINES OF GEORGE (2ND) AND JOSEPH (MOSTLY PENNSYLVANIA
FAMILIES).

CHAPTER IX.

SECOND GENERATION.

FAMILY OF GEORGE AND JANE (HOOPES) ASHBRIDGE.

| | | |
|------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Mary | m. 4-7-1750, | Jesse Jones. |
| | b. 8-4-1731, d. 8-23-1765. | |
| George | m. 12-5-1754, | Rebecca Garrett. |
| | b. 1-1-1732, d. 10-25-1785. | b. |
| William | m. | Elizabeth Fletcher. |
| | b. 1-2-1734, d. 3-14-1775. | |
| Susannah | m. 7-30-1761, | William Gibbons. |
| | b. 7-19-1737, d. 1-15-1820. | |
| Phebe | m. 6-9-1763, | Isaac Massey, |
| | b. 10-16-1739, d. 11-27-1774. | b. 2-5-1732, d. 2-6-1792. |
| Jane | m. 9-4-1771, | Jesse Maris. |
| | b. 8-10-1742, d. 9-4-1834. | |
| Daniel | m. | Hannah Paul. |
| | b. 7-26-1744, d. 8-25-1771. | |
| Joshua | m. 11-4-1773, | Mary Davis. |
| | b. 9-17-1746, d. 9-4-1820. | b. 8-31-1746, d. 3-9-1796. |
| Lydia | | |
| | b. 12-12-1749, d. 5-17-1752. | |

Goshen Records :

- (274) 2-16-1750 } Jesse Jones and Mary Ashbridge declare intentions of marriage.
 3-21-1750 }
 (275) 4-7-1750. Were married.

GEORGE (3RD).

George, the eldest son, born in 1732, was a farmer and miller, and of himself and family a lengthy description is given in "Clovercroft Chronicles." (This I have reprinted in note 279).

Goshen Records :

- (276) 10-21-1754 } George Ashbridge Junr and Rebecca Garrett declare inten-
 11-18-1754 } tions of marriage.

- (277) 12-5-1754. Were married.
 (278) 12-5-1766. George Ashbridge Jr. to be Elder for Goshen Meeting "in room of our ancient fr^d Richard Jones who desires to be released."
 From "Clovercroft Chronicles," p. 123 to —.

"GEORGE ASHBRIDGE III,

- (279) the eldest son of George and Jane Ashbridge, was born the 1st of First month, 1732/3.

The halcyon days inaugurated by William Penn were gliding peacefully on as he grew from youth to manhood. In Philadelphia his father was promoting the cause of truth and freedom, and Franklin was pursuing his philosophical experiments and strengthening the political growth of his country. Between the Potomac and Rappahannock another son of 1732 was rapidly evolving those mental and moral qualities that made him worthy of the first place in a new and independent nation.

Amid such favoring circumstances George the younger attained his majority. But a change was approaching, and soon the first notes of war rang through the forests of Pennsylvania as Colonel Washington led his forces, under British command, through Indian ambuscades to the spot where Pittsburg spires now rise amidst the smoke of countless chimneys. Dauntless and true to liberty as were George Ashbridge and his son, they were no less true to their principles of peace and of good-will to all men, and were ever ready to obey the order of their Heavenly King, not only to love their neighbor as themselves, but to love their enemies also, and to return good for evil.

With such a pacific career in view, the younger George sought the hand of Rebekah Garrett, daughter of one of the original settlers of Philadelphia, and they were married on the 5th day of the Twelfth month, 1754. To receive her he had already provided a substantial stone dwelling at Milltown, on the picturesque banks of Chester Creek, soon to be surrounded with trees and all that was then deemed essential to comfort and beauty in a rural residence. About lay an ample farm, and a short distance below the house a busy mill took in the products of fertile fields in its vicinity. My grandmother used to speak of Goshen, her native township, as a land flowing with milk and honey, and when the wants of the immediate neighborhood were supplied the surplus was sent to Philadelphia or Chester. To carry the merchandise from his mill, as well as for the accommodation of his large family, her father kept a fine supply of horses that had their full share in the kind care extended to all under his charge.

By nature a nobleman, independent in spirit, and strong in religious integrity, George Ashbridge's hardier virtues were tempered by an affectionate disposition and regard to the amenities of polite life. Observing the limits of Christian moderation, he felt a liberty in his mode of living to adopt such refinements as were becoming his means and station. His personal appearance was made none the less agreeable by his suit of fine broadcloth and silver buckles in his well-polished shoes.

Such a man would not have failed to choose for the companion of his life a woman whose worth and attractions were genuine and abiding, and her character, as reflected in her children, was one of true virtue and loveliness. A pleasant glimpse of her ways was given to my brother James, her great-grandson, by Jane Vernon, who, in her ninetieth year, showed much of her original vigor in relating it. She said that to our great-grandmother she was indebted for all the schooling she ever received. One cold, snowy day she was taken by her father to the Ashbridge mill, where he had some business to transact. While attending to his affairs the little Jane was sent to the house. Business dispatched, the father walked up with the proprietor for his daughter. As they entered the house Rebekah Ashbridge said to her husband, "My dear, this little girl tells me that she has never been to school. Had she not better stay with us and attend school with our children?" The child was left there accordingly and remained through the winter.

I recently met with a cousin, who is also a great-granddaughter of the above-mentioned lady, and asked her what she could tell me of our common ancestress. Not being given to folk-lore, she could only say that in her home they had a tea set of richly painted china that came to them through her, and besides this a curious chair of still older date, with "I. H., 1704," inlaid on the back.

As years passed, prosperity smiled upon the family at Milltown; their country was advancing in wealth and influence; in their own house sons and daughters were growing up around them, two boys, energetic and enterprising; five lovely girls, a good deal varied in appearance and character.

These were Lydia, stately and beautiful, regarded by the younger sisters with especial love and respect; Mary, gentle and affectionate, her clear intellect and calm judgment veiled by a slightly timid and shrinking modesty; Susanna, petite and sprightly; Jane, lively, ambitious, prompt in thought and act; Phebe the youngest, graceful, refined, and almost luxurious in her tastes. The sons, George and William, were younger than their sisters, but equally marked in character and venerated in the memory of their descendants.

The girls were taught by Mistress Hollis, who conducted a small school in her own residence, about a mile from their home. She enforced habits of strict obedience and attention, regulated their manners, and required an erect posture in their exercises. Punctuality was exacted while under her care; although their path homeward led through their father's orchard, where tempting fruits often lay on the ground, they were expected to walk straight to their own door, enter, and hang up their bonnets before they were at liberty to touch apple, plum or pear.

Probably their literary advantages were few compared with those now enjoyed by young ladies, but the result was a facility for action in every department of woman's life and the art of producing an extraordinary amount of fine needlework. I remember many specimens of my grandmother's skill and dexterity, and so clear was her eyesight that she could embroider by moonlight.

The simple Christian creed professed by George Ashbridge and his wife led them into few religious forms, but its spirit pervaded their lives. They regularly attended Divine worship at the Friends' meeting house in Goshen, where I have seen the stone stable that was built by his father to accommodate his horses and carriage. George Ashbridge took an active part in the Monthly Meetings, and for twenty years served as clerk.

In the peaceful valleys between the Blue Mountains and the Atlantic, where the fellow-believers of Fox and Penn had come to breathe the air of freedom and live in accordance with an enlightened conscience, they might have thought themselves secure from war and political commotion. But unjust assumption on one side and impatience of control on the other led to provocations and aggression. The apparently safe abode of our ancestor was encircled by armies; the battle of Brandywine was fought on one hand and the massacre at Paoli darkened a night of horror on the other. Lying in the route from Chadd's Ford to Valley Forge, martial troops passed to and fro over the place. One day the teams for carrying flour to Chester would be seized, on another a company of light-horse would call uninvited to dine. On such occasions my grandmother would retire from sight; but not so her lively sister Jane, who could almost forgive the unceremonious visit for the sake of a casual conversation with English officers and the excitement of a repartee. Among family traditions an anecdote of these times is related of this aunt of ours. It was customary for the younger members of this household to ride to their place of worship, and one meeting-day when a considerable number of horses were standing on the premises during the hour of worship, a company of British soldiers arrived. Just as they were securing their prizes the Friends came out of

their meeting-house; Jane's quick eye saw that her favorite was being led off by an officer, and having no mind to lose him she walked directly up and claimed her steed. The officer was so thrown off his guard by the demand of this girl of thirteen that he immediately helped her to mount, and she rode away in triumph, retaining one horse at least for home service.

With years comes change, not only in the larger national life, but as inevitably in each household. The parents, in the full maturity of their powers, with daughters and sons growing into womanhood and manly strength, had reached the climax of domestic happiness, and in the natural course of events would come a lessening of the circle around the cheerful fireside.

While her country was struggling for independence the beloved wife and mother was called to the peaceful home "

"Where no storms ever beat on the glittering strand,
While the years of eternity roll."

Goshen Records :

- (280) 6-7-1771. "Our Ancient friend Richard Jones having for many years past been recorder of marriage certificates and also of Births and burials and now by reason of old age is incapable thereof, wherefore George Ashbridge Jun^r is appointed to that service who is desired to call for the books which are for that purpose."
- (281) 5-10-1771. George Ashbridge Jun^r and others appointed to visit families, and especially those who hold slaves.

Slavery was the common and accepted condition in the Pennsylvania of that time.*

Introduced in the early days of the colony, it was not long before opposition to the further importation of slaves developed, but at the first the Quakers, forming the greater part of the population, were not of one mind on the subject, although the German element appear to have opposed it.

Great Britain, then receiving large returns from the slave trade, refused repeatedly to assist in stopping the practice.

Several acts of prohibition passed by the province were vetoed by the Home Government.

The greater number of slaves were negroes, although it appears from complaints of Indians (1710) residing on Ridley Creek on a reserve quite

* Dr. Smith, Watson and older writers, are authorities used in this summary.

close to the Ashbridge properties, that the natives were so treated sometimes, and an act had been passed in 1705 to prohibit the importation of Indian slaves from Carolina and elsewhere.

In 1715, Chester Monthly Meeting unanimously concluded "that friends should not be concerned hereafter, in the importation thereof, nor buy any." (Smith says this referred to the buying of imported slaves only.)

In 1735, resolutions adopted at the yearly meeting of Friends are regarded as being the first effective steps towards the abolition of the slave trade, which culminated in 1780 in the passing of an act for gradually abolishing it, at which time some 10,000 slaves are said to have been held in the province.

Generally speaking, they were said to have been treated rather as servants than as slaves, and that cruel treatment was the exception.

Goshen Records :

- (282) "Rec^d this 5th day of the 12th mo: 1771 of Ann Goodwin the sum of three pounds seven shillings & three pence in full for a book & recording the Womens Monthly Meeting minutes I say rec^d pr Geo. Ashbridge Jun^r."
- (283) 2-11-1774. George Ashbridge is appointed to be Clerk of this Meeting in the Room of Thomas Massey who desires to be released from that service.
- (284) 6-6-1777. Randal Malin, Amos Yarnall, Benjamin Hibberd, George Ashbridge, Jesse Garrett, Thomas Massey, David Rees, Isaac Thomas, and Thomas Massey Jr. are appointed to use endeavours to have all grave stones removed from Friends' burial grounds.

Friends were not in favor of the use of headstones in their graveyards.

Penna. Archives, 1st Series, p. 33, vol. 7, gives a petition for a pardon for one John Roberts convicted of treason and sentenced to death in year 1778 . . . includes names among petitioners of

George Ashbridge (This would be 3d)

Joshua Ashbridge

Goshen Records :

- (285) 2-5-1779. George Ashbridge and others appointed to visit families. A receipt produced from George Ashbridge for £3.14, for transcribing the minutes (of Women's Meeting.)

WILLIAM.

William, the second son was born 1734, and settled at Frankford where he died in 1775.

Goshen Records :

- (286) 3-12-1753. A certificate is requested for William Ashbridge on account of an intention of taking a trading voyage to some of the West India Islands.
- (287) 4-16-1753. A certificate signed and directed to Barbadoes or elsewhere.
- (288) 7-16-1753. William Ashbridge returns his certificate having had no opportunity to present it.
- (289) 6-6-1760. He receives a certificate to Abington M., Mtg. Phila. Co.

A mention is made of him below as a Viewer of a new road.

(From Colonial Records, Vol. x., p. 51) :

- (290) At a Council in Phila. Sat. June 20. 1772

Present Hon. Richard Penn Esq.

Lieut-Gov etc.,

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| Richard Peters | Benj. Chew | } Esquires |
| James Tilghman, | Ed. Shippen Jr. | |

a "return & draught of a Road laid out in 1769 on line dividing lands of Richard Vandyke & Peter Rambo from land of John Holmes, in Township of Lower Dublin" was ordered to be "cleared and opened of the Breadth of Fifty feet at least." signed by the Viewers

Will Sarr
 Jos. Redman
 Wm. Ashbridge
 Leonard Shalleross

Goshen Records : SUSANNA.

- (291) 6-5-1761 } William Gibbons and Susanna Ashbridge declare intentions of
 7-10-1761 } marriage.
- (292) 7-30-1761. Were married.

William Gibbons was born at Westtown in 1737, afterwards residing in Philadelphia. He took an active part in the War of 1776, becoming a Lieut.-Colonel, and was disowned by the Quakers. After the war he moved to Paxtang Twp., Lancaster County, and later to West Chester where he died in 1803.

(From information in Penna. Mag., Vol. 11, p. 77.)

Goshen Records : PHEBE.

- (293) 4-8-1763 } Isaac Massey and Phebe Ashbridge declare intentions of marriage.
 5-6-1763 }
 6-9-1763 } Were married.

JANE.

- (294) 7-5-1771 } Jesse Maris and Jane Ashbridge declare intentions of marriage.
 8-9-1771 }
 9-4-1771. } Were married.

DANIEL.

Daniel, born 1744, married Hannah Paul, of an old Philadelphia family, and settled at Abington. He was a miller, and died in 1774, leaving one daughter Jane, who married John Shoemaker.

- (295) 6-10-1768. Daniel Ashbridge receives a certificate to Abington Monthly Meeting in order to settle there.

JOSHUA.

Joshua, the youngest son, is referred to below in a sketch of the family from Vol. 2. *Memoirs of Chester and Del. Co.*, p. 548.

- (296) 10-8-1773. Joshua Ashbridge receives a certificate Chester in order for marriage.
- (297) 11-4-1773. Is married.
- (298) The family to which Mr Ashbridge belongs is of English-Welsh extraction and is among the oldest in Pennsylvania having been planted here as early as 1698 by George Ashbridge who came from England to Philadelphia in that year and shortly afterwards settled at Edgemont then Chester (now) Delaware County. Here he purchased property and Aug. 23, 1701 at Providence Meeting married Mary Malin, by whom he had a family of ten children John George Jonathan, Mary, Elizabeth, Aaron, Hannah, Phebe, Lydia and Joseph. The mother of these children died Feb. 15, 1728, and George Ashbridge (1st) married Mrs. Margaret Paschall Jan. 6-1730 and died at Chester in 1748.

His son George Ashbridge (2) was born Dec 19-1704, elected to the Assembly in 1743 and continued to be re-elected each year until his death which occurred March 6th 1773. He married Jane Hoopes in 1730 and his children were Mary, George, William, Susanna, Phebe, Jane David Joshua and Lydia. In 1732 he came to Goshen township this county where his father had purchased a large tract of land. Here he built a house which is still standing.

His son Joshua was born in that house Sept 17-1746 and died there Sept 4th 1820. He married Mary Davis Nov 4-1773 by whom he had four sons and three daughters. He was one of the viewers who located the present almshouse of Chester Co. (*Memoirs of Chester and Del. Co.*)

- (299) Thomas Hall, Samuel Garrett, Phineas Hibberd, Jesse Garrett, & William Reece & Joshua Ashbridge trustees for Goshen Monthly Meeting . . . (in 1783). (*Smedley Genealogy*, p. 143.)

CHAPTER X.

THIRD GENERATION.

FAMILIES IN DESCENT FROM GEORGE AND JANE (HOOPES) ASHBRIDGE.

CHILDREN OF GEORGE AND REBECCA (GARRETT) ASHBRIDGE.

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|---|---|
| Lydia . . . (m. 10-31-1776) (b. 11-6-1755) (d. 1-7-1796) | Joseph Malin (b. 6-21-1753) |
| Mary . . . (m. 5-27-1779) (b. 9-13-1758) (d. . . 1830) | Joseph Rhoads (b. 10-3-1748) (d. . . 1809) |
| Susannah . (m. 5-20-1784) (b. 9-30-1761) | John Fairlamb |
| Jane . . . (m. 10-28-1790) (b.10-11-1764) (d. later than 1819) | Samuel R. Downing, a maltster at Downingtown (b. 2-4-1763) (d. . 1819) |
| Phebe . . . (m. 11-20-1788) (b.9-8-1767) (d. 8 . . 1805) | George Valentine (b. 4-16-1761) (d. 7-11-1801) |
| George G. . (m. 9-25-1811) (b.8-17-1770) (d. 8-13-1843) | Rachel V. Sharpless (b. 6-22-1786) (d. 8-22-1858) |
| William . . . (b. 8-2-1773) (d. 7-10-1819) | Thomazin Thomas (b. 12-4-1786) (d. 4-19-1872) |

Goshen Records : LYDIA.

- (300) 9-6-1766 } Joseph Malin and Lydia Ashbridge declare intentions of
 1-11-1776 } marriage.
 (301) 5-27-1779. Were married.

MARY.

Of Mary, born 1758, the interesting account given here is by her granddaughter, Mrs. Mary (Rhoads) Haines, in her book "Clovercroft Chronicles."

P. 307. Marriage certificate of Joseph Rhoads and Mary Ashbridge :

- (302) Whereas Joseph Rhoads Son of James Rhoads of the township of Marple in the County of Chester and Province of Pennsylvania (Deceased) and Mary Ashbridge Daughter of George Ashbridge of the township of Goshen in the County and province aforesaid Having declared their intentions of marriage with each other before several monthly meetings of the people called

Quakers held at Goshen affors^d according to the good order used amongst them They having consent of parents and appearing clear of all others their said proposal of marriage was allowed of by the said meetings. Now these may certify whom it may concern that for the full accomplishing of their said intentions This twenty seventh day of the Fifth month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine They the said Joseph Rhoads and Mary Ashbridge appeared in a public meeting of the said people for that purpose appointed at their public meeting house at Goshen afforsaid and the said Joseph Rhoads taking the said Mary Ashbridge by the hand did in a solemn manner openly declare that he took her to be his wife promising through Divine assistance to be unto her a Loving and faithful Husband untill Death should separate them and then and there in the same assembly the said Mary Ashbridge did in Like manner openly declare that she took him the said Joseph Rhoads to be her Husband promising through Divine assistance to be unto him a Loving and faithful wife until death should separate them and moreover the said Joseph Rhoads and Mary Ashbridge (she according to the custom of marriage assuming the name of her husband) as a further confirmation thereof did then and there to these presents set their hands.

Joseph Rhoads

Mary Rhoads

And we whose names are hereunto subscribed being present at the solemnization of the said marriage and subscription have as witnesses thereunto set our hands the day and year above written.

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|---|-----------------|-------------------|
| Mordecai Lawrence | Isaac Garrett | George Ashbridge |
| Hannah Hunter | John Griffith | Owen Rhoads |
| Mary Rhoads | Mary Peiree | Hannah Rhoads |
| Samuel Pancoast | Randal Malin | Rebecca Rhoads |
| John Jones | Josiah Garrett | Tacy Rhoads |
| Jesse Davis | Mary Garrett | Joseph Malin |
| Thomas Smedley | Jesse Garrett | Lydia Malin |
| Nathan Sharples | Richard Goodwin | Susanna Ashbridge |
| Wm. Townsend Jun ^r | Lydia Goodwin | Josiah Hibberd |
| Joseph Davis | James Peiree | William Garrett |
| Ellis Willians | Amev Jones | Susanna Hibberd |
| William Hoopes | Thomas Smedley | Joshua Hoopes |
| Henry Hoopes | Ann Davis | Joshua Ashbridge |
| Joshua Lawrence | Hannah Townsend | Jesse Maris |
| Jos. Ashbridge Jun ^r | Hannah Ogden | Jane Maris |
| Is ^r Jacobs Jun ^r | Jane Ashbridge | Jesse Jones |
| Mary Jones | Priscilla Jones | Thomas Garrett |

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| Susanna Hoopes | George Dunn | Hannah Garrett |
| Christian Hoopes | Massey Lawrence | Wm. Garrett Junr |
| Abigail Griffith | Jane Massey | Debby Garrett |
| Deborah Peirce | Lydia Garrett | Isaac Massey |
| Mary Davies | Phebe Smedley | Joshua Hoopes |
| Enos Thomas | Lydia Hoopes | Susanna Hoopes |
| Sarah Thomas | Owen Hibberd | Isaac Rhoads |
| Owen Maris | Ann Goodwin | Debby Garrett |
| Edward Hunter | Elizabeth Smedley | Amos Yarnall |
| Benjamin Hickman | | Sarah Yarnall |

And from page 134 of the same :

(303) . . . His (Joseph Rhoads) thoughtful gray eye won her confidence, although his brilliant complexion and dark-brown hair-falling, cavalier-fashion, in ringlets to his shoulders—may have lessened the gravity of his appearance.

The bride's outfit was liberal, judging from a memorandum turned out of an old chest in her garret three-quarters of a century afterwards. Clothing, house-linen, silver, china and other furniture, horses, cows, and sheep were included. One of the most valued of the relics of that assemblage is a tall clock now in the possession of my brother, Jonathan E. Rhoads, at Wilmington, Delaware.

From their marriage certificate, now in my hand, I take the date of their wedding, which was solemnized at Friends' meeting house in Goshen the twenty-seventh day of the Fifth month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine.

. . . A home was in readiness for the bride, one at which her father had been hospitably entertained a few years previously, probably when, as companion to some minister, he had visited the meetings of Friends in that vicinity. Ambitious only to answer her vocation perfectly, unwavering and affectionate, my grandmother left her father's house trustfully and contentedly, taking her place in the family mansion at Marple with the desire and expectation of abiding there all her days.

A part of this old homestead was still occupied by the widowed mother and her three daughters, but there was room enough for all, and the three young sisters, shortly to be married themselves, enlivened the secluded place and adorned it with plants they delighted to cultivate. For five years the sweet mother was permitted to bless her household with her presence before her happy reunion with the husband of her early days where there are no more partings.

In the seventeen years immediately following the marriage of Joseph and Mary Rhoads, four sons and three daughters brought new life and love into their home. . . .

. . . page 176, the same :

- (304) At the time of her husband's departure my dear grandmother was in her fifty-first year. For the nearly twenty-one years that followed she honored his memory by the simplicity, dignity, and Christian loveliness of her daily walk and conversation, revered and beloved by her children, and esteemed by all who knew her.

During the last four or five years she was obliged to relinquish her wonted activity; rheumatism deprived her of the full use of her limbs, but her mind was unclouded, her judgment sound, and she still governed her household by the law of love, and drew around her relations and friends.

On the 9th of Second month, 1830, she peacefully passed from her home on earth to "a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens," aged seventy-one years, four months and nine days.

Some recollections of her and the residence to which she came in her youth, and which was contentedly occupied by her for more than half a century, were written several years ago in a sketch hereafter inserted under the title "The Old Homestead."

My grandmother's brother and sister who survived her kept up their affectionate intercourse with her children as before. It was an event of some importance when Uncle George and Aunt Rachel Ashbridge drove down from the valley in their roomy carriage, with colored coachman, to make a circuit among their relations at the old place, Chestnut Bank, and at Ashley Farm. On some fine summer morning our Aunt Thomazine Ashbridge would drive out in handsome style from her house, in Arch Street, near Ninth, Philadelphia, with her son William or Richard and her daughters Mary and Jane, to spend a day or more among their country cousins.

I seem still to have before me my Aunt Susan Fairlamb's lively eye and slight figure enveloped in brown fur cape and muff of ample size. And Aunt Jane Downing always brought with her an atmosphere of spirited sociability; her Friend's costume of silk gown, clear cap and kerchief relieved of all stiffness by the touch of her own individuality.

. . . p. 259.

- (305) Some one in the future may become interested in what it gives me pleasure to recall, a few slight sketches of rural life in the south eastern counties of Pennsylvania during the earlier half of the nineteenth century. I will give them as they rise before me, photographed in memory.

One of the most distinct of my early recollections is that of being seated on a low chair at the feet of my grandmother, who was occupying her accustomed place in the corner of the sitting room by a bright wood

fire. She was an invalid, unable to walk alone, or to use her hands for any more difficult purpose than to move her pocket handkerchief or turn the leaf of a book. Rheumatism had fettered her once active limbs, but had left her serene spirit and sound judgment unclouded. By her side was a small round table upon which, after breakfast was removed, was duly laid by one of her faithful daughters the large family Bible.

I still seem to hear the reverential tones of her voice as she read to me the history of Joseph, St. Paul's speech before King Agrippa, and similar passages from the Old and New Testaments.

Two cupboards answered as the most useful of closets in this small yet ample apartment. The low windows were filled with roses, pinks, geraniums, and gillyflowers, and a large daphne indicum bore its wealth of fragrance in front of the ancient clock that ticked with almost unvarying accuracy in the farthest corner. All the furniture was plain yet substantial, and an American-made carpet covered the floor, but comfort and cheerfulness seemed to abide there, and what more was needed?

The house was built of stone quarried on the place, and was the work of three successive generations, each one beginning at the foundation and completing its portion as far as it extended. It stood on the southern slope of a gentle hill, and being in the shape of an L, enclosed two sides of the courtyard. The short part of L, towards the southeast, contained the afore-mentioned sitting-room and the kitchen; attached to the angle was a "shed-room" in which was a pantry, beyond were the parlor and "middle-room," and then came the "far-house," which had been occupied by my great-grandmother in the days of her widowhood, and whose deserted rooms and large lighted closets made charming play-places for the children of my day.

A long stone-floored porch ran along the front of the parlor "middle-room" and "far-house"; honeysuckles, daily "champagne" and multiflora roses wound around its pillars and climbed about the windows. A stone horse-block at the west end of the porch was a frequent resort on summer evenings, that we might see from thence the sky at sundown, or pet the horses as they trotted up the lane from the fields to their stables, patting their necks while they licked up the contents of a large pewter salt-cellar brought by eager hands from the kitchen dresser. Weeping willows and majestic buttonwood and walnut trees cast their friendly shade about the house.

Divided from the front yard by a whitewashed paling covered with morning-glories, passion-vines, sweet-peas, and nasturtiums, a garden dropped by two or three terraces down the hill slope. My aunts were amateur florists, and the upper part of the garden was gay with flowers,

from the earliest crocuses and hyacinths till the last asters and French marigolds bowed to the frost. A clump of box trees and cedars with tangled grape-vines filled a part of the garden, but left room enough for vegetables and raspberries. In the meadow below stood a group of tall pear trees beautiful in early spring with masses of white bloom, and busy little feet danced with delight among the daffodils that opened their golden bells in profusion around their roots when robins and bluebirds came to build in their branches.

Another favorite haunt was the yard into which the north doors of the old mansion opened: two box trees grew near the parlor door, enclosing with their shiny foliage rustic seats, where, secure from sunshine and interruption, we might talk over our plans and read our story-books. The yard was nearly filled with lilacs, snow-balls, sweet-scented shrubs, and large crimson roses, growing luxuriantly among trees that bore luscious greengages, fruits and apricots. In those days the insect enemies of fruit had not reached our longitude, and the lane running back to the barn was an avenue of plum, pear, and cherry trees. The barn itself was flanked by two apple orchards, while an enclosure for currants lay between it and the kitchen yard, where the wood-pile was reared for winter fuel. Nearly all the supplies for the table were drawn by the hand of industry from the farm. Barrels of cider and vinegar from the press in the orchard, and of grape and currant wines, were stored in the cellar; the last russets and pippins did not vanish till strawberries and gooseberries again made their appearance; poultry clamored about the barn doors and swam in the brooks, and the cool dairy furnished sweetest cream and butter and the daintiest curds. Gleeful were the nutting excursions on crisp autumn days, when a band of boys and girls, with one strong man to shake the trees, would set off to gather the glossy treasures of the grand old chesnuts that stood like patriarchs about the fields.

The following from the same writer give items from diary of Joseph Rhoads (her grandfather):

- (306) p. 164. "Fifth-day the 19th (5 mo. 1803).—I was at meeting: sundry friends were there and came here after, viz. Mary Dickenson, Hannah Gibbons, John Truman, Benjamin White: and sister-in law Phebe Valentine was here some days past and went to Newtown this afternoon.
- (307) p. 171. "First-day the 29th (1 mo. 1804). I was at meeting; there was a large gathering as it was the burial of our ancient friend Lewis Davis, who deceased in his eighty eighth year. Eli Yarnall, Randall and Joseph Malin, Joseph Malin jr. and Rebecca Fairlamb were here from meeting.

- (308) p. 145.—“First-day the 27th (9 mo. 1801) . . . About 11 o'clock brother George Ashbridge and Jane Ashbridge came to see me, and from meeting Abraham Hibberd and Jeffrey Smedley. Good and agreeable company seems to cheer the mind, and cheerfulness in innocence may help the body. . . . (Being extracts from journal of Joseph Rhoads.)

William was “engaged in mercantile pursuits in Philadelphia.”

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH (FLETCHER) ASHBRIDGE.

- George (dec^d) . . .
 (b. 4-7-1764)
- Susannah m. James Verrec.
 (b. 11-3-1765)
- Mary m. — Roberts.
 (b. 6-5-1768)
- George (b. 12-30-1769) m. Sarah Leonard.
- Tacy
 (b. 10-13-1771) (Living in 1817)

CHILDREN OF DANIEL AND HANNAH (PAUL) ASHBRIDGE.

- Jane (m. 10-16-1788) John Shoemaker.
 (b. 12-27-1769) (d. 9-5-1823) (b. 7-11-1764) (d. 3-15-1817)

CHILDREN OF JOSHUA AND MARY (DAVIS) ASHBRIDGE.

- Daniel (m. . . . 1817) Sarah Davis.
 (b. 9-30-1774) (d. 9-27-1838) (b. . . . 1795) (d. 8-12-1872)
- John
 (b. 3-16-1776) (d. 9-12- . . .)
- Rebecca (dec^d)
 (b. 7-16-1779) (d. 10-10-1799)
- Joseph (m. 2-16-1815) Mary Baker.
 (b. 9-5-1777) (d. 5-10-1847) (b. 12-9-1792) (d. 11-25-1872)
- Hannah (m. . . .) Samuel Grubb.
 (b. 2-25-1783) (d. 5-11-1832)
- Thomas (m. . . . 1840) Phebe Garret.
 (b. 5-11-1781) (d. 4-16-1850) (b. 2-9-1779) (d. 1-14-1870)
- Lydia (m. . . .) Charles Baldwin.
 (b. 4-30-1785) (buried 10-2-1866)

The family of Joshua and Mary (Davis) Ashbridge.

(From Memoirs of Chester and Delaware Co., Vol. 1, p. 560.)

- (309) Joseph Ashbridge, father of Edward B. Ashbridge, was born on the old homestead September 5, 1777, and acquired his education in the common schools of the vicinity. Being familiar with farm work from his boyhood, he followed that occupation upon attaining young manhood and for more than sixty years disposed of his produce in the market of Philadelphia, taking the goods there with a wagon and team of horses. Mr. Ashbridge was a prominent member of the community, and was chosen to serve in the various town offices, which he filled both creditably and acceptably. His religious membership was with the Society of Friends. He was united in marriage to Miss Mary Baker, daughter of Edward Baker of Edgmont Mr. Ashbridge died May 10, 1847.

Thomas was in the woolen manufacturing business, and represented Chester County in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives from 1816 to 1819, and again from 1830 to 1832.

The *Journal* of the House shews him to have been a member of several standing committees, dealing with Corporations, with Banks, also the care of Public Buildings, etc.

CHAPTER XI.

FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH GENERATIONS.

FAMILIES IN DESCENT FROM GEORGE AND JANE (HOOPES) ASHBIDGE.

CHILDREN OF GEORGE G. AND RACHEL V. (SHARPLESS) ASHBIDGE.

Phebe

(b. 8-2-1812) (d. 1-31-1814)

George . . . unmarried

(b. 3-29-1815) (d. . . 1848)

Phebe S.

(b. 11-27-1817) (d. 6-9-1833)

Rebecca (m. . . .)

(b. 8-6-1820) (d. 12-17-1861)

Jacob M. Zook

(b. 4-19-1821) (d. 12-13-1891)

Abraham S. (m. 10-13-1853)

(b. 3-24-1823) (d. . .)

Elizabeth D. Sharpless

(b. 10-24-1831)

William S.

(b. 8-6-1826) (d. 9-3-1832)

Rachel S. . . . unmarried

(b. 4-18-1833)

Rachel S., living (1910) at East Downingtown, Pa.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND THOMAZIN (THOMAS) ASHBIDGE.

William . . . unmarried

(b. 7-9-1808) (d. 5-24-1863)

Mary

(b. 10-4-1810) (d. 12-19-1893)

Jane unmarried

(b. 8-7-1815) (d. 11-2-1888)

Richard

(m. 5-20-1845)
(b. 4-16-1818) (d. 1-16-1904)

Mary B. James

(b. 7-16-1819) (d. 12-4-1882)

Richard lived at West Whiteland, where he "purchased from Richard M. Thomas, by deed of 4-4-1845, the original Thomas homestead, and erected thereon a capacious colonial mansion." . . . (Smedley Genealogy.)

His portrait is shewn on Plate XXIX.

CHILDREN OF GEORGE AND SARAH (LEONARD) ASHBRIDGE.

Mary . . . (m. . . .) Condit, M.D.

CHILDREN OF DANIEL AND SARAH (DAVIS) ASHBRIDGE.

George D.

(b. 2-1-1818).

Lydia . . . m. . . . John R. Way.

(b. . . .) (d. 11-27-1887).

FAMILY OF DANIEL AND SARAH (DAVIS) ASHBRIDGE.

Sketch supplied by Miss Gertrude Holt, taken from some book in Historical Library, Phila., containing short sketches of Chester Co. families. (Possibly Fenthey's Chester County).

- (310) His (Joshua's) son Daniel was born in East Goshen township this county in 1774 . . . was a farmer by occupation as his ancestor had been and in politics adhered to the old Whig party nearly all his life. . . . In 1817 Daniel Ashbridge married Sarah Davis a daughter of Amos and Eleanor Davis of Thornbury Del. Co. and to their union was a family of two children, one son and a daughter, George D. and the subject of this sketch and Lydia who became the wife of John R. Ware of this County and died Nov. 27. 1887.

Mrs. Sarah (Davis) Ashbridge was born in 1795 and passed peacefully away at her home in this county Aug. 12. 1872 greatly respected and beloved by a wide circle of friends. . . . George D. Ashbridge, an old and highly respected citizen of West Chester who is a representative of an early settled and prominent family of this section, several members of which have occupied important positions and woven their names with the history of the country is the only son and sole surviving child of Daniel and Sarah (Davis) Ashbridge. He was born in Goshen (now East Goshen) township, Chester Co. Pa., Feb. 1-1818 and grew to manhood on his father's farm. His education was obtained in the schools of West Chester and after leaving school he engaged in agriculture in his native township and



PLATE XI

BIRTHPLACE OF EDWARD B. ASHBIDGE, GOSHEN, PA

successfully followed the occupation of a farmer until 1851 when he removed to West Chester and retired from active business. He has been a resident of the county capital ever since and is widely known among the people of Chester Co. In his political affiliations Mr. Ashbridge was a Whig until the organization of the Republican party in Penna. since which time he has adhered to the latter, strongly supporting its policy during the war and as firmly believing in the principles of protection and reciprocity which it has advocated since.

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND MARY (BAKER) ASHBRIDGE.

| | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Jane B. | (m. 1-8-1835) | Thomas W. Cheyney |
| (b.) | (d. 4-24-1876) | (b. 3-10-1814) (d. 5-30-1862) |
| Susanna | (m. 2-20-1842) | Sharpless Lewis |
| (b. 10-26-1816) | (d. 10-16-1853) | |
| William | (m. 10-26-1843) | Zillah James Hickman |
| (b. 6-21-1819) | (d. 9-14-1865) | (b. 9-2-1821) (d. 5-30-1862) |
| Mary Ann | unmarried | |
| (b. 3-10-1822) | (d. 9-25-1889) | |
| John | | |
| (b. 11-4-1824) | (d. 10-19-1843) | |
| Edward Baker | (m. 10-2-1851) | Susan B. Seal |
| (b. 7-28-1827) | | (b. 8-3-1830) |
| Joseph Davis | (m. 1-23-1867) | Sarah A. Aitkin |
| (b. 7-16-1830) | (d. 2-25-1906) | (b. 12-12-1839) |
| Anna Mary | | |
| (b. 9-22-1833) | (d. 12-9-1836) | |
| Henry C. | (m. 1857) | Esther Jane Baker |
| (b. 5-2-1837) | (d. 2-28-1894) | (b. 1-7-1836) (d. 8-12-1899) |

Family of Joseph and Mary (Baker) Ashbridge.

(311) Edward B. Ashbridge was born on the old homestead in East Goshen township, Chester County, July 28, 1827. Until he attained the age of fourteen years, he was a pupil in the district schools after which he went to Unionville, and, under the preceptorship of Jonathan Gause, and Joseph Strode studied algebra, surveying and navigation. In 1845 he engaged in the occupation of teaching school, and after being thus employed for a year and a half his father died; he then returned home and assumed the management of the home farm, which was then almost a wilderness. He

cleared the ground of the stones and brambles, and for twenty years devoted it to the pasturage of cattle, and in the meantime followed his trade of surveyor, and is probably able to locate more corner stones in Chester County than any other man. Politically, Mr. Ashbridge is a Republican;

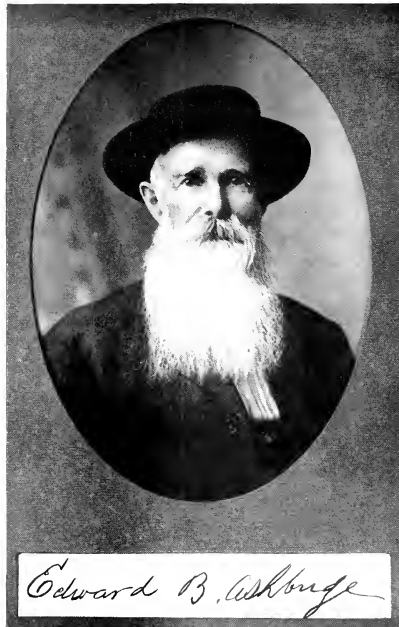


PLATE XXVII. FOURTH GENERATION - LINE OF GEORGE (26).

he has served as county surveyor for six years (two terms); auditor of the township for thirty-six years, and also as school director. He is a faithful attendant at the services of the Friends' Meeting House.

On October 2, 1851, Mr. Ashbridge married Miss Susan B. Seal, born August 3, 1830, daughter of Jesse and Sally (Sharpless) Seal.

(The above from *Memoirs of Chester and Delaware Co.*, Vol. 1, p. 560.)

Mr. Ashbridge has sold his Goshen farm and with his wife retired to West Chester, where I had the pleasure in February of this year of spending a couple of hours in his company. He takes great delight in recalling his former life on the farm. His photograph is reproduced on Plate xxvii.

(312) J. Davis Ashbridge, sixth child and third son of Joseph and Mary (Baker) Ashbridge, was born July 16, 1830, in East Goshen township, Chester County, was reared on the paternal farm, and educated at the schools kept by Joseph Strode and Jonathan Gause. At the age of sixteen he went to Goshenville to learn the wheelwright's trade, serving an apprenticeship until he attained his majority. For one year he worked as a carpenter in Delaware county, and then returned to his own trade. In February, 1861, he purchased the place in West Goshen called "The Bird in the Hand," consisting of a wheelwright's shop and thirty three acres of land. Here he has since conducted his business in connection with farming. He takes an active interest in local affairs, and his neighbors have given repeated proofs of the respect with which they regard him, and the confidence with which his sterling worth of character has inspired them. He has served as supervisor, school director and tax collector, and belongs to the county Republican committee. He is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men.

Mr. Ashbridge married, January 23, 1867, Sarah A. Aitken, born in Edgemont, Delaware County, a daughter of Dr. James and Mary (Baker) Aitken. They have four children.

(*Memoirs of Chester & Delaware Co.* Vol. 2, p. 438.)

CHILDREN OF THOMAS AND PHEBE (GARRETT) ASHBRIDGE.

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Joshua (m. 3-9-1848) | Rebecca Emily Peehin |
| (b. 7-10-1806) (d. 8-10-1887) | (b. 8-14-1814) (d. 9-17-1891) |
| Abigail G. (m. 11-20-1828) | Samuel Sharpless |
| (b. 4-3-1808) (d. 3-31-1857) | |
| Jesse G—a twin with Abigail G. | died 4-9-1808. |
| Mary D. (m.) | Henry Lawrence. |
| (b. 3-29-1810) | |
| Hannah G. | |
| (b. 2-13-1812) (d. 4-9-1860) | |

Phebe Ann (m.) John G. Henderson.
(b. 11-28-1813)

John
(b. 8-28-1814) (d. 9-1-1814)

Thomas G. (m.) Mary Ann Stanley.
(b. 9-14-1815) (d. 2-18-1857)

Lydia
(b. 7-26-1818) (d. 7-26-1820)

Eliza H. unmarried
(b. 10-4-1820) (d. 5-13-1881)

Washington
(b. 1-12-1823) (d. 2-23-1823)



PLATE XXVIII.

"ROSEMONT," MONT. CO., PENNA.

From "Rural Pennsylvania," published by Rev. S. F. Hotchkiss, M.A., page 177, I have copied the following account of Rosemont, the one-time home of Joshua Ashbridge, and still occupied by his daughters.

To one of the latter, Miss Emily R. Ashbridge, I am indebted for this description and view of the house illustrated on Plate XXVIII.

(313) . . . Rosemont.—The Ashbridge Farm on the corner of Montgomery Avenue and Roberts Road is one of the old tracts of land which has undergone slight change of ownership since Penn's day. A long lane from Roberts Road introduces the pedestrian to an ancient stone dwelling, erected A.D. 1769: there is also another entrance from Montgomery Avenue. The keystones over the windows are an old feature, quaint and noteworthy, while an ivy on the gable gives a pretty contrast to the many-colored field stones of which the house is built, the outer walls being a foot and a half thick. A wide porch leads into a comfortable abode. The white woodwork of the hall, with the walnut colored baluster rail of the staircase is a pleasant reminder of old times. On the west end is a roomy parlor, the combination of two rooms, from which large corner fireplaces with their high wooden mantels were removed. On the opposite side of the hall from the parlor is the library, with its open fireplace. A double doorway connects the library and dining-room, which has been brightened by the addition of a bay-window. The double Dutch door in the ample kitchen is said to have once done duty as a front door, and the old solid brass knobs assert its ancient dignity. A large oak beam stretching the whole length of the ceiling in the second story shows the firmness of early construction. The house contains twenty rooms, several having been added in later years, and also most of the modern improvements, which have been so arranged as not to mar its Colonial simplicity. A stone barn built A.D. 1813 has kept the house company for generations, and they are as good friends as ever, modern improvements disturb them not, for they are deeply set on their firm foundations.

Among the early owners of this section of the Welsh Tracts were William and Rees Thomas, of Welsh descent; their names are cut as follows on a stone in the front of the house:

| | | |
|------|------|---------|
| | E. | |
| WM. | | THOMAS |
| | P. | |
| REES | | THOMAS. |
| | 1769 | |

The initial E. signifying Elizabeth, the wife of William, and P. for Priscilla, the wife of Rees Thomas.

A part of the Thomas property was sold to George Dunn, who died here a few years later. The property was then sold at public sale on November 7th, 1850, to Peter Pechin, Dr. George Smith, the local historian, being administrator. (For sketch of Peter Pechin see Appendix.)

Peter Pechin died in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, July 19th, 1858. He willed to each of his four children a farm, the Rosemont Farm to his daughter, Rebecca Emily, wife of Joshua Ashbridge. The Rosemont Farm then contained about two hundred acres, including an addition of forty acres, extending to the Lancaster Turnpike, purchased by Joshua Ashbridge, in 1851, from the Thomas heirs.

September 16th, 1863, Joshua Ashbridge gave to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company a deed of right to use land at the intersection of the Pennsylvania Railroad and Lancaster Turnpike for the erection of a passenger station, which was named Rosemont, after the Farm. The site of the station was moved a short distance further west in 1870, on account of the railroad being straightened; and again in 1892 to its present situation. Joshua Ashbridge was fourth in descent from the first George, and was the son of Thomas and Phebe Garrett Ashbridge. In the early part of his life he was in the woolen manufacturing business with his father, and later became interested in agricultural pursuits. Like his ancestor he took a deep interest in the affairs of his country, being a staunch Republican. Joshua Ashbridge died August 10th, A.D. 1887, and was buried in the cemetery at the Lower Merion Baptist Church, of which he was for many years Trustee.

Rebecca Emily, daughter of Peter and Rebecca Hunter Pechin, and wife of Joshua Ashbridge, died September 17th, 1891. Her property then passed by will to her three daughters, Mary Pechin, Emily Rebecca, and Eliza Helen Ashbridge, the present owners and occupants of the Rosemont homestead.

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM S. AND ELIZABETH D. (SHARPLESS) ASHBRIDGE.
George G.

(b. 9-1-1854) (d. 6-18-1865)

Jacob

(b. 4-22-1856) (d. 3-11-1858)

Mary R.

(m. 10-2-1889) J. Douglas Perkins

(b. 9-9-1858)

(b. 1-13-1857)

Rebecca

(m. 10-30-1890) Henry Ecroyd

(b. 5-12-1860)

(b. 5-6-1858)

Richard I. D.

(b. 9-22-1861)

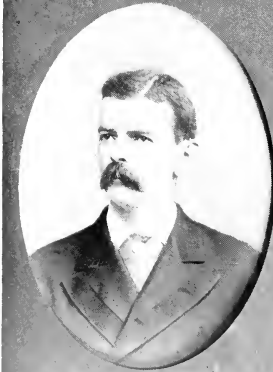
Abraham S.

(m. . . .) Claire Whitney.

(b. 2-15-1863)



Richard Ashbridge



George Ashbridge



Thonazee Ashbridge

Joseph D.

(b. 6-20-1865)

Elizabeth Archer

(m.) Clement S. Rutter.

(b. 11-18-1867)

Eleanor

(b. 4-8-1875)

The home on the old farm at East Downington (about 30 miles west of Philadelphia), which was bought by the grandfather of the present generation, upon his retirement from the iron business, is occupied (or was in Nov., 1910) by the following members of this family.

Richard I. D., Joseph S., Eleanor, with their mother, Elizabeth S., and Rachel S. Ashbridge.

Abraham is a lawyer in Philadelphia, having one son, E. St. Claire Whitney.

Mrs. Perkins resides in Coatesville, Pa.

CHILDREN OF RICHARD AND MARY B. (JAMES) ASHBRIDGE.

William

(b. 3-15-1846) (d. 12-13-1884)

John

(b. 3-20-1849) (d. 12-3-1881)

m. Phebe H. Benners

(b. 12-11-1851)

George

(b. 8-29-1850)

(m. 11-4-1875)

Jeanette B. Campbell

Thomazin

(b. 8-15-1852)

Richard

(b. 7-16-1854)

m. Emily B. Benners

Hannah

(b. 10-27-1856)

m. Walter Cox

Charles

(b. 9-24-1858)

m. Mary Cox

William was a physician and surgeon in Philadelphia.

John was a lawyer.

George is a lawyer in Philadelphia, giving his attention largely to investments, his residence being in Whitford, Pa.

Miss Thoma:zin is a resident of Philadelphia. Her knowledge of the family history has been freely contributed for use in this book.

Richard is a surgeon of the U. S. Navy resident in Philadelphia.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND ZILLAH (HICKMAN) ASHBRIDGE.

| | | | |
|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Mary H. | (m. 9-4-1867) | Ellis Speakman | |
| | (b. 7-8-1845) (d. 4-22-1879) | (b. 6-19-1838) | (d. 4-16-1885) |
| Joseph H. | (m. 9-18-1873) | Elizabeth Newlin | |
| | (b. 7-13-1847) | (b. 4-9-1849) | (d. 2-13-1900) |
| Anna Maria | (m. 9-7-1871) | Samuel Speakman | |
| | (b. 5-18-1850) | (b. 10-4-1845) | (d. 9-5-1910) |
| Sallie J. | (b. 5-31-1853) | | |
| Susannah H. | (b. 11-30-1855) | | |
| Benjamin Gilpin | | | |

CHILDREN OF JOSHUA AND REBECCA E. (PECHIN) ASHBRIDGE.

| | | |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Mary Pechin | (b. 2-15-1849) | (d. 11-27-1906) |
| John Pechin | (b. 7-27-1850) | (d. 4-18-1859) |
| Emily Rebecca | (b. 9-21-1852) | |
| Eliza Helen | (b. 2-2-1855) | |

Miss Emily R. and Miss Eliza H. reside in the old home at Rosemont, now a beautiful suburb of Philadelphia. To the former I am greatly indebted in the collection of material for this volume.

The portrait of Miss Mary P. is shown on Plate xxx.

CHILDREN OF THOMAS AND MARY A. (STANLEY) ASHBRIDGE.

| | | |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Catherine | (m. . . .) | Edwin A. Gorsuch. |
| John S. | (m. . . .) | Victoria Smith. |
| Thomas (deceased) | | |

CHILDREN OF EDWARD B. AND SUSAN B. (SEAL) ASHBRIDGE.

| | |
|---------|-------------------------------|
| Charles | (b. 10-30-1853) (d. 1-5-1860) |
| Clara | (b. 6-17-1856) (d. 3-29-1883) |



Joshua Ashbridge



Mary Pechini Ashbridge

Sally S.

(b. 4-17-1859) (d. 11-30-1859)

Howard (m. . . .) Rebecca Smedley.

(b. 3-28-1861)

E. Lewis

(b. 9-21-1866)

Ann Mary (m. . . .) Joseph H. Hilton.

(b. 5-4-1868)

CHILDREN OF J. DAVIS AND SARAH A. (AITKEN) ASHBRIDGE.

Mary Ella (m. 5-24-1900) Harry Smith, of Milltown.

(b. 5-20-1868)

Alice C. (m. 10-14-1896) Havard Smedley, of West Chester.

(b. 1-11-1870)

Lucy H. (b. 4-11-1874)

J. Benton (b. 3-31-1878)

CHILDREN OF HENRY C. AND ESTHER J. (BAKER) ASHBRIDGE.

Sally B. Joseph Walter

(b. 11-10-1857) (d. 11-5-1882) (b. 5-29-1868) (d. 8-20-1868)

Ida Jane Charles Francis

(b. 5-12-1859) (d. 2-6-1860) (b. 5-26-1869) (d. 9-17-1888)

Thomas Cheyney Enos L. B.

(b. 9-27-1860) (d. 2-9-1883) (b. 1-22-1872) (d. 3-10-1890)

Anthony Baker Hannah Mary

(b. 5-10-1862) (d. 12-27-1874) (b. 9-17-1873) (d. 2-17-1890)

Mary Elizabeth Edward Byron

(b. 2-29-1864) (d. 8-16-1866) (b. 7-16-1879)

William Henry James Hickman

(b. 6-7-1866) (d. 4-24-1888) (b. 5-28-1882)

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM S. AND CLAIRE (WHITNEY) ASHBRIDGE.

Whitney.

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND PHEBE H. (BENNERS) ASHBRIDGE.

Elizabeth B. Henry B. B.

(b. 2-22-1876) (d. 7-3-1876) (b. 7-16-1881) (d. 2-9-1882)

CHILDREN OF GEORGE AND JEANETTE B. (CAMPBELL) ASHRIDGE.

William (deceased . . .) George, J.
(b. . . .) (m. 9-30-1911) Dorothy Hughes.
Mary Dorsey.



PLATE XXXI.

WILLIAM ASHRIDGE.
SIXTH GENERATION—LINE OF GEORGE (26.)

William was a lieutenant in the U. S. Infantry service.

George, Jr., is in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and is now stationed for a year or so at Toronto, Ont.

CHILDREN OF RICHARD AND EMILY B. (BENNETT) ASHBIDGE.

Margaretta B. m. Albert J. Geiger.

CHILDREN OF HOWARD AND REBECCA (SMEDLEY) ASHBIDGE.

Carlton

Elva M.

(b. 2-22-1892)

(b. 10-22-1895)

CHAPTER XII.

SECOND TO SIXTH GENERATIONS (*Inclusive*).

FAMILIES IN DESCENT FROM JOSEPH AND PRISCILLA (DAVIES) ASHBRIDGE

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND PRISCILLA (DAVIES) ASHBRIDGE.

| | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Aaron | (m. 11-30-1778) Ann Howell (living in 1837) |
| Joseph (died before 1821) | (m. Rebecca Howell) |
| Sarah (living in 1843) | |
| Jane (living in 1821) | |
| Priscilla (living in 1824) | (m. — Logan) |
| Mary (dec ^d) | |
| Hannah (dec ^d) | |
| Phebe (dec ^d) | |
| George (dec ^d) | |

(314) Aaron Ashbridge and Ann Howell were married Nov. 30, 1778.

(Penna. Magazine, Vol. 8, Records of Christ Ch. Phila.)

(315) 10-30-1775. At Chester Monthly Meeting, complaint was made by Chester particular Meeting of Aaron Ashbridge and Joseph Ashbridge Junr. for being concerned in military preparations, and a committee appointed to visit them.

(316) 11-27-1775. Aaron Ashbridge and Joseph Junr were declared to be no members of the Society, and Caleb Harrison appointed to inform them.

Aaron's activity was great enough to cause him to get into trouble with the military authorities, but he was found not guilty of treason, as may be seen from the following extract from "Colonial Archives," Vols. XI and XII, p. 5.

(317) Aaron Ashbridge—waterman of Chester Tp. attainted (June 15, 1778)

And "Penna. Archives," 1st Series, Vol. 10, p. 250, in a list of persons attainted of "Treason against the Laws of Penna.," gives the item:

(318) Ashbridge, Aaron, waterman, Chester, discharged.

(319) Edward Jones Esq. of Radnor Township, Delaware County, in his will dated April 28, 1792, gave to Ann, wife of Aaron Ashbridge £5. (Cope)

CHILDREN OF AARON AND ANN (HOWELL) ASHBRIDGE.

Aaron (m., 1817 . . . Sarah Ware)*
(died before 1824)

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND REBECCA (HOWELL) ASHBRIDGE.

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Israel Jones (living in 1843) | (m. . . . Mary Kenyon) |
| Joseph | (m.—said to have died childless) |
| Sidney H. (living in 1843) | (m. . . . — Meyer) |
| Sarah (living in 1843) | (m. . . . — Gildersleeve) |
| Elizabeth (living in 1821) | |
| George W. (living in 1843) | (m. . . . Christina Mitchell) |
| Ann (living in 1843) | |

CHILDREN OF AARON AND SARAH (WARE) ASHBRIDGE.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| David W. (living in 1843) | (m. Sarah Wilson) |
| Ann (living in 1843) | (m. . . . — Firth) |
| Samuel Howell (living in 1843) | (m. Jane Gillingham) |

CHILDREN OF ISRAEL JONES AND MARY (KENYON) ASHBRIDGE.

| | |
|--|--|
| Rebecca James (dec ^d) | |
| Mary M. (died before 1843) | |
| Joseph Howell (b. . . 1826) (d. . . 1873) | (m. Sidney Ashbridge) (b. . . 1830) (d. . . 1896) |
| Henry K. (living in 1843) | |
| Thomas Llewellyn | (m. . . .) |

* See also Appendix, note 329.

Joseph Howell Ashbridge, was born in or near Philadelphia, married his cousin Sidney Ashbridge, and moved to New Orleans some time before 1858.

During the Civil War he was resident in Liverpool, with offices in Paris and Amsterdam, as a representative of the Confederate Army abroad. Returning to New Orleans upon the termination of the struggle, he remained in the cotton business until his death in 1873.

The family then moved to Lancaster, Pa., and later to Baltimore, where his widow died in 1896.

The portraits of Joseph and Sidney are shown on Plate XXXII.

CHILDREN OF GEORGE W. AND CHRISTINA (MITCHELL) ASHBRIDGE.

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sidney | (m. Joseph H. Ashbridge) |
| (b. . . . 1830) (d. . . . 1896) | (b. . . . 1826) (d. . . . 1873) |
| Alexander Mitchell | (m. . . .) (. . . .) |
| (living in 1843) | |

Sidney married her first cousin, Joseph Ashbridge.

Alexander Mitchell Ashbridge, lived in New Orleans, and married Fanny Sparrow, a daughter of Judge Sparrow (said to be of Lake Providence, La.), and both died before 1875.

Their eldest child, Edward, is said to have been mysteriously murdered many years ago.

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL H. AND JANE GILLINGHAM ASHBRIDGE.

| | |
|-----------------|-----------|
| John Gillingham | Samuel H. |
|-----------------|-----------|

CHILDREN OF THOMAS LLEWELLYN AND ASHBRIDGE.

| | |
|--|------------|
| Clarence B (dec ^d) (m.) | Charles G. |
|--|------------|

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH H. AND SIDNEY (ASHBRIDGE) ASHBRIDGE.

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Christine (dec ^d) | |
| Mary Kenyon | (m. 1881 Alexander John Godby) |
| (b. 1858) | |
| George (dec ^d) | |
| Sydney | (m. 11-5-1887 Grace Marea Rasin) |
| (b. 12-25-1864) | |
| | (m. . . . 1906 Edith Soulé) |



Sidney Ashbridge



Joseph H. Ashbridge



Myself Ashbridge

Mary Kenyon was born in New Orleans, married Alexander John Godby, a grain merchant of Baltimore, in 1881, and removed about 1900 to England, residing now at Eltham, in the county of Kent.

Sydney, born on Christmas Day, 1864, in Liverpool, England, is now, and has been for six years, a resident of Washington, D.C., in the Realty business. Previous to this the Fire Insurance business in New York occupied most of his time.

One daughter, Sidney Josephine, is married.

CHILDREN OF ALEXANDER M. AND . . . ASHBRIDGE.

| | | |
|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Edward S. | Fanny | Katherine F. |
| Edith | Christine | George W. |
| Lawrence | | |

CHILDREN OF SYDNEY AND GRACE M. (RASIN) ASHBRIDGE.

Marguerite G.

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sidney Josephine | (m. . . . McCeney) |
| Ruby (dec ^d) | Marea (dec ^d) |

CHILDREN OF CLARENCE B. AND . . . ASHBRIDGE.

Donald MacQueen Thomas Llewellyn

The home of this family is in Philadelphia.

In preparing the records of the line of Joseph, the following wills were examined:

Jane Ashbridge (daughter of Joseph and Priscilla). Will dated July 9th, 1821, Philadelphia.

Priscilla Logan (daughter of Joseph and Priscilla). Will dated July 24th, 1824, Philadelphia.

Sarah Ashbridge (daughter of Joseph and Priscilla). Will dated December 26th, 1843, Philadelphia.

Ann Ashbridge (wife of Aaron). Will dated June 1st, 1837, Philadelphia.

APPENDIX.



RELATING CHIEFLY TO SKETCHES OF COLLATERAL LINES.

DAVIES.

Merion in the Welsh Tract, page 82, gives following :

- (320) IV. Janne Jones, b. 9-15-1685, d. 8-27-1764, buried at Goshen, m. David Davis, son of Ellis David, d. 10-14-1754.

CHILDREN.

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Hannah, b. 5-1-1710, | m. 1732, John Ashbridge. |
| Richard, b. 3-3-1712. | d. 1735. |
| Ellis, b. 10-24-1713, | m. 1741, Lydia Ashbridge. |
| Sarah, b. 7-20-1715, | m. 1737, Aaron Ashbridge. |
| Jonathan, b. 6-4-1717, | m. 1742, Esther Haines. |
| Amos, b. 3-26-1719, | m. 1745, Ann Pratt. |
| Susanna, b. 4-25-1721, | m. 1741, Thomas Hoopes. |
| Jane, b. | m. 3-16-1745, Joseph Pratt. |
| Priscilla, b. | m. 4-8-1749, Joseph Ashbridge. |

And on page 83 :

- IX. Margaret Jones, b. 6-20-1697, d. . . . Married twice.
1st. 10-16-1716, at Merion. Thomas Paschall, b. 7-22-1693.

CHILDREN.

Margaret, m. Samuel Mather, John Watson, Daniel Lewis.
Thomas, m. Ann Chandler, d. without issue.
Hannah, m. Isaac Roberts.
(Margaret Jones, m.) 2d, 1-6-1729-30, George Ashbridge, d. 1748.

Note. Janne and Margaret Jones were two children of Rees John William, d. 11-26-1697, and his wife, Hannah Price, b. about 1656, d. 9-29-1741.

The peculiar Welsh customs, in the matter of names, account for the difference in surnames of parents and children. Jane Jones is said to have married in 1709.

HOOPEs.

Joshua Hoopes, with his wife Isabel and three children, came to Bucks County, Pa., in 1683, his native English county being Yorkshire. He was a member of Provincial Assembly from 1686 to 1711, and was twice married.

Daniel, his son, was born about 1670, married 1696, to Jane Worrilaw, daughter of Thomas and Grace, of Edgmont. He purchased land in Westtown Tp., 1697-8—was member of the Assembly 1708-09.

“In 1728 he purchased six hundred and thirty acres of land, including all of the northwest quarter of the present town of West Chester, and settled his sons thereon.”

Daniel and Jane had seventeen children, of whom Joshua was fifth and Jane sixth. . . . “In addition to the large size of this family it may be noted that three of them were born in the seventeenth century, and four of them lived for some time in the nineteenth century; from the birth of the first to the death of the youngest was over one hundred and eighteen years, and the average of the thirteen who married was seventy-four years.”

Daniel was living in 1746.

(The above condensed from Memoirs of Chester and Del. Cos.).

SHARPLESS.

John Sharpless, son of Jeffery and Margaret, came to Pennsylvania when sixty years of age, with wife Jane (Moor) and seven children, in the year 1682. He died not far from Chester in 1685.

A later John was born in 1750, in Concord Township, Delaware County, and became one of the largest land owners of East Goshen Township. He married first Elizabeth Yearsley, and second Hannah Smith.

Samuel, who married Abigail Ashbridge, was the third child of John and Hannah.

YARNALL.

Dr. Smith says :

- (321) “Francis Yarnall probably immigrated with his brother Philip in 1684, . . . in 1686 he married Hannah Baker, a daughter as is believed of Joseph Baker, of Edgmont. In 1708 he resided in Chester borough. He was a man of considerable influence in the community, and in 1711 represented Chester county in the Provincial Assembly.”

Amos was the seventh child.

THOMAS.

The extracts given below relating to the Thomas family are from “The Smedley Genealogy” pages, 179 to 183.



PLATE XXXIII

- (322) Richard AP Thomas of Whitford Garden, Flintshire, Wales, was a purchaser of 5000 acres of land from William Penn, . . . reached Philadelphia in 1683 (died shortly after, leaving his son Richard his Pennsylvania lands) . . .

Richard 2d married Grace Atherton . . . died 1744 and was buried in "Malin's Graveyard". . . .

(Richard 3d married Phebe Ashbridge daughter of the first George Ashbridge)

The Colonial Records of Pennsylvania from 1774 until the close of the Revolutionary War are replete with notices of the active services, both civil and military of the 4th Richard Thomas, of Chester County (son of Richard and Phebe). He was a member of the first association in the county formed to carry out the views and effect the purposes of the Continental Congress. In September 1775, he was lieutenant-colonel of a regiment of volunteers, being the first regiment raised in Chester County. April 19th, 1776, he was appointed colonel of the 5th battalion of Associators, in the county of Chester. The commission, dated that day, is signed "By order of the Assembly, John Morton, Speaker." Col. Thomas was a member of the Provincial Conference or Convention, composed of the county committees, which met June 18, 1776. This Conference appointed the Pennsylvania delegates who signed the Declaration of Independence.

. . . (Uwehlan Mo. Mtg. of Friends disowned him 8 mo. 10. 1775, for his participation in the War) . . . In September 1777, the British sent a party to Col. Thomas' house in hopes of capturing him, but he being notified escaped. The enemy put a rope around his wife's neck and threatened to hang her to the lintel of the door if she did not tell where her husband was concealed. . . .

. . . In the years 1786 to 1789, inclusive, Col. Thomas was elected a member of Assembly, and in 1790, to the State Senate. In April 1793, he was appointed a brigadier-general of militia by Governor Mifflin, but declined to accept. In the years 1794, 1796, and 1798 he was elected a member of the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Congresses, being the first representative from his native county under the Constitution of the United States. . . .

. . . The old mansion (in West Whiteland), which stood close by the present residence of his grandson, Richard Ashbridge, was accidentally burned in 1895. About 1782 he erected a new house on the Lancaster Road, of dark red brick, which was painted fifty or more years ago a drab or light brown. But little change has been made to the outside, while the interior has undergone considerable alteration, and under the name of

Whitford Lodge (see Plate xxxiii) it is used as a summer vacation house for women and girls from Philadelphia. It contains twenty-two or 'three desirable rooms. Richard Thomas died at the residence of his daughter, Thomazine Ashbridge, (wife of William) in Philadelphia.

TRIMBLE.

The American ancestor of this family was William Trimble who was born in Ireland, 1705, emigrated in 1719—married 1734 to Ann Palmer—died 1795.

(p. 250, Memoirs of Chester & Del. Co.)

The following account of the James family has been prepared by Mr. Gilbert Cope, of West Chester :

(323) (James). From Besse's Sufferings of the Quakers.

Anno 1670: In this year also many of this People suffered very grievous and exorbitant Distresses for their religious Meetings, of which we have the following Instances Viz,

xviii. From Evan Protherah, of Narberth, Goods worth £8 10s.

Anno 1674: In this Year Lewis David, of Llandewy, had taken from him by the servants of Evan Harris, Tithe farmer, and Nicholas Roberts, Priest, about a fifth part of all his Corn. Also Evan Protherah for Tithes of 20^s Value, had taken from him three Cart loads of hay and Corn.

Anno 1675: For absence from the National Worship were taken by Distress from John Burge, Henry Lewis and Evan Protherah, Goods worth £1. 15^s.

Anno 1678: In this and the next preceding Year several Persons in Pembrokeshire had taken from them for Tithes, Corn, Hay, Lambs, and other Goods, of the several Values following, viz., Lewis David of Llandewy, £16: 4^s: 6^d., Jane and Thomas Symonds, £6. 3s. 6d, Lewis James of Langohman, £4. 12. 6d. William Thomas of Lawhadden £12. 3. 6d. Evan Protherah of Narberth, £1. 9s. 0d. (and others)

This name has been variously written, as Prothero, Prothera, Protherah, Prytherch and Prytherech.

Evan Prothero appears to have been a witness to a deed from John Wood to Howell James, 1-10-1690, for 500 acres of land near the upper end of Newtown Township, (now) Delaware County Pa.

Evan Protherah obtained a patent for 111 acres of land in Radnor, Sept. 30, 1701, yet he is supposed to have removed to Philadelphia not long after this. His nephew, George Thomas, purchased 200 acres of land in

Newton township, 1693, and being about to take a voyage to Barbadoes, wrote a will in the form of a letter to his uncle, requesting him to look after the land and some other matters, and saying that if he did not live to return the land should go to his cousin Betty Prothera, into whose hands he gave the letter in Philadelphia.

Whether the testator lived to return is not known, but he died without making any other will. Letters of administration on his estate were granted Oct. 9, 1696, to Evan Prothera of Radnor in the behalf of Thomas, William and Daniel Thomas, of Pembrokehire the brothers of George Thomas. These letters were revoked Jan. 26th 1696/7, and others granted to Morgan James and Elizabeth his wife, late Elizabeth Prothera, she producing the above letter or will.

The record of deaths kept by Friends of Philadelphia shows that Evan Prothero died 11 mo. 20, 1709/10, and that Elizabeth Prothero, his widow, died 11 mo. 24, 1709/10. Letters of administration on his estate were granted May 17th 1710, to Morgan James of the County of Chester, yeoman. It has not appeared that he left any child except the said Elizabeth James.

From the minutes of William Penn's Commissioners of Property, under date of 18th of 12th Mo. 1701, the following is taken :

Thomas Hoodt by Deed dated 13th 1 mo. 1693 Conveyed to George Thomas 100^{ac} of Land in Newtown in Chester, part of 250 acres purchased by the said T. Hoodt of John Blunston purchaser of 1500 acres. John Blunston Constituted attorney by Letter dated 4th 9^{br} 1692 for Joseph Potter, purchaser of 250 acres, by Deed dated 12th 1mo. 1693, conveyed to the said Geo: Thomas 100 acres joyning on ye foregoing. George Thomas going to sea by a Letter left behind him as his Will Devised the said 200 acres Elizab Protherow now Wife of Morgan James which devise was afterwards Confirmed by a Deeree of the Provinciai Judges at Chester dated 19th 2^{mo} 1699 in Consideration that the said Morgan should pay to Thomas Thomas brother to the s^d George £30 which because the said T. T. soon after fled in Gov^t Webb's vessel was never paid but they are Ready to answer it when he demands it tis said he (T. T.) is dead. Requests a Resurvey. Granted and a Patent.

JAMES.

At or "monthly meeting held at Hav^rford the 8 day of the 9th month 1694."

"2^{dly}. Morgan James & Bess Prytherch declared their intention of marriage the first time before the meeting. David Lawrence W^m Howell are ordered to Inspect into their clearness & to bring in their acc^t to the next meeting."

13th 10 Mo. 1694: "Morgan James and Elizabeth prytherch having Laid their Intentions of marriage before this meeting y^e second time and finding nothing but Clearness of each side are left to their freedom. David Lawrence & John Jarman are ordered to see the same accomplished according to y^e order of Truth and to bring their Certificate to the next meeting."

The marriage certificate being recorded shows that "Morgan James of Radnor in ye County of Chester, Batchler & Elizabeth Prytherch of the same Townshipe & county spinster, were married y^e first day of the Eleaventh month in the year 1694, at Radnor meeting."

| | | |
|-----------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Evan Prytherech | David Lewis | Morgan James |
| Henry Lewis | Wm. Howell | Elizabeth James |
| David Lawrence | David Tho: | . |
| Samuell Lewis | David Wm: | Margert Howell |
| John Lewis | Lewis Lewis | Elizabeth Lewis |
| Wm: Jenkins | Daniell Lawrence | Martha Tho: |
| John Richard | Rees Thomas | Margarett Jerman |
| Richard Hayes | Richard Ormes | Mary Merelith |
| Joshua Owens | Hugh Rob ^{ts} | Mary Orme |
| Edward Morgan | Rob ^t Owens | |
| John Lewis | | |

The birth of a daughter Mary, 8 mo. 20, 1695, appears on the meeting records, but no other children.

A difference between Morgan James and Rees Hent is mentioned in 1697, and Morgan James gave a paper of condemnation for his conduct therein.

At Haverford Monthly Meeting, 11 Mo. 13, 1703, some complaint was made of members frequenting other meetings than those to which they belonged, as was thought, and a committee appointed to inspect the cause.

At the next meeting, 12 Mo. 10, 1703: "the friends appointed to speak with Morgan James & John Pierce because they did not frequent the meeting they belonged to, they brought this account, that having heard Morgan James reason they were not free to urge and press him thereto, but desired that the Cause of dissatisfaction might be removed."

Nothing has been discovered as to the parentage of Morgan James. From his associations it is evident he was from Wales, and probably according to Welsh custom he was the son of a man whose first name was James. A brother Thomas James was among the Welsh settlers.

Morgan James seems to have fallen away from Friends, but owing to some of the minutes of the meeting being lost we are deprived of further particulars. He married a second wife of which we have no record.

The will of Morgan James of Newtown, yeoman, is dated 3d Mo., May 14, 1737, and was proved June 17, 1737.

He provides for his wife Mary and gives the residue to all his children by his first and second wives,—daughter Margaret only named. As executors he appointed Mary, his wife, and son Joseph, Kinsman, Samuel Lewis, and friend Thomas Thomas of Radnor to be trustees to see that the will was properly executed.

The will of Thomas James of Whiteland is dated July 29, 1747, and was proved May 14, 1748.

“To my cousins, viz.: Joseph James, Mary Earl, Thomas, Aaron, Jonathau, Martha and Hannah James, 5 shillings each.

To cousin Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Lewis, bed & bedding.

To cousin Elizabeth, dau. of Samuel James my Riding horse.

To cousin Joseph Talkington my lott in Wilmington & £5.

To Griffith John my Welsh Bible “

Residue to cousin Samuel James of Whiteland (who was executor)

In that day the term cousin was applied to nephews and nieces. From other sources it appears that Elizabeth, first wife of Morgan James, left seven children,

Mary, m. Henry Traviller and a 2d husband, John Earl.

Joseph married Elizabeth . . .

Daniel married Susanna Maris.

Samuel married Rachel Buffington and Rachel Lawrence.

Magdalen married John Strode

Elizabeth m. John Talkinton

Margaret m. Joseph Lewis.

None of the above children were married according to the discipline of Friends, and only one other was recognized as having right of membership.

At Goshen Monthly Meeting 11-20-1728, 9. “The Representatives of Uwehlan Meeting gives account that Samuel James, having been Educated among Friends hath proceeded in marriage contrary to the good order Established amongst us, and that his uncle Thomas James with whom the said Samuel dwelt, was Privy & Consenting to his said Proceeding, and that they have dealt with them for the same offence which hath yet proved Ineffectual; therefore this meeting appoints William Lewis and Richard Jones to deal further with the said Thomas and Samuel James and make Report to our next meeting.” (Note—No descendants of the name from this Samuel)

At the Orphans' Court of Chester County, June 20, 1769: On the petition of Thomas Smedley in right of his wife, Lydia (dau. of Daniel James); James Treviller (son of Mary); George Passmore in right of his wife Margaret (dau. of Magdalen James or Strode); Thomas Clemson in right of his wife Elizabeth (dau. of same); Benjamin Ring in right of his wife Rachel (dau. of Samuel James); Abraham Johnson in right of wife Magdalen (dau. of same); Henry Hayes in right of his children by wife Anne, deceased (dau. of Magdalen Strode)

The Court ordered the sheriff and a jury of twelve men to view the real estate of Morgan and Elizabeth James and divide it into 8 shares, viz.—to the eldest son, Joseph, two shares: to heirs of Daniel, deceased, one share; to heirs of Samuel, deceased, one share; to heirs of Mary Treviller, deceased, one share; to heirs of Magdalen Strode, deceased, one share; to heirs of Elizabeth Talkington, deceased, one share; to heirs of Margaret Lewis, deceased, one share.

The property was awarded to Joseph James, the eldest son, and to him or his grand son Joseph the other heirs executed releases at various dates. The land was said to be in occupancy of John Hambleton.

By deed of Nov. 7, 1730, Joseph James purchased 289 acres of land in Willistown Township, and settled there.

At Goshen Monthly Meeting 1 Mo. 10, 1745/6, "Joseph James Requested of this meeting for himself and his Family Including Lydia James, his Brother's Daughter by him brought up, to be joynd to our community; also his son Samuel being arrived to age of maturity made the same Request; who are Received as their future Conversation shall be agreeable with our Principles."

The will of Joseph James of Willistown, mason, is dated Jan. 6, 1770, and was proved May 12, 1770.

To grandson Joseph James all my right title and interest in and to my land in Newtown, where John Hambleton now dwelleth.

To wife Elizabeth some furniture. Residue of estate to be sold and the money to be for use of wife during life (she being now much enfeebled and requiring constant nursing):—after which—

To three grandsons, Samuel James, William James and Jesse James and their sister Hannah James, £5 each when of age.

To grandson Joseph Hoopes £5 at 21.

To grandson John Ashbridge, son of Jonathan, £10 at 21.

To dau. Sarah Ashbridge £5

Reversions to dau. Mary Treviller and the children of daughter Ann Yarnall (as they become of age)

Friend Joshua Evans of Tredyffrin to be executor.

Witnesses: Andrew Buchanan, Thomas Smedley, Lewis Gronow.

*Inventory by William Garrett and Benjamin Hibberd, £77: 5.

Two days after date of will Joseph James executed a deed to Joshua Evans of Tredyffryn for 5 acres of the land for £50, having previously conveyed 209 acres to same for £1000, Feb. 10, 1769.

Still earlier he conveyed 70 acres to Caleb Maris Sept. 11, 1768.

The executor's accounts contain the item, "for Funeral Expences for deceased & wife," £15. 4. (Acct. filed Jan. 13, 1772.)

Children of Joseph and Elizabeth James:

Samuel, d. 1754; m. 4 Mo. 5, 1746, Joanna Paschall.

Ann, m. 10-10-1747, Daniel Yarnall.

Mary, m. about 1750, Thomas Treviller, her 1st cousin.

Elizabeth, m. 4-8-1756, George Hoopes.

Sarah, m. Jonathan Ashbridge, 5-12-1757.

(Perhaps others died young)

WILCOT.

Paul Willcutt married Sarah Yuenglove of Scarborough, Aug. 22, 1814. This is noted in Robertson's Landmarks, vol. 3, p. 409. The ceremony was performed at St. James' Anglican Church, Toronto, and was witnessed by James McClure and Hannah Mills. (Probably a son of Paul and Elizabeth Wilcott).

The same volume records a marriage between "Peter Mackina, bachelor, and Sarah Ashbridge, Spinster, both of this parish," . . . witnessed by Joseph Demavey and Maria Mills, 22d May, 1820.

This Sarah is difficult to account for. The possibility of a former marriage by John is the only solution I have to suggest.

MERCER.

The following sketch is from History of York Co., 1885, page 199:

(324) Thomas Mercer, deceased, was born in County Down Ireland, in 1744, and came to the United States at an early day. He settled in Philadelphia.

*The will of Joseph James contains this item—"I request and desire my friend George Ashbridge to assist my said Executor in taking care of my wife in case she survives me, and also to assist my said Executor in the settlement of my estate agreeably to the tenor of the within writing."

where he remained until 1793, and then coming to Canada, he in 1796, took up two hundred acres of land on lot 10, concession 1, East York. The journey from Philadelphia was made overland, Mr. Mercer bringing with him a cow from his old settlement. He remained on his farm in York until his death in 1829. He married Susan Jordan, of Hillsborough, County Down, Ireland, the union resulting in seven children. Thomas, his second son, was born in Philadelphia in 1792, and came with his parents to Canada. . . . He died in 1873. . . . Thomas Hamilton, . . . born 1822 . . . married 1863 to Jane, daughter of William Graham, from Nova Scotia. . . . Children Minnie A., Ada S. Alfred E. E., Bertha E. M., Wilfrid H. O.

BENNETT.

The Bennett family, with which we are interested, at this time consisted of:

Jesse, married Catherine Covert, was a mill-wright and lost his life in a mill in Vaughan Tp.

John, died in Vaughan.

Jacob.

Jinny (supposed to be Regina).

Hannah, married . . . Barton and 2d Jonathan Ashbridge.

Aquila, married Susannah Covert (sister to Catherine).

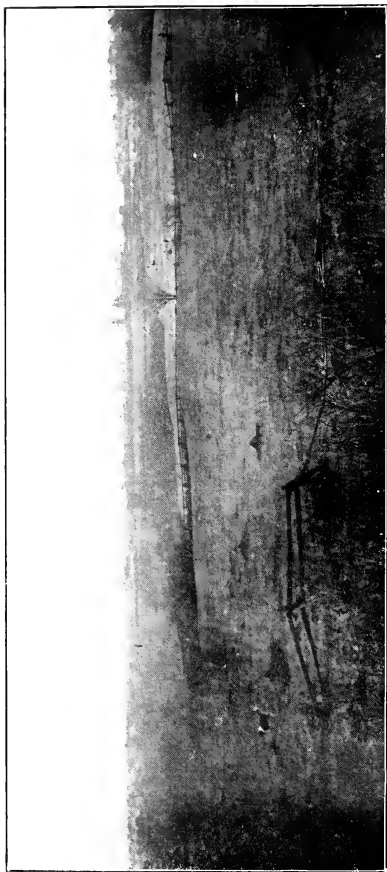
The (Bennett) grandfather of those mentioned above, emigrated with his family to Virginia, taking up an "immense tract of land" there.

From Virginia, they moved to Pennsylvania, thought to be to some part near the Susquehanna River, as they often spoke of it.

Becoming probably dissatisfied, the grandfather returned to England, the family remaining in America until during some Indian war or raid the father, whose name is thought to be Isaac Bennett, was killed and scalped, after which the mother and children moved to Canada.

Mrs. Bennett did not like her new home in Canada, and went back to Pennsylvania with her daughter Jinny (whose real name is believed to be Regina) and son Jacob, "who afterwards moved to Iowa, where he had a large property. Some years afterwards he again visited Canada," bringing with him his sister Hannah (Barton), then a widow.

For the information given above relating to the family of Hannah Bennett, I am indebted to Miss Edith Draper, of Belhaven, York Co.,



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Ont., whose mother Mrs. (Bennett) Draper, then in her 89th year, gave her the same from her own clearly defined personal recollections. Extending these to her memory of my grandfather and grandmother she notes: "Amy resembled her father most of all; but Jesse also resembled him. Isaac resembled his mother most, but Rebecca and Delilah (Barton) also resembled her. The children were all fair and nearly all had light hair. Their mother was a very fine looking woman, tall, heavy set, fair with blue eyes and light hair. The father was a plain man, tall and fair."

Mrs. Draper was a visitor in her younger days at the old Ashbridge home on the Kingston Road. She is a daughter of Aquila and Susanna (Covert) Bennett, who were married before coming to Canada.

Note. The second visit of Jacob and Hannah to Canada mentioned above would probably be about 1806-08.

From Robertson's Landmarks, vol. 3, p. 415, we have:

*24 Sept. 1818. Married by special license James McClure and Delhia Barton. Witnesses John Henson & Samuel Mills.

(St. James' Anglican records.)

HERON.

Samuel Heron, was born at Kirkcudbright, Scotland, in 1770. He emigrated to the Town of York, Upper Canada, travelling *via* New York and Niagara. Mrs. (Sarah) Ashbridge and her sons had preceded him a few months, in settling in Canada, and in 1794, Samuel married Sarah Ashbridge, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (James) Ashbridge, and built a log house on the north side of Duke Street . . .

In 1796 he started a mercantile business, buying his first stock of goods from Montreal, but later removed up Yonge Street, settling on 200 acres of land near the present Hogg's Hollow, then known as Heron's Hill.

Sarah died in 1801, and Mr. Heron married again. He built a saw and grist mill and entered into various enterprises, building up a considerable business before his death, which occurred in 1817.

(The above is reduced from an account given in "Hist. of York County, Vol. 2, p. 64, -1885).

John Heron, the second son of Samuel and Sarah (Ashbridge) Heron, was born about the year 1798 or 1799, in the Town of York.

*Delia Barton, a daughter of Hannah (Bennett) Barton.

While he was just a boy, war broke out between Great Britain and the United States, and he enlisted in the York Militia with his father, and is said to have taken part in the defence of York, in 1813, when the town was taken by the American forces, and also in the more desperate battle of Lundy's Lane, in which he was wounded.

. . . John married Julia Elma Barton, daughter of Mrs. Jonathan Ashbridge by her first husband, . . . Barton, and settled in the Township of Scarboro', where he lived to an advanced age.

Andrew, the third son of Samuel and Sarah Heron, was born in 1800, and when eleven years of age was sent to school at Niagara, in which place his uncle Andrew kept a store.

While there it was his privilege to watch at close range the stirring events of the war, and he is said to have heard the roar of cannons at the battle of York, and to have witnessed the battle of Queenston Heights, and the funeral of General Brock, the gallant leader of the defending forces, who fell upon that occasion.

In 1819, Andrew "left Niagara and came to York, working upon his uncle Ashbridge's farm (probably John's) until 1822, when he returned to Niagara" and went into the ferry business.

He married Cynthia Beaugardis in 1829, by whom he had four sons and one daughter, of whom only one son was living in 1885.

(Considerable of the above description is condensed from the account in the "History of York County (1885), Vol. 2, p. 64).

Note. Andrew Heron of Niagara (uncle of the Andrew of the above sketch), was an early and prominent citizen of that town, and is mentioned frequently in the "Centennial of St. Andrew's, Niagara" (1794 to 1894), edited by Janet Carnochan, to which the reader is referred for further information.

HILL.

(From History of York Co., 1885.)

- (325) page 191 Samuel Hill, farmer, was born in the County of Wexford, Ireland, in 1815. His parents were John and Ann (Wright) Hill. In 1840 having learned the trade of a tanner and currier, he came to Canada and located at St. David's, near Niagara, where he worked at his trade. In the following year he came to Toronto and worked at Smith's tannery; he afterwards



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(LOOKING NORTH.)

carried on a tanning business for himself, finally giving it up to engage in farming on lot 2, Concession 1, York Township. He has also been largely interested in the ice business, having been proprietor of the Ontario Ice Company for several years. In 1850 he married a daughter of John Ashbridge, who settled near the bay, which now bears his name, in 1794. In religion Mr. Hill is an active member of the Methodist Church; in politics he is a Conservative.

ROONEY.

Thomas Rooney emigrated from Ireland to Toronto, and was living, about 1840, upon property now a part of the grounds of the Metropolitan Methodist Church. He was a gardener by occupation and died in 1853, his wife in 1886, she having married a second time to Thomas Fox. Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Mary Rooney was born in 1843, and married Jesse Ashbridge in 1864.

BRIGHT.

(From History of York Co., 1885.)

Pages 14-16, Extracts from "Bright family":

- (326) John . . . eldest white male resident of Toronto in 1885 . . . born at Three Rivers, Que. 1793, being fourth son of Louis and Margaret (Brady) Bright, came to York with his parents 1802.

His father served for the British seven years in Revol. War, died at age of ninety nine years & ten months leaving six sons & six daughters . . . John served in war of 1812, fighting at York, Stony Creek, Queenston Heights and Lundy's Lane, . . . saw Brock fall, and carried off . . .

James Bright, 71 King Street East, blaeksmith and brother of the above, is the youngest son of the same family, was born in York in 1807, corner of Princess and Duke Streets. When fifteen years of age he learned the trade of blaeksmith with his brother Louis, whose shop then occupied the north-east corner of King and York Streets, where the Shakespeare Hotel now stands. They wrought together for five years. In 1832 he married Amelia, daughter of Isaac Columbus, who was employed in the Garrison, being edge-tool maker and silversmith. He made a sword for General Brock which he carried on the day of his death. Soon after Mr. Bright's marriage, he moved east of the Don and took up his residence at 71 King Street East, where he established himself in business as a blaeksmith, and where he has ever since resided. Having seven sons and two daughters, the former having succeeded him in business.

FOX.

Thomas Fox, the youngest of a family of twenty-one or two, was born in London, England, in 1812, emigrated to Canada in 1832, was married first to Mary Rose, of Devonshire, who died in 1854, and a second time to Mary (Long) Rooney. He was a brick manufacturer, living in Toronto, Ont., near the corner of Curzon and Queen streets.

Alsey Thomas, son of Thomas and Mary (Rooney), until recently has followed the same business, and is now living on Edgewood Road, in the east end of Toronto.

DAVIS.

The Davis family, emigrated from North Carolina to Canada soon after the Revolutionary War, being Loyalists, and settled near Hamilton, Ont.

John (Captain), born in 1803, married Hannah Burkholder of Hamilton, and spent most of his life there. He took part in quelling the rebellion of 1837, and died in Toronto in 1901.

Thomas Wesley Davis, his second son, was born near Hamilton in 1840, settled in Toronto when a young man, where he still resides. In 1868 (May 20th), he married Anne, daughter of George Shaver, of Islington, Ont., and Isabella Hess, of Hamilton.

Mabel F. is his youngest daughter.

The Shaver and Hess families emigrated to Canada from Pennsylvania before 1800, being U. E. Loyalists.

GARRETT.

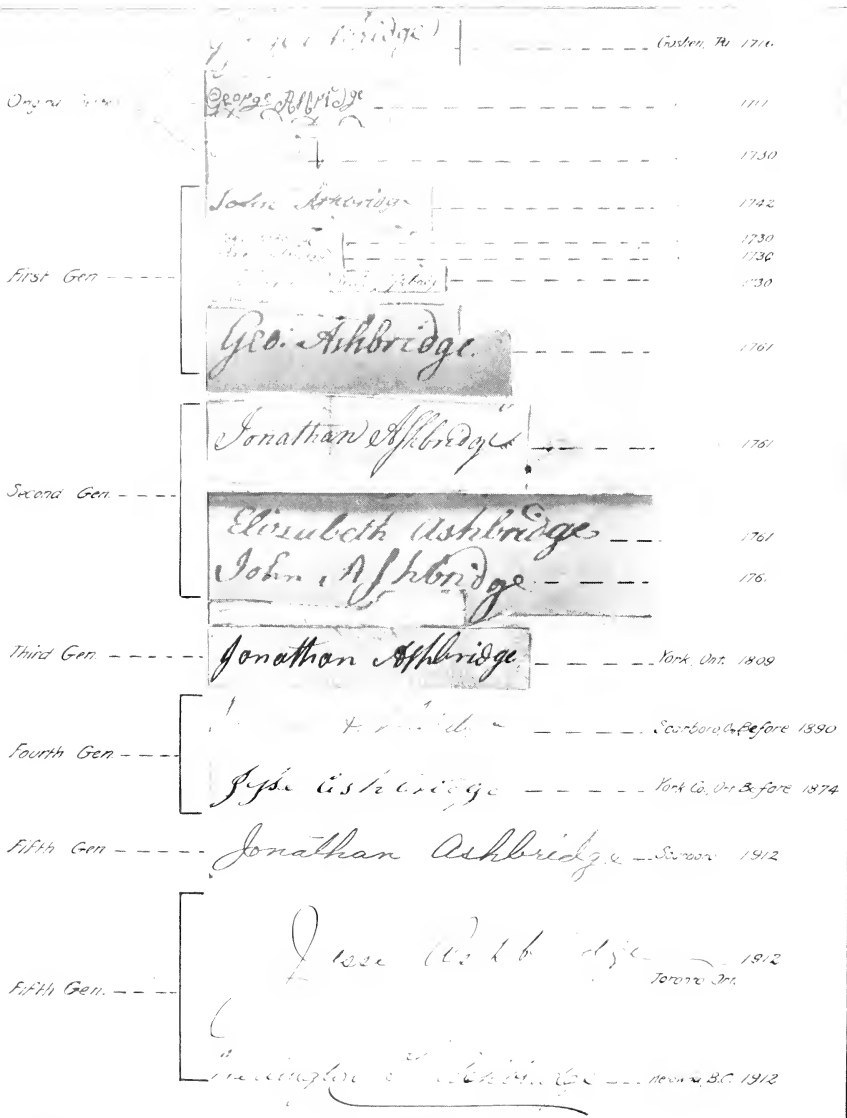
William Garratt, son of John and Mary, of Leicester, England, came to Pennsylvania in 1684 and settled in Upper Darby, afterwards moving to Philadelphia in 1721, where he died three years later.

Thomas was his eighth child. He married Lydia Lewis, and Rebecca was their daughter.

The first settler, William, was member of the Assembly in 1706-07.

MASSEY.

The Massey family of Chester county, of which Samuel A. Massey, of Lower Oxford township, is a descendant in the present generation, is of English origin, and doubtless came from Cheshire. The American ancestor was probably Thomas Massey, who came in the "Endeavour,"



7 mo. 29, 1683. In 1692 he married Phebe, daughter of Robert and Mary Taylor, she having been a passenger on the same vessel. In 1696, Thomas Massey bought three hundred acres of land in Marple township. He died 9 mo. 18, 1708. . . .

. . . Isaac (sixth child and second son) was born 2 mo. 5, 1732, and died 2 mo. 6, 1792. He devised £20 toward rebuilding Willistown Meeting House.

(From Memoirs of Chester and Del. Co.)

MARIS.

George Maris, the founder of the families now in Chester County, emigrated from Worcester County in 1683, with his wife Alice and several children. He settled in Springfield township.

Dr. Smith says of him, . . . "he held many public trusts: was a Justice of the Peace, one of the Judges of the Court, and on several occasions was chosen a member of the Provincial Assembly" . . .

He died in 1703, aged 73 years.

RHOADS.

John Rhoads, of Derbyshire, was among the early English Quakers. His wife (Elizabeth Jessop) being dead, he came to Pennsylvania before 1699, with several children. He died in Upper Darby in 1701.

To his youngest son, Joseph, born in 1680, he left 100 acres in Marple, and the latter added some 250 acres more. Joseph married Abigail Bonsall.

James, the seventh and youngest child of Joseph and Abigail, was born 1722, and married Elizabeth Owen. All the Marple property came into his possession and was increased by his purchases.

Joseph, the second son of the above was born 1748, and married Mary Ashbridge.

(Summarized from "Clovercroft Chronicles.")

DOWNING.

Thomas Downing, born in Devonshire, 1691, came to Pennsylvania, was married three times, and had eleven children by his second wife Thomazine. . . . After 1733 he "settled in East Caln township at

the place since known as Downingtown, and which was named for him, where he purchased from John Taylor five hundred and sixty-one acres of land"

Richard, his second child, born 1719, was married to Mary Edge in 1741, and died in East Caln in 1803.

Samuel was the eleventh child of Richard and Mary. He was born in 1763 and married Jane Ashbridge.

(From Memoirs of Chester and Delaware Co.)

ZOOK.

The family of Zook is of German Swiss descent, the name being originally spelled Zug, probably from the Swiss canton of the name. The present Chester County home at Exton P.O. has been occupied by Zook's since 1770.

(From information supplied by Miss Elizabeth Zook of Haverford, Pa., daughter of Jacob and Rebecca (Ashbridge) Zook.)

CHEYNEY.

John and Thomas Cheyney were two brothers who had purchased 1,500 acres of land in Thornbury township, Pennsylvania, in 1724. Their father John, who died in 1722, had lived before 1715 in Middletown township.

John (Jr.) married Ann Hickman and died in Thornbury township in 1745.

His eldest son, Thomas, was born 1731, and married twice, 1st to Mary Taylor (widow) in 1755, and 2d to Mary Vernon a widow also, in 1769. He was known as Squire Thomas Cheyney, and took an active and prominent part in the Revolutionary War, becoming a Colonel in the Continental army. In 1784 he was appointed Justice of the Peace and Judge of the Common Pleas, as well.

William, his youngest son, married Elizabeth Jones, and fell heir to his father's homestead.

Thomas, the youngest child of William and Elizabeth, married Jane B. Ashbridge. He was also known as Squire Cheyney. He died suddenly in his office in West Chester.

(Summarized from Memoirs of Chester and Delaware Co.)

BAKER.

Joseph Baker, Sr., was a son of John Baker, of Edgmont, Shropshire, England, and settled in Edgmont township, Pa., "where he became a large landholder and probably suggested the name for that township."
 . . . He was a member of the Assembly from 1700 to 1713.

Joseph Baker, Jr., "who is believed to have been a nephew of Joseph, Sr., appears among taxables in Edgmont in 1696." He married Martha Woodward . . . "about 1698." . . . died in Edgmont 1736, his widow surviving him by 40 years. . . . "these were the ancestors of a host of Bakers."

Richard, 2d son of Joseph, Jr., was born 1700, married Elizabeth Hunter, of Middletown. He died in Edgmont in 1731.

Aaron, his eldest son, married Mary . . . , and died in 1788 in Edgmont.

Edward, son of Aaron, married Jane Green, and their fourth daughter, Mary, born 1792, married Joseph Ashbridge.

(Italics are from Smedley Genealogy.)

PECHIN.

- (327) Peter Pechin was of French descent, his father, Christopher Pechin, came with his parents from the Province of Lorraine, in France, about A.D. 1754. He became a prominent shipping merchant and business man of Philadelphia. During the Revolutionary War he assisted the cause of the Colonies by granting Congress a large loan; this was repaid in Continental money, which became worthless, and he thus lost the entire loan. He was connected with the early history of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Third Street, Philadelphia. Christopher Pechin died in Philadelphia, October 26th, 1779. The following inscription is on his tomb in St. Paul's Churchyard:

"Death has conquered life
 But Christ has conquered death,
 And I shall live again."

Peter Pechin died in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, July 19th, 1858.

(From "Rural Pennsylvania," by Rev. S. F. Hotckin.)

BENNERS.

Henry Bartleson Benners, of Philadelphia, son of George Benners and Sarah Weyman, married Elizabeth Hains, and their daughter Phebe Hains married John Ashbridge.

SMEDLEY.

The original Chester County Smedley (George) came from Derbyshire to Pennsylvania about 1682, settling in Middletown township, and later removing to Willistown township, where he and his sons became next neighbors to the Ashbridge family in Goshen.

While the descendants of George Smedley are probably not more numerous than those of many other ancestors, their movements and activities have been better chronicled than many others, in a large volume compiled by Mr. Gilbert Cope, and which might almost be called a genealogical directory for Chester County.

Howard and Alice C. Ashbridge, both of the 5th generation, married Smedleys.

In the Seattle Public Library in October, 1910, finding a number of city directories together, I looked over some of them with the following results :

No Ashbridge names were recorded in those of Victoria or Vancouver, B.C., Tacoma, San Francisco, Kansas City, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Chicago, Detroit, Pittsburg, Galveston, Portland (Me.), Boston, or New York. The population covered by these would be, perhaps, eight or ten millions.

Los Angeles, Cal., contained two names, Rev. William F. and John H., both at the same address.

Salt Lake City names were Alzada L., Montford W., Otto E., and William A., all at same street address.

Philadelphia directories (of about same date) contained the following names additional to those referred to on Plates I and XXXVII.

| | |
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| Alfred A. . . . | 2030 Hagert St. |
| Charles R. . . . | 2462 N. Bouvier St. |
| Joseph | 3121 N. Chadwick St. |
| Anna J. | Royal Apartments. |
| Frederick E. . . | 1233 Tucker St. |
| Harry | 766 S. Sartain St. |

John 1317 Dorrance St.
 John Baird's Ct., Fkd.
 Frank
 Lena
 Nelson
 William H. . . . 1620 Westmoreland St.

At Norristown, Montgomery Co., Pa., at the one street address are:— Alfred, Chas. E., Howard, James E. B., Mary E., William H., evidently of one family.

In Johnstown, Pa., are the following:—Two brothers, Jacob H. and James S. (brothers of John Tyson, of Frankford, Phila.), and Edward L., Frank S., and Joseph M., sons of James S.

The Vancouver, B.C., Directory of 1912 contains the name of Alfred Ashbridge. (*Should be Albert Asbridge, recently from England.*)

Robertson's "Landmarks of Toronto," Vol. 1, p. 475, gives following extract from diary of Miss Macdonell in 1807, being descriptive of a journey from York (Toronto) to New York and back of more than a hundred years ago:

(328) "the time occupied was three weeks in going and the same in returning, including in each case occasional delays owing to bad weather. The route taken from here was by sailing vessel to Oswego, taking three days; thence by a tow boat up stream of the Oswego river to Oneida river and lake, along creeks and winding streams and small canals, the boat being worked by four men, rowing sometimes and sometimes being polled, and sometimes hauled by ropes over reeves and rapids. Sometimes a change was made by walking, or riding in an ox cart, when crossing a portage or carrying-place, until getting up to the Mohawk River. From thence the trip was down stream on the Mohawk River to Schenectady, the charge being \$50 from Oswego to Schenectady. The distance usually made was fourteen or sixteen miles a day, unless detained by bad weather." . . .

Plate XI is a view of an old East Goshen dwelling, built in 1821 by Joseph Ashbridge, a grandson of George Ashbridge, the member of the Assembly, and is situated upon the farm which at one time belonged to the latter.

The initials J. M. A. on the date-stone in one of the gables refer probably to Joseph and Mary (Baker) Ashbridge.

Mr. Edward B. Ashbridge, of West Chester, was born and lived in this house until recently, and it is now occupied by Doctor Thomas, who has greatly improved and repaired it. It is said, however, to be substantially the same with the addition of a kitchen at one end.

There is a difference of opinion among the old residents as to whether the house built in 1732 by George Ashbridge is still standing. Some claim it to be the old house near the old grist mill said to have been built at the same time, and occupied in turn by George, Joshua, and Daniel, but others say that the original dwelling is in a different situation.

In either case, it seems to be taken for granted that the old mill was erected and used by members of the Ashbridge family, and it is said to have done a great business during the Revolutionary War, supplying the American troops at Valley Forge with flour. It is situated on the Ridley Creek, near the Willistown line, and it is said the British could not find it for the surrounding woods.

Plate B is a reproduction of a recent view photographed for this book. I wonder who knows the real history of this mill?

To Miss Ann P. Sharples, of West Chester, Pa., I am indebted for an old written card of invitation, which is printed below:—

(329)

Sarah Ware & Aron Ashbridge
respectfully request the Com-
pany of Thomas J. & Ann P.
Paskel to dine at David Ware's
on Fifth day the 10th of Fourth
mo next 3 mo 1817.—

The autographs on Plate XXXVI are engraved from original signatures or photographs of same, and represent a connected series. The changed spelling of the name of the first George Ashbridge is worth noticing.

ASHBRIDGE GENEALOGY

1638 TO 1912

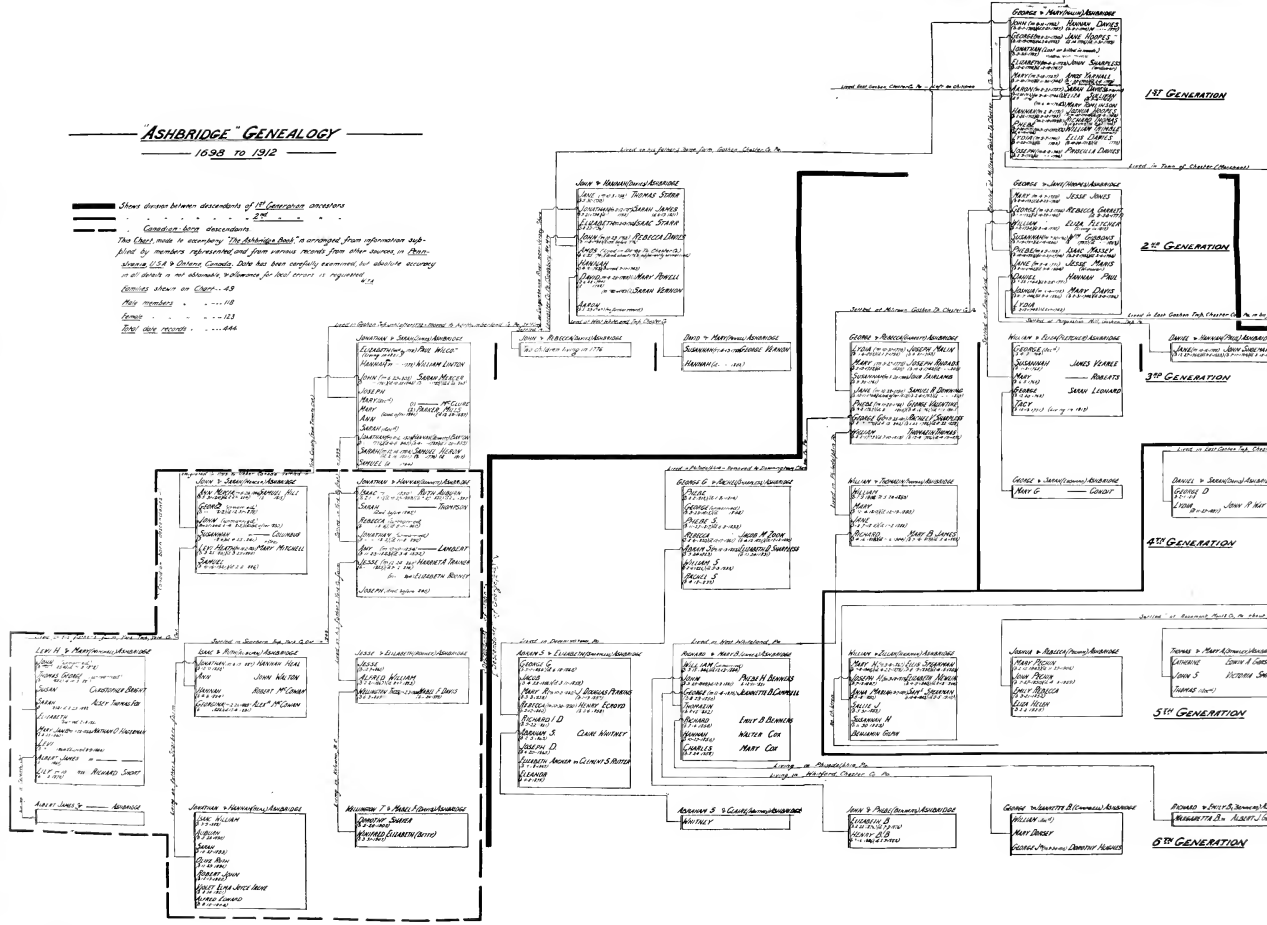
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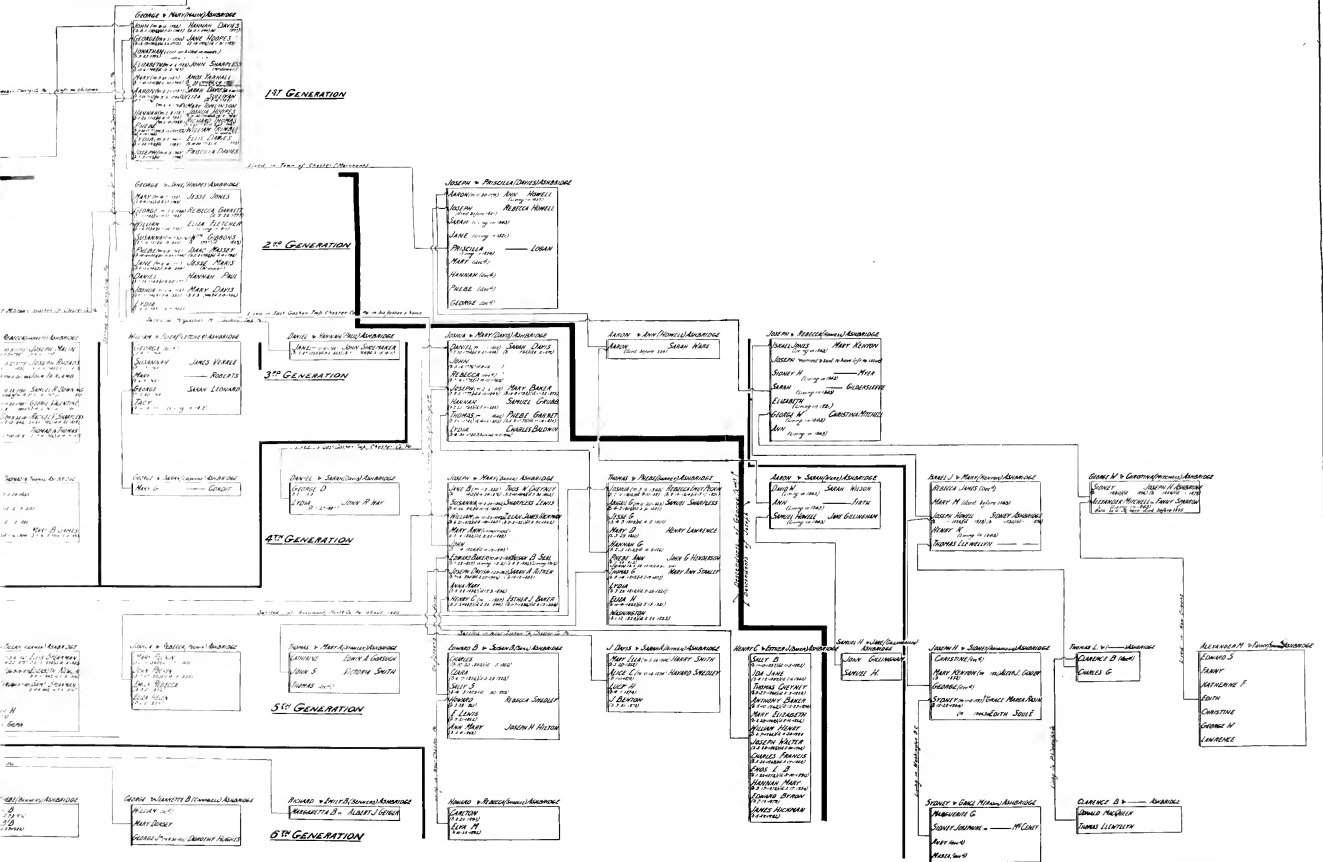
— Shows descent between descendants of 2nd Generation ancestors

This chart was prepared by the Ashbridge Club, organized from information supplied by members representing and from various records from other sources in this locality. It is a general family tree and has been compiled for general information and not for legal purposes. It is not intended to be a substitute for a legal document.

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M. A. Brown
London, 10 July 1850

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