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Henry Baker and Some of His Descendants

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The fact that Henry Baker was through his son Samuel an ancestor of Johns Hopkins,¹ the founder of the Johns Hopkins University and Hospital in Baltimore, and was through his son Nathan an ancestor of Charles Robert Leslie, R. A.,² the distinguished author and artist, so highly commended by Ruskin in his *Modern Painters*, probably will give an added general interest to any account of him and his family.

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I. Henry Baker, ⁽¹⁾ in his day and generation filled a useful and honorable position in the communities in which he resided and was held in good esteem by his neighbors and friends, both in England and America. The first record seen of him is found in the Records of Lancashire Quarterly Meeting of Friends, England, which state that Henry Baker, of Newton or New Town, Lancashire, Husbandman, and Margaret Hardman of Aspull, Lancashire, Spinster, were married 8 mo. 6th, 1667,³ under the auspices of Hardshaw West Monthly Meeting. The births of their eight children are also therein recorded, some of whom were born at Hindley and the others at West Derby. These Records also contain the following two entries of deaths which may refer to Margaret Baker's father, and to one of his grandsons.

"John Hardman *d.* 10 mo. 1st 1722, son of Hen^r Hard-

¹ For an account of *Some Colonial Ancestors of Johns Hopkins*, see *Publications Southern History Association*, Vol. IV, pp. 395-412.

² For an account of C. R. Leslie, see his *Autobiographical Recollections*, edited by Tom Taylor; also *Quarterly Review*, April, 1860; *North American Review*, January, 1861.

³ All dates in this article prior to 1752 are Old Style.

man, of Habersham Eaves, and grandson of old John Hardman of Habersham at Rose Green. John Hardman Sen^r aged 97 of Habertsham eaves^d bur. 5 mo. —, 1728, at Marsden height."

In *Besse's Sufferings of the Quakers* mention is made of various persons named Baker (some of whom bore the names of Henry and Margaret) who were fined and imprisoned for attending meetings, refusing to take Oaths, and non-payment of Tithes, but none of them are stated to have resided in Lancashire. John Hardman or Hardiman, of Lancashire, however, is said to have had his goods taken for tithes in 1671, and with eleven others in 1683 to have been committed to Prison for refusing to answer on Oath when prosecuted for tithes.⁵

Of Henry Baker's parentage and ancestry no record has been seen. There were Bakers in Lancashire in early times. In 1346 William de Doncaster (the Sheriff) made a deed to Roger le Baker, of Pecforton, and Margery his wife, of a third part of a burghage in Flint;⁶ and the various Parish Registers contain numerous entries of Bakers, the name being quite common. The *Index to the Wills and Inventories now preserved in Court of Probate at Chester*,⁷ shows that between 1593 and 1700 there were 19 Baker Wills or

⁴ Mr. Thomas Stewardson suggests in *Pa. Mag. Hist. and Biog.* (Vol. X, p. 481), that Walton in Lancashire referred to in the Phila. List of Arrivals as the place whence Henry Baker came was probably Walton-le-Dale near Preston, and not Walton-on-the-Hill, now a suburb of Liverpool; but the fact that Henry's children were born at West Darby, shows this supposition to be erroneous, for West Darby and Walton-on-the-Hill are both suburbs of Liverpool and are now incorporated in the City. Mr. J. D. Crossfield, the custodian of Lancashire Friends' Records, informs me that Aspull and Hindley are in the immediate neighborhood of Wigan; Newton is probably Newton-in-Makesfield near Warrington, as this is the only Newton in Hardshaw West Monthly Meeting; and Habergham Eaves is in the Parish of Burnley.

⁵ *Besse*, Vol. I, pp. 318, 326.

⁶ *Journal of Chester Arch. & Hist. Soc.*, 1888, p. 177.

⁷ *Publications of the Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire*, edited by J. P. Earwaker, Vols. II, IV, XV, XVIII.

Administrations, which are still preserved, the testators of which lived at Horton, Nantwich, Oldcastle, Ashton, Wrexham, Pickmere, Crew, etc., but there is no external evidence to show that any of these were of the family from which Henry was descended unless it was Alice Baker of Newton within Makesfield, widow, 1669. And though she lived at the same place and time as Henry, the names mentioned in her Will⁸ are not similar to those in Henry's immediate family.

There is now in the possession of the Pennsylvania Historical Society "A Partial List of the Families who arrived at Philadelphia between 1682 and 1687" in which is the following entry:⁹

"William Preeson, M^r of the Vine of Leverpoole arrived the 17th day of the 7 mo. 1684 At Philadelphia ffrom Dolyserne near dolgules in Merionethshire,"

among the passengers were,

"From Walton in Lancashire

Henry Baker & Margaret his wife & their Daughters Rachell, Rebecca, Phebey & Hester and Nathan & Samuel their sones. Mary Becket & 10 servts named John Siddell

⁸ Her Will bears date 16th March, 1661, she is described as Ales. Baker, alias Fleeming, of Newton, in Makesfield, Lancashire, Widow, and the following names and places are mentioned: Testatrix desired to be buried in Winwick Church yard. Eldest son Roger Baker als. Fleeming; Children Richard, John, Anne, Ales, Margaret Baker, als. Fleeming; Daughter Elizabeth Whitehead and John Whitehead her Son; John Ellam, of Winwick Lancashire Yeoman; Richard Baker, the Elder of Newton Husbandman; Executors, Richard Baker, als. Fleeming, the Elder, and son Roger. Testatrix held an estate in Newton for a term of 99 years, subject to an ancient yearly rent of 32 s., payable to Richard Legh. Witnesses, Henry Houghton, Robert Hey, John Taylor. Proved in Consistory Court, Chester, 1st September, 1669, by Richard Baker, als. Fleeming, Sen. Power of proving being reserved to Roger Baker, als. Fleeming. No gross amount of the value of the Estate appears in the Inventory which was appraised by Robert Hey, Peter Oackell, Henry Houghton and George Tomlinson.

⁹ *Pa. Mag. Hist. & Biog.*, Vol. VIII, p. 333; Futhey & Cope's *Hist. Chester Co., Pa.*, p. 23.

for 4 years, Hen: Siddell 4 ye^{rs}, James Yates 5 ye^{rs}, Jno Hürst 4 ye^{rs}; Tho: ffisher 4 yrs, John Stedman 4 years, Thos Candy:¹⁰ for Joseph Feoror 4 yr^s, Deborah Booth 4 yrs, Joshua Lert 4 yrs.”

Only four daughters are recorded above as having accompanied Henry and his family to America, but a fifth one, Sarah, probably also came with him then, though she may possibly have come a few years later when he visited England. The entries in the Philadelphia List were not made at the time of the various arrivals recorded therein, but like Pemberton's List of Arrivals in Bucks County were begun in compliance with a law passed in 1684.¹¹ Pemberton's List in some cases, as in that of Wm. Biles and family records arrivals of children who were subsequently born in America, and in most cases both Lists probably contain names of all persons in the various families at the time the entries were made. It is even possible that Henry Baker came at a later date than the other members of his family, for in a letter from Roger Haydock from Warrington, in Lancashire, 4 mo. 7th, 1684, to Phineas Pemberton was an enclosure dated Liverpool the 16th of the same month, which speaks of Henry Baker's detention “by a wicked priest” and the axiety lest he be not able “to come along wth his wife & family.”¹²

Dr. John Watson states that Thos. Canby was brought to America by Mr. Baker on his second voyage,¹³ and it is quite possible that others of Henry Baker's ten servants came at a subsequent date to 1684, for we find that¹⁴ “one Margaret Bradley, writing from England to the elder Pemberton, 4 mo. 1, 1684, says ‘I can heare of no husbandman that is willing to come so far, but Margaret

¹⁰ Should be Canby.

¹¹ *Pa. Mag. Hist. & Biog.*, Vols. VIII, p. 328; IX, p. 223.

¹² *Ibid.*, Vol. X, p. 482.

¹³ *Memoirs Pa. Hist. Soc.*, 1826, Vol. I, p. 299.

¹⁴ *Pa. Mag. Hist. & Biog.*, Vol. XI, p. 125.

Baker told me she intended to take over 4 or 5 men she thought they might help * * * with one to hold him plow * * * It is not unlikely that when she learned of the needs in the colony she concluded to bring more than the four or five at first thought of."

In an account of Sarah (Baker) Milner which appeared in *The Friend*,¹⁵ we are told that :

"She was eight or nine years of age when she accompanied her parents to settle in the wilderness. * * * She had doubtless good instruction at home, for her father was one who had obtained the confidence of Friends of his meeting, and at times represented them in the Quarterly and Yearly Meetings. He also stood high in the estimation of his fellow citizens generally, and was their representative in the provincial assembly, at different times from 1685 to 1698."

The Records of Middletown Quarterly Meeting of Friends, Bucks County, Penna., contain the following Certificate which Henry Baker brought with him from England :

"Whereas, Henry Baker, of Darby, in the County of Lancashire, did at our last meeting acquaint us with his intention of removing himself, his wife, and family from thereto, into the province of Pennsylvania in America. Not wishing to go without our knowledge and consent, as one belonging to our men's meeting, did desire our certificate according to truth on his behalf, as touching our unity with him whilst here among us, and also at our parting.

These may therefore certify whom it may concern, that the said Henry Baker and Margaret his wife, have lived among us for many years, and have all along behaved themselves as far as we know, or have heard, as becoming those professing truth, and he having for several years the employment of a carrier, hath had occasion to deal for many people, and with much goods, and wherein his dealings for what was known hath been very honest and true; and they have been in their places very servicable to friends. And they have also gained a good report of the neighbors amongst whom they live, by their quiet and honest behavior towards them. And that we have been and are now at our meeting in unity and fellowship with the said Henry Baker and Margaret his wife; and in the same unity of that spirit do desire the Lord to be with them.

¹⁵ Vol. XXVIII. p. 197.

Dated and subscribed by us at our meeting at Hardshair, in the said county, the 27th day of third month, 1684.

John Charley,	Alexander Charley,
Heskin Fell.	Richard Cobbon,
James Laithwaite,	Roger Haddon,
James Lenketh,	Richard Johnson,
George Burch,	John Bispham,
Joseph Coppock.	Godiry Atherton,
Joshua Crosby.	William Croudson,
James Strettell,	Samuel Barnes,
Sarah Mason.	George Shaw,
Thomas Crosbie.	Nathaniel Atherton.
Henry Mellineux.	

The various local histories make mention of Henry Baker, who, they state, was one of the earliest settlers of Bucks County and a landowner in (Upper) Makefield Township in 1684, and that as late as 1692 when Lower Makefield was organized, Upper Makefield was still a wilderness; His name appears among the owners of cattle in 1684, and later he was dealt with by the meeting "for buying a negro;" He was one of the original 14 lot owners in Bristol, which was established as a market town in 1697, and became the capital of Bucks county.¹⁶ He was one of the original purchasers of land in Wrightstown,¹⁷ and at the houses of Henry Baker and a few others the Friends of the neighborhood held their meetings till the erection of Falls Meeting House in 1690;¹⁸ He was foreman of the first Grand Jury of Bucks County in 1685, and¹⁹ in 1690 the Court, following the suggestion made by the grand jury in March of that year, made an order that Henry Baker, Thomas Janney, William Biles, Phineas Pemberton, Arthur Cook, Edmund Bennett, James Boyden, Nicholas Walne, Joshua Hoopes, John Rowland, Joseph Growden and Samuel Allen meet together at the

¹⁶ Proud's *Hist. Penna.*, Vol. I. p. 217; Davis' *Hist. Bucks Co., Pa.*, pp. 77, 106, 119, 256, 340, 471. *Jolliffe Neill & Janney Families*, p. 163.

¹⁷ Buck's *Hist. Bucks Co., Pa.*, p. 113.

¹⁸ *Hist. early settlement of Wrightstown*, p. 107; *Hazard's Register*, Vol. VII, p. 116.

¹⁹ Battle's *Hist. Bucks Co.*, pp. 184, 190.

court house the day before the next court "and then and there divide this county into townships, that the same may be presented to the next court to have the approbation thereof." For some reason this order was not obeyed, and in September, 1692, the court again took up the matter and appointed the following persons (most of whom were among those previously appointed), viz: Arthur Cook, Joseph Growden, John Cook, Thomas Janney, Richard Hough, Henry Baker, Phineas Pemberton, Joshua Hoopes, William Biles, Nicholas Waln, Edmund Lovet, Abraham Cox and James Boyden, and ordered that they "or the greater number of them meet together at the meeting-house at Neshaminah the 27th day of this instant, and divide this county into townships,"²⁰ which they accordingly did.

The Council on 2d of 11 mo. 1689-90, ordered that Commissions of ye Peace be made for all ye Counties and these persons following to be Inserted, viz: for Bucks Co.:²¹ Art. Cook, Jos. Growdon, Wm. Yardly, Tho. Janney, Wm. Byles, Nich. Newlin, Joⁿ. Brock and Hen. Baker.

The years that Henry Baker represented the county in the Assembly were 1685, 1687, 1688, 1690 and 1698,²² but not having seen *Votes of Assembly* I am unable to state how active a part he took in its proceedings. The Minutes of the Council show that at least upon one occasion he was sent by the Assembly to communicate its desire concerning proposed legislation.²³

It is shown in the records of Falls Monthly Meeting that in 1688 meetings were held at the houses of Richard

²⁰ Davis' *Hist. Bucks Co., Pa.*, p. 101; *Pa. Mag. Hist. & Biog.*, Vol. XVIII, p. 24.

²¹ *Colonial Records*, Vol. I, p. 278; *Buck's Hist. Bucks Co.*, p. 23; *Pa. Archives, 2d Series*, Vol. IX, p. 744.

²² Proud's *Hist. Penna.*, Vol. I, pp. 292, 335, 353, 416; *Pa. Archives, 2d Series*, Vol. IX, pp. 752-3; *Battle's Hist. Bucks Co.*, p. 700.

²³ *Colonial Records*, Vol. I, p. 82.

Hough, Henry Baker and Ann Harrison; that in 1691, certain Friends, among whom was Henry Baker, agreed to take the Meeting's share of all books that shall be printed in the unity of Friends and by them approved. In 1685 Falls Meeting appointed Henry Baker and William Biles to settle a boundary dispute between William Yardley and Eleanor Pownall, and they decided in favor of the former, reporting that the line should be run as the surveyor first laid it out. In the same year Bucks Quarterly Meeting appointed Thomas Janney, William Biles, Henry Baker, and Richard Hough to adjust a difference between John Brooks and Lydia Wharmby.

George Keith, a minister in the Society of Friends, caused the Society much trouble, and at last succeeded in bringing about a division amongst its members, owing to the views he promulgated; and the various meetings took action to disavow their approval of him, and finally the Yearly Meeting held at Burlington, New Jersey, 7 mo. 7th, 1692, sent out a Testimony against him which was signed by more than two hundred of the most prominent Friends and Colonists of that day, including Thomas Lloyd, John Simcock, Thomas Janney, Phineas Pemberton, Richard Gove, Mahlon Stacy, Henry Baker, Abraham Hardiman, Reuben Pownall, David Lloyd, Thomas Stackhouse and William Biles.²⁴

The Records of Falls and Middletown Meetings also show the birth and death of a son of Henry and Margaret Baker, and that Margaret was buried 6 mo. 5, 1688; also that 6 mo. 13th, 1692, and 7 mo. 8th, 1692, Henry Baker and Mary Radcliff of Neshamie laid their intentions of marriage before the meetings, and that 8 mo. 13th, 1692, Henry Baker, of Bucks County Yeoman and Mary Radcliffe, widow, were married under the auspices of Middletown Mtg., at the house of Henry Baker; Jacob Janney,

²⁴ *Hazard's Register*, Vol. VI, p. 301; *The Friend*, Vol. XIX, p. 109.

Job Bunting and 38 others signing the certificate as witnesses. The birth of a daughter is recorded, and Mary Baker who survived her husband was buried 3 mo. 13th, 1715.

Mary Radcliffe was the widow of James Radcliffe of Chapel Hill, Co. Lancaster, England. She is said to have married him June 1st, 1673,²⁵ and to have come to America with him and their four children in the "Rebecca" of Liverpoole, which arrived at Philadelphia the 31st of 8 mo. 1685. In the List of Arrivals,²⁶ they are recorded as "James Ratclife, Mary Ratclife, Richard Ratclife, Edward Ratclife, Rebecca Ratclife, Rachell Ratclife, free persons from Monsebury in Lancashire." Edward Radcliffe, her son, afterwards married Henry Baker's daughter Phebe, and Mr. Oliver Hough of Philadelphia, one of their descendants, has given me the following information in regard to Mary (Radcliffe) Baker:

"Mary Radcliffe, Henry Baker's wife, was widow of James Radcliffe, a noted minister of Friends, who came to Penna. from Chapel Hill, Rossendale (formerly Forest of Rossendale), Lancashire. Middletown, Mo., Mtg. record says he came from Musberry in Rossendale, which no doubt meant the Park of Musbury in same district, which had been held by a gentle family of Radcliffes as early as *temp.* Edw. IV. James Radcliffe died March 29, 1690.

Before marrying James Radcliffe, Mary was widow of _____ Rawsthorne (erroneously spelt "Rawthorpe" and her residence given as "Olden" instead of "Holden" in *Pa. Mag.*, Vol. XI, p. 315), and lived in Holden, in or near the Rossendale district, Co. Lancaster. She was married to James Radcliffe at her own house in Holden. The Rawsthornes were a very prominent gentle family in the locality, but I have not yet settled which one's widow she was, nor what was her maiden name. She was one of the most prominent founders of the Chapel Hill meeting of Friends in Rossendale. James Radcliffe, his mother and sister being the same."

Henry Baker was a large holder of real estate, the Minutes of the Board of Property of the Province of

²⁵ *Pa. Mag. Hist. & Biog.*, Vol. XI, p. 315.

²⁶ *Pa. Mag. Hist. & Biog.*, Vol. VIII, p. 336; Futhey & Cope's *Chester Co., Pa.*, p. 23.

Penna.²⁷ as well as the land records of Bucks county containing many references to tracts of land owned by him, some of which are also shown upon Holme's Map²⁸, but extended reference to them is not necessary.

The date of his death is uncertain; he was perhaps alive 11 mo. 11th, 1700, but had died before 12 mo. 16th, 1701.²⁹

His Will dated 3 mo. 7th, 1698, was proven May 23, 1705.³⁰ His residence is given as Bucks County and mention is made of his wife Mary and his children Margaret, Phebe, Hester, Nathan and Samuel; Dau. Rachel Bunting's children; Dau. Sarah Wilson and her 3 children; Dau. Rebecca Willford; Cousin Samuel Canby. The Executors were his son Samuel and Enoch Yardley.

The Will of his widow Mary Baker dated 3 mo. 10th, 1715, was proven that year,³¹ she is described as of the town of Bristol, and mentions her daughter Margaret Baker and her son Richard Radcliff.

Henry Baker had ten children, eight of whom were born in England, whose names are entered in several books of Meetings composing Lancaster Quarterly Meeting, and there are variations of a few days in the dates given as of their births, and some difference as to their parents abode at time of these dates.

Eight of his children reached maturity and these all married in Pennsylvania, and into families which were then among the most prominent in Pennsylvania and Jersey.

²⁷ *Pa. Archives, 2d Series*, Vol. XIX, pp. 45, 270, 318, 423, 482, 594, 611.

²⁸ This map has been republished in reduced size in Davis' *Bucks Co., Pa.*, and in Fiske's *Dutch and Quaker Colonies in America*, Vol. II.

²⁹ *Pa. Archives, 2d Series*, Vol. XIX, p. 271.

³⁰ Phila. Wills, *Liber B*, fol. 427.

³¹ Bucks Co. Wills, *Liber I*, fol. 19.

Children³² (by 2 wives: *1st*, Nos. 1-9; *2nd*, No. 10):

1. Rachel, *b.* Hindley or West Derby, 2 mo. 23, 1669; *m.* at Henry Baker's, 4 mo. 27, 1689, Robert Bunting, of West New Jersey, Carpenter, under auspices of Middletown Mo. Mtg. Thos. Janney, Rich. Hough, Malilon Stacy and 39 other witnesses.

2. Nathan, *b.* West Derby or Thornley, 10 mo. 21, 1670; *d.* 5 mo. 27, 1680; *bur.* 5 mo 28, 1680.

3. Sarab, *b.* West Derby, 8 mo. 18, 1672; *d.* Penna., 2 mo. —, 1715; *bur.* 2 mo. 29, 1715; *m.* *1st*, at Henry Baker's. 8 mo. 13, 1692, Stephen Wilson, of Bucks Co., Carpenter, under auspices of Middletown Mo. Mtg., Job Bunting, Jacob Janney and 38 other witnesses; *m.* *2ly*, 8 mo. 19, 1708, Falls Mo. Mtg., Isaac Milner.

4. Rebekah, *b.* Hindley or West Derby, 6 mo. 24, 1674; *m.* 1695, John Wilsford, of West New Jersey. Intentions of marriage laid before Falls Mo. Mtg. 2 mo. 3, 1695.

II. 5. Samuel, *b.* West Derby, 8 mo. 1, 1676; *m.* at Falls Meeting House, 9 mo. 4, 1703, Rachel Warder, dau. of Willoughby. An account of Samuel is given hereafter.

6. Phebe, *b.* West Derby, 5 mo. 26, 1678; *m.* Falls Mo. Mtg., 6 mo. 18, 1703, Edward Radcliffe, son of James and Mary Radcliffe. Mary Radcliffe had previously married Henry Baker, father of Phebe.

7. Esther or Hester, *b.* West Derby, 6 mo. 28, 1680; *m.* *1st*, 1700, Thomas Yardley, of Bristol, Penna., son of William and Jane (Heath) Yardley. Intentions of marriage laid before Falls Mo. Mtg., 9 mo. 3, 1700. His Will dated 11 mo. 27, 1702/3 was proven March 10, 1702/3 (Phila. Wills, B. 287).

m. *2ly*. 1701, William Browne, son of James, of Chichester, Chester Co. Intentions of marriage laid before Falls Mo. Mtg. 6 mo. 2, 1704.

m. *3ly*, 1711/12, Richard (2) Hough, son of Richard (1) and Margery (Clows) Hough. Intentions of marriage laid before Falls Mo. Mtg. 12 mo. 5, 1711.

For account of Richard (1) Hough, see *Pa. Mag.* XVIII. 20-34.

III. 8. Nathan, *b.* West Derby, 1 mo. 8, 1684; *m.* May 15, 1705, Sarah Collet, dau. of Jeremiah. An account of Nathan is given hereafter.

9. Henry, *b.* Bucks Co., Pa., 12 mo. 12, 1685; *d.* there, 12 mo. 16, 1685.

10. Margaret, *b.* Bucks Co., Pa., 6 mo. 4, 1693; *d.* December —, 1748; *m.* 4 mo 5, 1722, Falls Mo. Mtg., William Atkinson, son of Thomas and Jane. Margaret Baker was his 2d wife. For account of Wm. Atkinson, see *Pa. Mag.*, XI, 316; XVIII, 33.

There were two members of Henry Baker's household, Mary Becket and Thomas Canby, concerning whom a good deal has been written, and probably a brief mention of them here will be of interest.

Mary Becket seems to have been sent to America with

³² Dates of Birth of Nos. 1-8, and death of No. 2, as given in Books 732, 756, 783, of Lancashire Qtl. Mtg.; Births of Nos. 9 and 10 as given in Records of Middletown Qtl. Mtg.; Falls, Mo., Mtg. Register varies the dates somewhat.

Henry Baker's family by Roger Haydock,³³ a prominent preacher of the Society of Friends, and his wife Eleanor of Lancashire. In their letters they address her as "daughter," and she calls them "father" and "mother" in her letters. The degree of relationship between them, if any, is now a matter of dispute.

After living a while at Henry Baker's, Mary seems to have lived with the Pembertons; and Roger Haydock in writing to Phineas Pemberton said:³⁴

"As to her table wages the Agreement wth H: B: was onely for one year, w^{ch} wee were free in because of his trouble in taking her over, then she was left to you" * * * "wee are content the same be allowed for 2 years and for ye tyme shee is there long^r shall leave to you" * * * "we tould them they might expect some place in due tyme" * * * "till some place offer, if you think it is for ye child's good, we are content, shee be wth them."

Davis in his *History of Bucks County* says in regard to her:³⁵

"Among the members of Pemberton's household was Mary Becket, a young girl descended from the great family of Northumberland. * * * When her mother married Becket she was a ward in chancery, and they had to fly to the Continent, where he was killed in the religious war in Germany. Mary was the only child. Eleanor Becket, her mother, now married one Haydock, had two daughters who became Friends, and came to America, but the time is not known." "We ³⁶ mentioned in a previous chapter that among the inmates of Phineas Pemberton's family, of Falls, was Mary Becket, a young English woman, a descendant of the great Northumberland house of Percy. She was married at Falls Meeting the 4 of 8 mo. 1691 to Samuel Bowne, of Flushing, L. I. Below we give a copy of a letter ³⁷ he wrote to Mary during their courtship."

³³ In 1674 Roger Haydock was prosecuted in the Ecclesiastical Court at Chester for Tithes of about 30 s. value and was sent to Lancaster Goal for 8 mos. In September, 1675, he was again sent to Lancaster Goal at the suit of the Bishop of Chester who wrote to the Goaler charging him not to let Roger have any liberty. Besse's *Sufferings*, Vol. I, pp. 319, 320.

³⁴ *Pa. Mag. Hist. & Biog.*, Vol. XI, p. 125.

³⁵ Pp. 86-7.

³⁶ *Ibid.*, p. 106.

³⁷ For this letter and also an account and Genealogy of the Bowne Family, see *Some Colonial Mansions*, 2d Series.

Further accounts of Mary Becket will be found in *Pa. Mag. Hist. & Biog.*,³⁸ in which, after investigation, issue is taken with some of the statements of Davis.

In an account of Henry Baker in the *Jolliffe, Neill and Janney Families* it is stated that³⁹

"Thomas Canby, who came over as his indentured servant, was a son of Benjamin Canby, of Thorn, Yorkshire, England. He was compelled to serve four years' time to pay his passage, which then amounted to the sum of four pounds, five shillings for all persons over the age of twelve years. He was a nephew of Henry Baker."

Dr. John Watson in his account of the first settlement of Buckingham and Solebury says:⁴⁰

"Thomas Canby for several reasons appears to deserve especial notice. His mother's brother, Samuel Baker,⁴¹ was one of the early adventurers; and soon after, returning to England, brought his nephew Thomas Canby, then a lad, over with him. Being an orphan, his uncle became his guardian. He was bound by indenture to serve with him; in which they took the advice of the Quarterly meeting. After he was free he married and settled near Robert Fletcher's in Abington."

Thomas Canby⁴² married three times, 1st, at Philadelphia Mo. Mtg., 8 mo. 27, 1693, Sarah Jarvis; 2ly., 2 mo. 4., 1709, Mary Oliver, dau. of Evan and Jane; 3ly., at Buckingham Mtg., 8 mo. 9, 1722, Jane Preston. He is said⁴³ to have had 6 daughters and 2 sons by his first wife, and 5 daughters and 2 sons by his second.

The Minutes of Falls Mo. Mtg. show that in 1695, Thomas Canby's house was destroyed by fire,⁴⁴ and that

³⁸ Vol. X, p. 481; Vol. XI, pp. 124, 245.

³⁹ P. 163.

⁴⁰ *Memoirs Pa. Hist. Soc.*, 1826, Vol. I, p. 299.

⁴¹ Evidently should be Henry, instead of Samuel.

⁴² See Eastburn Reeder's *Early Settlers of Solebury* for marriages of various Canby descendants.

⁴³ *Buck's Hist. Bucks Co.*, p. 101.

⁴⁴ Davis, p. 106, erroneously states that it was Thos. Janney's house that was burned. I called his attention to the error, and in his new edition it will doubtless be corrected.

49£. 10s. was collected for him. He was chosen Clerk of Buckingham Mo. Mtg. 9 mo. 24, 1720.

II. Samuel Baker⁽²⁾ (*Henry*⁽¹⁾), as heretofore stated, was born at West Derby, Lancashire, England, 8 mo. 1, 1676, and came to America with his parents, arriving at Philadelphia 7 mo. 17, 1648. He settled in Bucks County and became an extensive landed proprietor and prominent man; he bought of the London Company 552 acres of land in Makefield, Bucks Co., so late as 1722.⁴⁵

The Records of Falls Mo. Mtg. show that in 8 mo. 1703, Samuel Baker and Rachel Warder announced for the second time their intentions of marriage and were given liberty to proceed therewith. Their marriage certificate states that Samuel Baker of Makefield twp. Bucks Co. Yeoman and Rachel Warder of Falls twp. Bucks Co., Spinster daughter of Willoughby Warder were married at Falls Mtg. 9 mo. 4, 1703. Among the 58 witnesses were Abel Janney, Sarah Canby and William Biles.

Samuel Baker⁽²⁾ held various public offices, having been commissioned as Justice of the Peace March 6, 1708, and March 3, 1710, and elected⁴⁶ to the Assembly in 1710 and 1711; in 1722 he was Commissioner.⁴⁷

C. W. Smith in his *History of early settlement of Wrightstown* gives the number of votes cast at several elections for county officers, from which it appears that Oct. 1, 1725, Samuel Baker received 95 votes for Coroner, and Oct. 1, 1730, he received 168 votes for Assessor; these votes, however, may have been for his son Samuel.⁽³⁾ The same author tells us that⁴⁸

"By virtue of a grant from Wm. Penn to James Harrison for 5,000 acres to be laid out, James Harrison grants to Henry Baker, of Makefield, 400 acres a part thereof, to be located in Wrights-

⁴⁵ *Jolliffe Neill and Janney Families*, p. 163.

⁴⁶ *Pa. Archives, 2d Series*, Vol. IX, pp. 744-5, 755; Proud's *Hist. Pa.*, Vol. II, p. 54.

⁴⁷ *Battle's Hist. Bucks Co.*, p. 690.

⁴⁸ P. 15. See also Davis' *Hist. Bucks Co.*, p. 255.

town, which was secured to Samuel Baker, eldest son and heir of Henry Baker, dec'd, by Deed granted by Wm. Penn's Commissioners dated 28 Oct., 1701, and which upon resurvey was found to contain 404 acres, 56 of which was included in the Park. Samuel Baker sold this tract to Robert Shaw for £100 by Deed Oct. 31, 1707."

Cutler's map of the resurvey of 1702 shows that Samuel Baker then held a tract of 438 acres in Wrightstown.⁴⁹

The Minutes of the Board of Property of Pa. state⁵⁰ that Patents for various tracts of land were issued to Samuel Baker, some in his own right and some as heir to his father; a part of this land was in the Proprietor's Mannor of Highlands, and therefore there was some delay in issuing the Patent, and in the meanwhile Samuel made large Improvements on same, and it was decided by the Secretary right that the Patent should be issued, which was done 6 of 10 mo. 1715,⁵¹ for £10.

Samuel Baker's other land transactions need not be further mentioned than to state that he was one of the persons to whom Abel Janney deeded⁵² in Trust for Falls Mo. Mtg. in 1721, part of the land patented to him in 1701.

The Minutes of Falls Mo. Mtg. show that in 9 mo. 1703 it was agreed to hold meetings at Samuel Baker's for one or two weeks, and Davis says⁵³ that "in 1719 the 'upper parts' of Makefield asked permission of Falls to have a meeting on First Days, for the Winter season at Samuel Baker's, John Baldwin's and Thomas Atkinson's, which was allowed."

Even after the meeting house had been built the houses of Samuel Baker and other Friends were used for meetings in which marriages were solemnized, for we find that George Clough and Pleasant Haige, of Hopewell, Burling-

⁴⁹ Davis' *Hist. Bucks Co.*, p. 194.

⁵⁰ *Pa. Archives, 2d Series*, Vol. XIX, pp. 231, 271, 318, 375, 482, 594.

⁵¹ *Ibid.* pp. 594, 611.

⁵² Bucks Co. Deeds, *Liber.*, 10 fol., 184.

⁵³ *Hist. Bucks Co.*, p. 121.

ton Co., N. J., widow of Francis Haige, were married at Samuel Baker's, 9 mo. 13, 1712.⁵⁴

The date of Samuel Baker's death is not known: He left no Will, but as he is not mentioned in his Wife's Will, executed in 1760, he evidently had died before then.

The Records of Falls Mo. Mtg. contain the names and dates of birth of ten children of Samuel Baker. He must have had at least one more child, as the Will of his wife, Rachel Baker, mentions a dau. Margaret, whose birth is not recorded in meeting Records.

Children:⁵⁵

1. Ann Mary, *b.* 4 mo. 16, 1704, *m.* 1729, Charles Biles, son of Wm. Biles, Jr., and Sarah Langhorne. They married out of meeting and were disowned 12 mo. 3, 1730; he appealed to the Qtl. Mtg. and was 4 mo. 2, 1731, reinstated for informality of Falls Mo. Mtg.'s action. He sent 7 mo. 1, 1731, a satisfactory paper and was reinstated. On 3 mo. 3, 1732, a certificate of removal to Buckingham Mo. Mtg. was issued to Charles and wife, which was presented and accepted 7 mo. 4, 1733.

2. Samuel, *b.* 4 mo. 28, 1706, *m.* about 1742 —. Minutes of Falls Mo. Mtg. 12 mo. 2, 1742, state he married out of meeting. His Will probated in 1760 (Bucks Co. Wills, *Liber.* 3, *fol.* 29) does not show the names or numbers of his children, but shows his wife's name to have been Elizabeth: surname not ascertained. In 1777 Fairfax Mo. Mtg., Va., admitted to membership Elizabeth Baker and children, Nathan, Betty and Rachel. These *may* have been widow and children of Samuel.

3. Henry, *b.* 4 mo. 5, 1708, *m.* about 1755 out of meeting, and 9 mo. 3, 1755, gave satisfaction and was reinstated. His Will probated in 1765 (Bucks Co. Wills, *Liber.* 3, *fol.* 125) mentions his five daughters, names not given, and shows his wife's name to have been Mary. She may have been a widow Matthews, as Henry mentions a dau. in law (no doubt step dau.) Hannah Matthews. From the settlement of his estate it appears that his five daughters were Rachel Stack, Letitia Baker, Mary Canby, Phebe Dunlap, and Lydia Sutplin.

4. Nathan, *b.* 1 mo. 28, 1710, *d.* y. prior to 7 mo., 1715.

5. Sarah, *b.* 10 mo. 9, 1712, alive as late as 1778, *m.* 8 mo. 2, 1733, at Falls Mtg. House, Abel Janney^(c), *d.* 1774, son of Joseph^(c) Janney and Rebeckah^(c) Biles.

In his marriage certificate Abel is described as of Makefield, in the County of bucks & Province of Pensilvania. Francis Hague, Eliz. Warder and Rachel Bunting were among the 68 witnesses. Minutes of Falls Mo. Mtg. show that on 7 mo. 1, 1752, a certificate

⁵⁴ *Pa. Mag. Hist. and Biog.*, Vol. XXIV, p. 68.

⁵⁵ Names and dates of birth of Nos. 1-10, as given in Falls Mo. Mtg. Records.

of removal was signed for Abel Janney, wife and children to Fairfax Mo. Mtg., Va. This certificate was presented at Fairfax Mtg. 8 mo. 29, 1752. The Land Records of Fairfax Co., Va. (*Liber. C*, No. 1, fol. 834), show that Catesby Cocke 30 Apr., 1754, deeded to Abell Janney 1,303 acres on small drain or branch of Kittoctin Creek. *The Jolliffe Neill and Janney Families* (pp. 170, 182) contains an account of Abel and Sarah (Baker) Janney, in which it is said that they took a certificate of removal in 1746 from Middletown Mtg., Pa., to Fairfax Mtg., Va., and in 1741 purchased land on Goose Creek, Va. These statements do not refer to this Abel, however. It was his cousin Abel⁽⁶⁾, son of Thomas⁽²⁾ and Rachel⁽²⁾ (Pownall) Janney, who went to Va. in 5 mo., 1746, and 4 mo. 25, 1748, took a certificate of removal to Middletown Mo. Mtg. but died before it was presented 9 mo. 3, 1748.

Sarah (Baker) Janney, while a member of Falls Mtg., was appointed on several committees, and after her removal to Va. was given various appointments by Fairfax meeting, being Clerk of Women's meeting from 1 mo. 31, 1761, to 11 mo. 28, 1765.

Abel Janney's Will, dated 12 mo. 26, 1770, was proven 14 Nov., 1774 (Loudoun Co., Va., Wills *Liber. B*, fol. 98-100), in it he bequeathed to his son Joseph Janney, 10 s over that already conveyed to him; to son Samuel, the same; to son in law Joseph Hutton and Sarah, his wife, the same; to son Amos, mansion house and plantation with 200 acres; to son John, 200 acres; balance 400 acres to be sold and equally divided between son Abel and son in law Wm. Baker⁶⁶ and Mary, his wife, and testator's daus. Rebecca, Rachel and Ruth. Son Amos to pay all testator's just debts, as he is provided for above other children; to sons Amos and John each 2 best horses, wagon, plows and harness; to wife Sarah, all remaining property. Son Abel and son-in-law Wm. Baker, Executors, bro.-in-law John Hough assistant in division of land. Inventory of his property returned Apr. 10, 1775, amounted to £225, 16 s; wheat and rye additional £38, 9 s. 6d.

His son Joseph⁽⁴⁾ Janney, of Loudoun Co., Va., Merchant. b. Bucks Co., Pa., d. Loudoun Co., Va., 1793, m. Horsham Mtg., Pa., 9 mo. 28, 1764, Hannah⁽⁴⁾ Jones. b. 11 mo. 30, 1742, dau. of John⁽⁴⁾ and Rebecca⁽²⁾ (Head)⁶⁷ Jones, of Warrington, Bucks Co., Penna. Joseph and Hannah (Jones) Janney were the grandparents of Johns Hopkins, their dau. Hannah⁽²⁾ Janney. b. 5 mo. 19, 1774. d. 11 mo. 25, 1846, being his mother. (*Publications* So. Hist. Assoc., Vol. IV, pp. 440-441).

6. John. b. 7 mo. 25, 1715. d. 1 mo. 6, 1759. Register Phila. Mo. Mtg. shows deaths of Rebecca Baker, dau. of John, 6 mo. 5, 1752; and of Sarah Baker, wife of John, 2 mo. 25, 1756. The Will of John Baker, of Phila., shipwright; dated 4 Oct., 1756, proven 11 Jan., 1759 (Phila. Wills, *Liber. L*, fol. 206), leaves his estate to

⁶⁶ Friends' Records do not show whether Wm. Baker was a descendant of Henry or not. Minutes of Phila. Mo. Mtg. show that 4 mo. 21, 1761, "application was made for a certificate for William Baker to Fairfax, in Virginia, to which place he some years since removed;" and that on 10 mo. 29, 1762, it was issued.

⁶⁷ For account of the homely arrival of John Head and family see *Colonial Days and Dames*, p. 69.

dau. Sarah; names bro. Joseph Baker Executor, with a devise in case of death of dau. to nephew John Baker, son of Joseph.

7. Nathan, *b.* 7 mo. 27, 1715, alive in 1760. Falls Records give dates of birth of John and Nathan as here stated, whether these dates are correct, or both should be the same is not now known. 7 mo. 21 1745, Nathan presented to Nottingham Mo. Mtg. a certificate from Falls Mo. Mtg., dated 3 mo. 1, 1745; and 12 mo. 17th, 1749, having removed to Philadelphia requested a certificate to that meeting which was granted 2 mo. 21. 1750. In both of these certificates he was said to be clear of marriage engagements. Minutes of Phila. Mo. Mtg. show that 5 mo. 30, 1755, the Overseers reported they had frequently dealt with Nathan on account of his habits and conduct without result, also that he had been married by a priest. 6 mo. 27, 1755, the committee appointed to treat with him reported that he had removed into Maryland, and they were directed to write to him. After the case had been in their hands many months a testimony of disownment was issued 6 mo. 24, 1757. The names of his wife and children have not been ascertained.

8. Joseph, *b.* 1 mo. 1, 1719, *m.* Phila. Mo. Mtg. 2 mo. 18, 1749, Esther Head, *bur.* 9 mo. 5, 1804, aged 79, dau. of John and Rebecca (Mase) Head. Rachel, Henry, John and Margaret Baker were among the witnesses. The Minutes of Phila. Mo. Mtg. of 4 mo. 27, 1759, show that Joseph made the following acknowledgment in regard to the sale of a negro, "it was the desire of my brother John Baker the morning before he died that John Parrock should have the negro man I was concerned in selling, which with knowing the disposition of the negro engaged me to sell him the sooner but am sorry I was concerned in a practice I have no unity in and give my friends concern and hope for the future I shall discourage the practice." The Register does not contain entries of the births of Joseph's children, but shows the deaths of three of them, viz: Susanna, *d.* 12 mo. 21, 1756; Joseph, *d.* 1 mo. 6, 1759; Joseph, *bur.* 6 mo. 5, 1772, aged 6 years.

The Will of Joseph Baker, of Phila., Hatter, dated 7-, 6-, 1794, and a Codicil, dated 5-, 4-, 1795, were proven 7-, 6-, 1799 (Phila. Wills, *Liber. Y, fol. 199*), in which mention is made of his wife Esther; his dau. Rachel, wife of David Shoemaker; his dau. Sarah, wife of Joseph Dunn; his dau. Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Coats; his dau. Esther Deitch; his son Richard Mace Baker, his son Samuel Baker; Sarah, wife of Lewis Taylor; his gd. sons Joseph Baker Dunn, Richard Deitch, and Joseph Baker Deitch; his sister Margaret Tomlinson; Anne Baker, a dau. of his son John Head Baker, dec'd; and the children of Sarah Dunn.

Chief Justice Sharswood, of the Supreme Court of Penna. was a descendant of Joseph Baker.

9. Benjamin, *b.* 2 mo. 16, 1723, probably *d. u.* prior to 1760.

10. Lydia, *b.* 10 mo. 5, 1724, alive in 1760. *m.* ———, John Burroughs.

11. Margaret, *b.* ———, alive in 1760, *m.* ———, ——— Tomlinson.

The Will of Rachel Baker, of Upper Makefield twp.

dated 26 of 1 mo., 1760, was proven 16 Feby., 1760,⁵⁸ and in it mention is made of

Her eldest son, Samuel; son Henry; son Nathan; son Joseph; Joseph; dau. Anna Maria Biles; dau. Sarah Janney; dau. Lydia Burroughs; dau. Margaret Tomlinson; gd.dau. Hannah Burroughs, and Friends of Upper Makefield Meeting (£5); the executors were her son Henry and son in law John Burroughs.

In the *Jolliffe, Neill and Janney Families* the author says:⁵⁹ "I believe the above William Warder, who was a first Councillor, August 3, 1681, was the father of Willoughby Warder, Sr., and therefore the grandfather of Rachel (Warder) Baker." This first Councillor was, however, named William Warner⁶⁰ and not Warder; and it is believed that Rachel Baker's grandfather Warder never came to America.

In one of the copies of Bucks Co. Mtg. Registers in the Penna. Historical Society is the following manuscript:

"Memorandum relative to Solomon Warder, by George Vaux.

Solomon Warder was born in England, probably in the Isle of Wight. He emigrated to America in 1699 and was married in Philadelphia to Elizabeth Howell (who came in the same vessel with him) toward the close of that year, having previously passed meeting with her in the Isle of Wight. He was son of Willoughby Warder and grandson of William Warder, both of Nunwell, Parish of Brading, Isle of Wight.

Willoughby Warder also emigrated to America about 1699 and settled in Falls Twp., Bucks Co. He died in the year 1725 at an advanced age.

Solomon Warder had a sister Rachel, who married Samuel Baker, and a brother Willoughby Warder, Jr., who married Sarah, dau. of John Bowyer, April 13, 1710. This last Willoughby was father of Jeremiah Warder, an eminent merchant in Philadelphia during the last Century, and ancestor of most of the persons bearing the name of Warder in this city.

William Warder, the common ancestor of all the above, does not appear to have ever been in America. He was probably the same person mentioned in Besse's *Sufferings of the Quakers*, as one of 37 Friends sent to prison in May, 1684, for meeting together at Park Southwark, London."

⁵⁸ Bucks Co. Wills, *Liber. 3, fol. 5*

⁵⁹ P. 164.

⁶⁰ *Hazard's Annals*, p. 525; *Pa. Archives, 2d Series*, Vol. IX, p. 617; *Hist. Chester Co., Pa.*, pp. 18, 364. *Battle's Bucks Co.*, p. 175.

Mr. George Vaux, Jr., has sent me the following additional information:

"Willoughby Warder, the elder, was son of William Warder, of Nunwell in the Isle of Wight. He was twice married, but I never could ascertain who his first wife was. *She* was mother of Rachel, who *m.* Samuel Baker, and appears to have died in England before her husband emigrated. My record states that *Rachel* is *supposed* to have accompanied her father when he emigrated. Willoughby's second wife was Mary Howell, widow⁶¹ of John Howell, *m.* at Devonshire House, London, 4 mo. 11, 1696. The second wife was still living in 1736, then aged 92, and is referred to in Thomas Chalkley's Journal. He visited her in that year in Bucks Co."

The Minutes of Falls Mo. Mtg. state 4 mo. 2, 1736, that Mary Warder being an antient Friend & not capable to come to meeting Requested to have a meeting once a month at her house, which was agreed to.

Willoughby Warder was commissioned four times as Justice of the Peace for Bucks Co.,⁶² viz: March 6, 1708; March 3, 1710; Dec. 30, 1715, and May 13, 1715. He bought Mch 16, 1710, of John Fisher and Mary, his wife (late wife of Jacob Janney) as Executors of the Will of Jacob Janney 72½ acres in Bristol Twp.⁶³ that Solomon Warder had sold Sept. 8, 1703, to Jacob Janney; and also bought "Grove Place,"⁶⁴ which had belonged to Phineas Pemberton.

III. Nathan Baker⁽²⁾ (*Henry*⁽¹⁾), was born at West Derby, Co. Lancashire, England, 1 mo. 8, 1684, and came with his parents to America, arriving at Philadelphia, 7 mo. 17, 1684. They settled in Bucks Co., Pa., where he resided

⁶¹ Isaac Sharp, who has charge of Friends' Records at Devonshire House, London, states that Willoughby Warder's 2d wife, the widow Howell, was Mary Gibbs, of White Cross Street, London. She was married to John Howell, Cloth Worker at the Bull & Mouth, 3 mo. 1, 1673. Isaac Sharp was unable to find any record of Willoughby's first marriage and states that the Dorset and Hampshire Registers, which include the Isle of Wight, contain no trace of the Warder family. He noticed the marriage of a brother of Willoughby.

⁶² *Pa. Archives, 2d Series*, Vol. IX, pp. 744, 745, 746.

⁶³ Bucks Co. Deeds, *Liber. 4, fol. 162.*

⁶⁴ *Battle's Bucks Co.*, p. 371.

during his father's life, removing to Chester Co., Pa., in 1703. His brother-in-law, Thomas Yardley, of Bristol, Bucks Co., executed his Will 11 mo. 27, 1702/3, and Nathan Baker, William Yardley and Rachel Bunting were the witnesses.

The Minutes of Falls Mo. Mtg. show that on 4 mo. 2, 1703, "Richard Hough on behalf of Nathan Baker requested a Certificate of his conversation while amongst us, therefore it's desired that Richard Hough & John Watson do make inquiry concerning him," and that no report having been made in 5th or 6th mo., on 7 mo. 1, 1703, "Nathan Baker appeared and desired a certificate of his conversation, and this meeting being satisfied concerning him doth order that he shall have a certificate signed by William Biles, Joseph Kirkbride and Richard Hough on the behalf of the meeting."

The Minutes of Concord Mo. Mtg., Chester Co., Pa., show that Nathan Baker produced his certificate 8 mo. 11, 1703, after which time they make no further mention of him.

He was married May 15, 1705, to Sarah Collet, by the Episcopal minister, according to the Parish Records of St. Paul's Church, Chester, perhaps at St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook, as St. Paul's rector officiated there also; after which time he probably had no further connection with Friends.

Gilbert Cope, the historian of Chester Co., states that "a deed recorded in Book Z, p. 317, recites that Jeremiah Collett and son Jeremiah conveyed 200 acres in Concord to William Smith, March 30, 1700 and Smith to Job Bunting 12 mo. 19, 170½, subject to mortgage to Smith. Job Bunting by will Nov. 14, 1702, directed his lands to be sold by his executrix, Rachel Bunting, who married John Cowgill. They, with William Smith, then of Maryland, yeoman, conveyed the same lands with messuage and plantation thereon to Nathan Baker, 3 mo. (May) 1st, 1708; who with Sarah his wife, of Concord, conveyed 170 acres thereof 4 mo. 16, 1711, to Robert Pyle, of Bethel, yeoman for £100. What became of the remaining 30 acres I have not noticed, nor the date of Baker's removal to Maryland, which must have been before 1715."

A Joseph Baker and wife Mary arrived in Pennsylvania as early as 1685, settled at Edgmont, Chester Co., and at that time had several children. They came from Edgmont in Shropshire,⁶⁵ England, and were prominent in Chester Co. No evidence of relationship between them and Henry Baker's family has been seen.

Nathan Baker appears to have been a miller, after he settled in Maryland, for the Land records of Cecil Co.⁶⁶ show that Nathan Baker and wife Sarah, conveyed by deed to Gee and others, 12 Apr., 1722, a tract of 20 acres on Back Creek with a mill. This conveyance was evidently made on the eve of his taking a voyage to Barbadoes, after which no record of him has been seen.

The dates of the deaths of Nathan and Sarah Baker are not known. His Will dated 12 April, 1722, and witnessed by Francis Mauldin and Edward Jackson, was proven 5 April, 1729.⁶⁷

In it he states that he is "Bound for Barbadoes," and he left to his sons Henry, Jeremiah and Nathan five pounds each, when 21 years of age; to his Dafter Mary Baker, at 16 or marriage, a mulatto Wench, Hannah, or thirty pounds: "And the Rest of my children's Portions I leife to ye good Will & pleser of there deare Mother, my loving virtuous Wife Sarah Baker who I make my whole and sole Executrix. I do give my loving Wife full power to sell all my Reale and personall Estate or to ceepe all or any Part of my reale or personal Estate, according to her good Will and Disposition."

How many more children than the four mentioned in his Will, Nathan and Sarah Baker had is uncertain; the Register of St. Mary Ann's Parish, Cecil Co., Md., shows the marriages of three Bakers between 1732 and 1737, after which there are no Baker entries till 1763. These three entries are as follows:

Oct. 15, 1732, Then marryed Robert Cummins to Elizabeth Baker.

⁶⁵ Smith's *Hist. Delaware Co., Pa.*, p. 442, Futhey & Cope's *Hist. Chester Co.*, p. 469-70.

⁶⁶ *Liber.* 3, fol. 462.

⁶⁷ Cecil Co. Wills, *Liber.*, A. A., No. 1, fol., 203.

1735 July 6. Then married Job Ruston to Mary Baker.

1736/7 Jan'y 12. Then was married Nathan Baker to Joyce Yardley.

All of these three persons were probably Nathan's children. Nothing further has been seen regarding his son Jeremiah, nor his dau. Mary Ruston, unless the entry in Register of Christ Church, Phila., of marriage of Jeremiah Baker and Ruth Bonham Aug. 9, 1758, refers to the former. A letter from Job Ruston, beginning "Brother Baker," dated Nov. 12, 1750, and addressed to Mr. Henry Baker, or to Mr. Nathan Baker, and authorizing them to collect witness fees of his servant, in a law suit, is recorded.⁶⁸

St. Mary Ann's Parish Register contains the following two entries concerning children of Elizabeth Baker,

"1736 May 18. Then was born James Cummings the son of Robert Cummings and Elizabeth his wife.

Francis Rock was married to Mary Pryor, widow, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Cummings of North East, 27 July, 1759."

Further mention of Nathan's sons Henry and Nathan will be given hereinafter.

The Register of St. Paul's Church, Chester, shows the marriage on May 8, 1730, of Sarah Baker and Philip Ottey. Whether Sarah was the widow or daughter of Nathan does not appear.

Sarah Collet, whom Nathan Baker married, was the daughter of Jeremialh, or as he was sometimes also called Jeremy Collet, of whom Smith in his *History of Delaware Co., Pa.*, says,⁶⁹

He "was settled in Chichester before the arrival of William Penn. In 1685 he owned and occupied a tract of land a little north of Marcus Hook. In 1684 he served the office of Sheriff for Chester County. In religious profession he was doubtless an Episcopalian, as he bequeathed £50 for the 'better support of the

⁶⁸ Cecil Co. Deeds, *Liber. 4. fol. 523.*

⁶⁹ P. 454.

minister officiating in the Chapel'—now St. Martin's Church at Marcus Hook. He died about the year 1725" [1706.]

Jeremiah Collet occupied a position of prominence in Chester Co. He was twice commissioned as Justice of the Peace, viz: May 13, 1693, and Sept. 25, 1703,⁷⁰ and the *History of Chester Co., Pa.*, makes frequent mention of him, stating⁷¹ among other things that his name appears in the records of the Court held June 13, 1682; and that at the first Court at Chester after Penn's arrival, which met febr. 14, 1682, & adjourned unto ye 27th of ye same month, Jeremiah was on the Jury; that 5 mo. 1, 1684, the Court appointed Collectors, and Appraisers, of the former were for Chichester, Thomas Usher and Jeremy Collett, and of the latter were for the County, Thomas Usher, Jeremy Collett and Joshua Hastings; that among the Landholders in 1689 appear the names of Jerem. Collett, Wm. Collett and Richard Collett; that among the list of Taxables in 1693 appear the name of Jeremiah Collett for 08s. 04d;

That in March, 1694-5 the grand inquest "having examined Jeremiah Collet's [the Treasurer's] accounts finds them to be true accounts and finds him to be indebted to the County the sum of eighteen shillings and eleven pence;" and further that on Feby. 25, 1706-7, "Jeremiah Collett, constable of Chichester, being presented by ye Grand Jury for ye neglect of his Duty as a constable for that he did not prevent Mordecay Howel for working and suffering his servants or children to work and do servill Labour on ye first day of the week altho' requested by John Neals so to do,—comes here and cant gainsay the same but acknowledges himself to be thereof guilty. Therefore it is considered that ye sd. Jeremiah shall pay a fine of five shillings & his fees and then shall go quitt."

The Records of St. Paul's Church, Chester, show that Jeremiah was one of the first Vestrymen of that Church, being elected April 18, 1704, and served till his death. The Register contains the following entries:

Anne Collet—buried July 11th, 1705. Wife of Jer: Col-

⁷⁰ *Pa. Archives, 2d Series, Vol. IX, p. 676. Hist. Chester Co., Pa., p. 364.*

⁷¹ Pp. 20, 24, 26, 31, 33, 35, 38.

let—died ye fiteenth of Octob'r, 1704, and was buried ye 11th of July, 1705.

John Collet—son of Jeremiah—buried July 5th, 1705.

Jeremiah Collet—Vestryman—November 10th, 1706.

Letters of administration on the estate of Jeremiah Collet, late of Chichester, were granted at Philadelphia Dec. 2, 1706, to Weyntie Collet, his widow, the record stating⁷² that the said Jeremiah Collet "did make his Last Will & Testam't & thereof appointed Nathán Baker Ex'r as is said, who for reasons unknown has hitherto refused to produce ye sd Will to be proved according to Law."

Weyntie Collet, widow of Jeremiah, renounced her right of administration Jan'y 20, 1706/7, in favor of Jeremiah Collet, son of her late husband. Witnesses, Edward Bezer, Richard Armitt.⁷³

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Letters were accordingly granted to Jeremiah Collet,⁷⁴ Gentleman, 4 March, 1706/7. Sureties, Wa: Marten, Tho: Withers. Witnesses, Saml. Weaver, John Joyce.

No evidence that the Will was produced or recorded has been seen, and most of its contents are now unknown. The Will of Jeremiah's son-in-law, Thomas Withers, of Chichester twp., Chester Co., dated March 29, 1720, proven 2 mo. 15, 1720,⁷⁵ mentions his wife Jane or Joan and five children, Robert, Ralph, Mary Hughs, Jane and Elizabeth Withers, and states that Jeremiah Collett, Sr., late of Chichester, devised to his five grandchildren above named £15 each, which had not been paid.

Smith's *History of Delaware Co.* as herebefore stated, says he bequeathed £50 to the Chapel at Marcus Hook, giving the date of his death as 1725; and Mr. Wm. Shales Johnson sent me the following extract from his unpublished history of St. Paul's Parish.

⁷² Phila. Administrations, Book B, p. 51.

⁷³ *Ibid.*, p. 54.

⁷⁴ Will of Jeremiah Collett, of Upper Chichester, dated June 8, 1752, was proven Aug. 8, 1752. Chester Co. Wills, *Liber. C. fol. 352.*

⁷⁵ Chester Co. Wills, *Liber. A. fol. 90.*

"In 1701 the 'Anabaptist Association' was dissolved but was revived again in 1715, when it took the name of 'The Baptized Church of Jesus Christ:' and exists to-day as the Birmingham Baptist Church. Many of the baptisms took place in Crum and Ridley Creeks and in 1715 we find the name of Jeremiah Collet as having been baptized May 4th of that year.

Jeremiah Collet, Sr., was a churchman and died in 1706, being buried in St. Paul's churchyard. Jeremiah Collet, of Chichester, was also at the time of his death, a churchman and left a legacy of Fifty Pounds to St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook, the interest of which was to be used to provide for at least four services annually in that Church. Who the Jeremiah Collet was who aided in the reorganization of the 'Anabaptist Association' is not certain. He may possibly have been the Chichester Collet, but if so he died a churchman ten years after."

No Will of any Jeremiah Collet has been found to have been proven in 1725, and it is probable that the above bequest, though paid in 1725, was authorized by the Will of 1706.

From the Records of St. Paul's Parish and the Philadelphia Administration accounts above quoted, it seems probable that Jeremiah Collet was twice married. Anne Collet, who died in 1704, and was reinterred (?) at St. Paul's in 1705, having been his first wife and mother of his children; and Weyntie Collet, who survived him, having been his second. If so his second marriage was not solemnized in St. Paul's Parish, as his daughter Sarah is the only Collet, whose marriage there is recorded between 1704 and 1733.⁷⁶

No record has been seen of the parentage or place of nativity of Jeremiah Collet. He may have been related to, though probably not the son of George Collet, of Clonmell, co. Tipperary, Ireland,⁷⁷ who at an early date bought a large tract of land in Pennsylvania, and whose daughter Mary Collet married Christopher Pennock, in Ireland, prior to 1675, and whose son George Collet, died in Penna., 8 mo. 2, 1687, and devised his property, by a Nun-

⁷⁶ *Pa. Archives, 2d Series, Vol. VIII, p. 594.*

⁷⁷ *Futhey & Cope's Hist. Chester Co., Pa., p. 680; see also Pennock Family Tree; Pa. Archives, 2d Series, Vol. XIX., pp. 28, 363, 545, 549.*

cupative Will to his nephew, or as he styled him his "Cousin" Nathaniel Pennock.

Nathan Baker,⁽³⁾ son of Nathan⁽²⁾ and Sarah⁽²⁾ (Collet) Baker, married in St. Mary Ann's Parish, Cecil Co., Md., Jan'y 12, 1736/7 Joyce Yardley, and appears to have lived at one time at North East and later at Charlestown, both in Cecil Co., and to have been a miller by trade.

The *Genealogy of the Yardley Family* gives a list of the children of Thomas and Ann (Biles) Yardley, in which is the following entry in regard to their dau. Joyce:⁷⁸

"Joyce, b. 10 mo. 3, 1714; never married."

That this is an error, and that it was *she* whom Nathan Baker married, is shown by a deed dated 8 May, 1759, and recorded in Bucks Co., Pa.,⁷⁹ in 1761, by which Wm. Yardley and Thos. Yardley, of Lower Makefield Twp., Gents.; Mary Jenney, of Truro Twp., Loudoun Co., Va., widow; Francis Hague, of Truro Twp., Planter, and Jane his wife; David Kinsey, of Solebury, Yeoman and Sarah his wife; Nathan Baker, of North East in Cecil Co., Md., Miller, and Joyce his wife; (said Wm., Thos., Mary, Jane, Sarah and Joyce being only surviving issue, representatives and heirs of Thomas Yeardley, late of Makefield, Yeoman, deceased) convey to Thomas Yeardley, son of Richard, certain lands which Francis Hague Apr. 14, 1742, conveyed to Thos. Yardley, who Dec. 9, 1749, agreed to convey same to Richard Yardley, but died before it was done.

The Records of Cecil Co. show that Nathan Baker, of Charlestown, and Joyce his wife, in consideration of 106*l*, 12*s*, 7*d*, current money, conveyed to Andrew Barrett 6 Jan'y, 1775,⁸⁰ one-fourth part of Lot 82 in Charlestown.

No further information has been found regarding Nathan and Joyce Baker; and the dates of their deaths, and the names and number of their children are unknown.

⁷⁸ P. 21.

⁷⁹ *Liber. 10, fol. 279.*

⁸⁰ *Liber. 14, fol. 38.*

The Register of St. Mary Ann's Parish shows the marriage of Thomas Baker in 1763, to Margret Pheland; and the birth of their dau. Hannah Yeardley Baker, Sept. 17, 1764. Also the marriage of Jeremiah Baker and Hannah Thackey, 14 Dec., 1769; and the births of their four children, Marcy, *b.* 20 Sept., 1771; Francis, *b.* 17 July, 1774; Elizabeth, *b.* 17 Aug., 1776; Sarah, *b.* 25 March, 1778.

Thomas Baker evidently was a son of Nathan; Jeremiah may have been a son or a nephew.

Henry Baker,⁽³⁾ the remaining son of Nathan⁽²⁾ and Sarah⁽²⁾ (Collet) Baker, was probably their eldest son. Very little is known regarding him. The Records of Cecil Co. show that he bought of John Taylor on 28 May, 1759,⁸¹ certain cattle. He must during his life have owned a good deal of land, as his name occupies about two pages of the Index to the County Land records. In 1740 he purchased a large tract called "Kennedy's Adventure," parts of which he and his wife Elizabeth deeded to James Crumley, 3 Feby, 1742; to Edw. Oldham, 26 Aug., 1750; and to Robert Lasley, yeoman, 12 Jan'y, 1758.⁸² Crumley and Oldham being residents of Chester Co., Pa., and Lasley, of Cecil Co., Md. And from his Will and that of his son Jethro it appears that he owned "Van Bibber's Forest," and land in the Manor, on the latter of which he lived. Both these tracts at one time belonged to Matthias Van Bibber, concerning whom George Johnston in his *History of Cecil Co., Md.*, says:⁸³

"Prominent among the early settlers of Bohemia Manor were two brothers, Isaac and Matthias Van Bibber. Their father, Jacob Isaacs Van Bibber, was a Hollander and was one of the first settlers of Germantown. His sons, the two brothers before mentioned, were natives of Holland, and were naturalized in Maryland in 1702. Previous to coming to Maryland they had been engaged in merchandizing in Philadelphia. * * * * * Matthias Van Bibber appears to have been fond of the acquisition of land, for in 1714 he purchased Augustine Manor of Ephraim Augustine

⁸¹ *Liber. 9, fol. 91.*

⁸² *Liber. 6, fol. 227; Liber. 8, fol. 209; Liber. 9, fol. 5.*

⁸³ Pp. 186-8.

Hermen for £300. This Manor was directly east of Bohemia Manor. * * * * * Matthias Van Bibber also became the proprietor of Van Bibber's Forest, which was patented to him in 1720. This was a large tract of land in the Third district near Mechanics' Valley, containing 850 acres * * * * * Matthias Van Bibber was for a long time chief justice of the county and occupied that responsible position when the court house was built at Court House Point. * * * * * Matthias Van Bibber's will was proved in 1739.⁸⁴ He left * * * his part of St. Augustine Manor to his daughters, Sarah and Rebecca."

The Register of St. Stephen's Parish shows that "Matthias Van Bebber and Haramontic, the daughter of Adam Peterson, of New-castle Coty., in the Territories of Pensylvania, were married by License the seventeenth day of Novr., MDCCV.

Jacob Van Bebber, sonn of Matthias Van Bebber & Haramantia, his wife, was born the 2 of Feby., MDCCVI. Matthias Vanbebber, son of Matts. V. Bebber and Arriamanca, his wife, was born the 30th day of September, 1729. Henry Vanbebber, son of Do., born 13th January, 1730-1."

I do not know whether Henry Baker obtained the two tracts of the "Forest" and the "Manor" directly from the Van Bibber family or from some subsequent owner. No deed to him from Matthias, Sarah or Rebecca Van Bibber is recorded at Elkton. It is possible that the Land Office at Annapolis contains such a conveyance. Henry Baker may *possibly* have married either Sarah or Rebecca Van Bibber. If so it was his second marriage and occurred during the last decade of his life, as his wife Elizabeth was living as late as 1758. Such a second marriage seems *improbable*, as Henry in his Will speaks of his widow as the mother of his son Jeremiah, and the latter was old enough to be his executor. What Elizabeth's surname was does not appear; if the Register of St. Augustine's Parish could be found perhaps a record of Henry's marriage might be seen.

⁸⁴ The will of Matthias van Bebber, of Cecil County, Gent. dated 3 Aug., 1739, proven Oct. 1, 1739 (*Liber. A. A.* No. 1, fol. 369), mentions wife Hermana; son Jacob; son Adam: "to my two Daughters Sarah & Rebecca all my Right & Title & Share in St. Augustine's Mannor to be equally divided between them;" sons Matthias and Henry; daus. Christian and Hester. "Wife to enjoy legacies and bequests to my four youngest children, Sarah, Rebecca, Matthias & Henry untill they severally arrive at age of one and twenty." Wife Hermana sole Executrix.

Henry Baker died in 1768, and his Will dated 24 June, 1768, was proven 12 July, 1768,⁸⁵ In it he says:

"As Death is certain and the Continuance of Life uncertain and as cool Deliberation in perfect Health and sound Composure of mind is the best and most convenient Time to set one's House in order to leave this Stage of Life. I, Henry Baker, have thought proper under such Circumstances as above to leave these Lines as my testament and last Will as I have faith in our blessed Redeemer my hope is in and thro him to see a joyfull Resurrection of Soul and Body. But as to the Remains of my Body I desire it may be buried in a common decent manner without Pomp or Ceremony in a plain coffin without any funeral Sermon or strong Drink in the nearest Church of England Church Yard to the place where I make my Demise in Lieu of funeral Expence I order that five pounds Str be given to the poor of this Parish divided amongst any number under Twenty that will or may apply for the Divident thereof and after all such Expence and my just Debts being paid I order that my moveable Estate be equally divided between my sons Jeremiah Baker and Henry Baker and my Grand son Samuel Baker son of Francis Baker in Lieu of part of his Father's share after Payment also of such other Legacies as I shall hereafter mention my will is that notwithstanding the irregular proceedings of my wife that she be paid the sum of 30 pounds p year common money during her natural life and during her widowhood to have one sufficient room in my present dwelling house with bed and furniture and a sufficiency of all necessary eatables for her maintenance & horse & saddle at her disposal or use & a negro girl to wait on her & firewood always provided for her at the Door in full of her Thirds of my Estate."

He bequeathed to his sons Jethro and Jeremiah tracts of land; to the former part of "Van Bibbers Forest." to the latter "Clay Fall, he to pay to his mother £30 per annum; to son Henry "dwelling plantation whereon I now live." and grist mill, also "Smiths Addition" and "Browning's Neglect." he to pay Elizabeth, Dau. of Nathan Baker five pounds current money during her chaste and single life; to grand son Samuel son of Francis land, if he survive his brother Henry; to son Francis Red Lion Tavern in Charlestown; to dau. in law Evey Baker, a negro Girl called Hannah, or £50; the balance of estate to be equally divided between gd. son Samuel Baker and sons Jeremiah and Henry, except a negro boy to Jethro. Son Jeremiah Sole Executor, Book 3, 1760-1776, p 199 shows that Francis Baker Administrator with Will annexed filed Inventory of Henry Baker's personal Estate amounting to £606.18s. No final distribution appears of record.

Jethro Baker⁽⁴⁾ was a farmer of Cecil Co., Md., and lived upon a tract of land which was a part of Van Bibber's Forest, and a part of which he inherited from his father, Henry Baker.⁽²⁾ On this tract of land, we learn from an

⁸⁵ Cecil Co. Wills, *Liber. B. B.*, No. 2, fol. 300.

account of Hon. James McCauley, Chief Judge of the Orphans' Court for Cecil Co., Md., which appeared in *The Cecil Whig*,⁸⁶

there stood a stone house known in later years as John Williamson's, and later as Lowry's, and in which Methodist meetings on Cecil circuit were held until the building of the Union Church in 1822. That house was built by Jethro Baker (who owned the greater part of the "Forest" of 800 acres) during the Revolutionary War, and in a very cold winter during that war Mr. Baker was appointed to gather blankets for the army, and from them took small pox and died.⁸⁷ He left two daughters, Lydia and Francina. Lydia married Robert Leslie, a native of Cecil county, and was the mother of Charles R. Leslie, the artist, Thomas J. Leslie, who was paymaster of the U. S. army for fifty years, and of Eliza Leslie, the authoress, whose cook book passed through fifty-six editions, and of Patty Leslie who married Henry C. Carey of Philadelphia.⁸⁸ Francina, the other daughter of Jethro Baker married Daniel McCauley.

The Will of Jethro Baker, of Millford Hundred, Cecil Co., dated 2 June, 1777, was proven 30 June, 1777,⁸⁹ he bequeathed to his wife Ann

one third of all his estate real and personal, after payment of his debts; to oldest son Nathan 350 acres, lower end of tract of Van Bibber's Forest, "I now live on;" to second son Jethro "all that land my father Henry Baker lived on in Manor in Cecil County;" to two daus. Siney and Lydia when 18, two hundred pounds current money each; "I order and allow 150 acres of land off the upper end of tract I now live on called Vanbebers Forest to be sold at public Vandue." The executors were James Orrack and wife Ann Baker.

The maiden name of Ann Baker, the wife of Jethro, was probably Gonsen, for Miss Eliza Leslie wrote⁹⁰ "both my parents were natives of Cecil County, Md., also the birthplace of my grandfather and grandmother, on each side. My great-grandfather, Robert Leslie, was a Scotchman. He came to settle in America about the year 1745 or '46,

⁸⁶ July 28, 1894.

⁸⁷ See also, *Early Settlers in Cecil. The Leslie-Baker Family.*—*Cecil Whig*, Feb. 25, 1899.

⁸⁸ For accounts of children of Robert and Lydia Leslie, see Appleton's *Cyclop. Amer. Biog.*, III, 696; I, 524.

⁸⁹ Cecil Co. Wills. *Liber. C. C.*, No. 3, fol. 7.

⁹⁰ *Godcy's Lady's Book*, 1858; Vol. LVI, p. 347.

and bought a farm on Northeast River, nearly opposite to the insulated hill called Malden's Mountain. My maternal great-grandfather was a Swede named Gonsen, so that I have no *English* blood in me."

Whether the Spirit of 1776, or the memories of 1812 and 1814, or the fact that many Scotch and Irish patriots were expatriated and sent to America, caused Miss Leslie to disavow having any English blood in her, I know not, but it is certain that her claim is not substantiated by facts.

Her great-grandfather Robert Lesfie, or Lashley, the Scotch immigrant, married before 1 mo. 15, 1740, Deborah,⁹¹ the daughter of Thomas and Magdalen Janney; their son William Leslie, her grandfather, married Christiana, daughter of George and Sarah (Hoopes) Hall. George Hall was the son of Samuel Hall, and Sarah was the daughter of Daniel and Jane Hoopes.⁹² Robert Leslie, the son of William and Christiana, and father of Miss Leslie, married Decem. 13, 1785, Lydia Baker. Thomas Janney came from Cheshire, and Nathan Baker from Lancashire, the Halls and Hoopes were of English descent, and therefore Miss Leslie probably had in her more English blood than that of any other nationality; and through the irony of fate, at the present time, all the descendants of her father, with one exception, are English subjects, and most of them live in England!

⁹¹ Ms. Records Nottingham mo. Mtg. of Friends.

⁹² Futhey & Cope's *Hist. Chester Co., Pa.*, pp. 585, 627.

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