THE BALLINGER FAMILY

from 1660 to 1900 including seven generations

"To be well bred is the greatest heritage of this world"

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NOTE

First five generations given by naming. Sixth generation by numbers 1 to 35 inclusive. Seventh generation by numbers 54 to 314 inclusive. Eighth generation by names only and not complete.

This history is published to give the FOUNDATION for future publications and generations, and is absolutely authentic and correct for six generations.

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THE BALLINGER FAMILY

The Ballingers are known to be of French extraction; the name is French and was originally De La Ballinger as used in France.

Evidence and tradition prove that in France they were of the religious sect of Huguenots and were driven out of the country during the religious persecution of 1625 to 1700; some no doubt came to America, but the line of our descendants went to England via Holland and settled in Benninghamshire. This was the time when William Penn was leader of the great Quaker movement and here these Ballingers became united with them and continued in that faith for 200 years or more, and we find many still adhering to that church.

About the year 1660 a Henry Ballinger was born in Benningham, and moved to Gloucestershire where we find him united with the Nailsworth Meeting of the Quakers, and from which place he emigrated to America in 1678 and united with the Burlington Meeting (as the Quakers termed their churches) at Burlington, New Jersey.

William Penn had previously purchased this county and others to make it an asylum for the persecuted and came in person in 1677 to make America his permanent home. Of course this Henry Ballinger met him and knew him. See any encyclopedia.

In 1684 the marriage of this Henry Ballinger is recorded to Mary Harding, both members of the above named church. From the year 1678 to 1850 we trace the Ballinger lineage by the records of the Quakers which were accurately kept and now comprise seventeen large volumes kept in the Friends alcove of the Old Library in Philadelphia.

To this union of Henry and Mary Ballinger most of the Ballingers in the United States trace their lineage. So do the Logan county Ballingers. To this union were born:

THOMAS BALLINGER m Elizabeth Elkin^{40H}, 1713. Henry J. Ballinger m Hannah Wright 1726. Josiah Ballinger m Mary Wright 1727. Amariah Ballinger m Elizabeth Gonwood 1725 Mary Ballinger m I, Mr. Ridgeway; 2 Mr. Garwood. Esther Ballinger m Mr. Butterworth. Hannah Ballinger m Never Married. Ruth Ballinger m Never married. Elizbeth Ballinger m Henry Willard. Joseph Ballinger m, Charity Wade.

All were born in Burlington county, N. J., and members of the Quaker church. Several of the above moved to Maryland, Virginia, and Kentucky.

THOMAS and Elizabeth remained in this county and raised a family of several children all born in Evesham, Burlington county, N. J. The fifth child of whom was SAMUEL BAL. -LINGER born May 19th, 1733. He is also recorded in the Bible of Mrs. Lydia Ballinger Bell having the same date of birth as above given. So there can be no doubt about our connection. Space will not permit giving all the children, but this Samuel married Elizabeth Groff and they raised the following children, all born in the same place as their father and recorded in the same church records:

Henry Ballinger b 1760. Joshua Ballinger b 1762. William Ballinger b 1764. Samuel Ballinger b 1771. Rebecca Ballinger b 1774. John Groff Ballinger b 1780.

Please note that the above named *Joshua* and *Samuel* were the pioneers to Logan county, and William the son of John came in 1845 with his family. The years and order of births co-incide with those we had before learning of these church records.

We are indebted to Mr. Thomas Ballinger of Moorestown. N. J., for copying the full Ballinger history from these church records.

Very few families in the United States can trace so far back, and none can show a more noble, righteous parentage. I will refer to this later in this article.

The children of this Samuel Ballinger and wife that came to Ohio were:

 JOSHUA BALLINGER, born in Evesham, Burlington county, N. J., 1762 and his wife, Sarah (Jones) Ballinger who came with their children in 1806 and settled near what in 1832 became Middleburg, Logan county. They purchased a homestead of 600 acres as shown by the Logan county deed records. More of their landing will be said later. See Pioneer History, Page 141, etc and Logan county history, 1880, Page 466, etc.

Their children who lived to rear families were:

[•] Elizabeth Ballinger m Joshua Sharp.

Hope Ballinger, 1786-1864 m Abner Winder, 1780-1846.

Rev. Caleb Ballinger, 1794-1874 m 1. Rebecca Branson, 1801-1842. 2. Mrs. Hannah Wheeler, 1805-1885.

Rachel Ballinger, 1794 m Rev. Joseph Haines.

Sarah Ballinger, 1799-1856 m Allen Haines, 1791-1861. Henry Ballinger, —1813 m Patience Bishop.

Thomas Ballinger, m Patience (Bishop) Ballinger.

Note: Rev. Caleb and Rachel were twins. Henry died in 1813 before his son was born in 1814, and in 1818 Thomas, his younger brother, married his widow. Hope was married in Pennsylvania and came to Ross county, Ohio, 1802 and later to Logan county.

.2 SAMUEL BALLINGER, born in Evesham, Burlington county, N. J., 1771, and his wife Ann (Walker) who came with their families in 1810, and purchased a homestead of 450 acres in the same neighborhood as Joshua's. (See historical references as heretofore given.)

Their children who lived to rear families were: John S. Ballinger, 1796 m 1. Mary Inskeep.

2. Margaret Daugherty.

Joshua Ballinger Jr., 1803-1873 m Delilah Inskeep. Samuel Ballinger No. 3 m

Rev. Thomas Ballinger, 1817-1897 m 1. Mary DeVore. 2. Lydia Hildreth. 3. Eliza J. Johnson.

Isaac Ballinger, 1820-1902 m Orinda C. Bennett.

Mary Ballinger, 1810-1884 m Daniel Skidmore.

Hope Ballinger, 1807- m Joshua Skidmore.

Elizabeth Ballinger, 1798 m Jesse Downs, 1790-1867. Martha Ballinger m Isaac Sparks.

Note: Rev. Thomas about 1850 moved to Oscaloosa, Iowa, where he died. Isaac moved to Iowa, and raised his family there. Daniel and Joshua were brothers. 3. JOHN BALLINGER, 1780, brother to the above named Joshua and Samuel never came to Ohio to live. One of his sons came in 1845. His name was William, born 1800, moved with his family of several children to the Ballinger settlement and joined his cousins there.

As above stated no other sons and daughters of the original Samuel of 1733 are known to us. We are certain there were others.

In gathering the data for these manuscripts I have been assisted on the Joshua branch by William B. Ballinger, of West Mansfield, Ohio. On the Samuel Branch by Frank Zell Ballinger of Marysville, Ohio. On the John Ballinger branch by Mrs. Rachel Humphreys of East Liberty, Ohio.

Mr. Edwin G. Chapman above named has given good assistance in securing the Hope Winder descendants.

These papers are lacking to some extent in dates of births and dates of deaths which I have been unable to secure. They are perfect in enumerating the chain of ancestors. Great pains have been taken to make this perfect.

Please keep in mind the JOSHUA of 1764 and the SAMUEL of 1771. They were persons of character and note. They made good, and so have their children and grand children to the sixth generation as the writer has well known.

They were co-temporaries and neighbors of Simon Kenton, who lived near them and died in 1836. And of Isaac Zane for whom Zanesfield was named, and who was a well known pioneer character. He resided and died within three miles of the Ballingers. These Ballingers had Indians for their neighbors up to 1830, when they moved to the west, and it can be truthfully recorded that these Quaker Ballingers gained the good will and confidence of these Indians to such an extent that neither they nor their property was ever molested by the Indians, tho at this time there were not fewer than thirty of these Ballinger pioneers. The Indians frequently came to these homes for assistance and advice, and were kindly treated.

These homesteads were selected in the "forest primeval"— not a tree missing. But soon they had their houses builded of logs making the most congenial homes, in which the home fires always burned joyously.

These early Ballinger settlers were known far and near for kindness and genuine hospitality, being always ready to assist the incoming settler and the needy.

These lands with the assistance of the sturdy and strong children were speedily converted into good, rich productive fields tho amid the perils of disease and sometimes hostile Indians. As these homesteads were being improved the trusty rifle furnished them plenty of wild meat; the cow furnished them milk, butter and beef; the sheep wool and mutton; the forest plenty of berries; and the maple tree, which stood in abundance, plenty of molasses and sugar for sale, which was about the only source of income. Johnny Appleseed (Chapman) came with the appleseeds from which soon vigorous orchards were furnishing an abundance of fruit; the patch of flax and the sheep's wool kept the spinning wheels turning in every home, and the "linse wolsey" clothing was produced; in one corner of the house was the shoe shop where the boots and shoes were made during the long evenings.

Their mail came occasionally via Columbus and the Post Road to Urbana, and thence to Bellefontaine where Logan county mail was distributed. Bellefontaine at this time was a mere village.

These children above mentioned were soon purchasing good sized farms of their own from 100 to 500 acres and one son of Joshua builded and operated the first gristmill in that vicinity. Besides the war records show that a goodly number of the young men were soldiers in the war of 1812.

An entire book could be written about these pioneer days but space will not permit further comment.

I think it interesting at this time to give a list of the early settlers around Middleburg with whom the Ballingers mingled and in many of these families the children inter-married.

I take this list from Antrom's Pioneer History of Logan county:

Tob Sharp 1801. Joseph Rea, 1806. John Sharp, 1803. Thomas Antrim, 1803 from Virginia. John Warner, 1807. Virginia. John Garwood, 1805. New Jersey. Joseph Stokes, 1808. Rev. John Inskeep, 1805 from Virginia. Daniel Garwood, 1805 from Virginia. Virginia. Joshua Ballinger, 1806, from New Jersey.

Josiah Outland, 1806 from New Jersey.

- Joshua Inskeep, 1807 from
- Jonathan Haines, 1808, from
- James Curl, Sen., 1809 from
- Samuel Ballinger, 1810, from New Jersey.

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William Skidmore, 1806.

Note: There are records as the above which give the Ballingers coming to Ohio from New Jersey; there are also a number which state that they or some of their children came from Culpepper

county, Virginia, to Ohio. This is the case with both the above named Joshua, and of Samuel. These can be reconciled by supposing they first moved to Culpepper county, and after a brief stay there came to Ohio. The stay was so short that the older ones omitted it and claimed nativity in New Jersey) Besides they were such pronounced Abolitionists that they would not want it generally known they ever staid over night in a slave state.

BALLINGER CHARACTERISTICS

This is the important part of my subject. For all descendants of strong minded people have strong family characteristics peculiar to that particular family. And having lived among these people the past sixty years and mingled with them in schools, churches and business I feel qualified to speak the things that their modesty would never allow them to say be it ever so truthful. Besides while I have many Ballinger relatives, there is no Ballinger blood in me, so I am not prejudiced.

First, the trait of friendliness has characterized every Ballinger that I have ever met; and every time I have met them. I was always glad to see them because they were always glad to see me. This was their characteristic and not mine. Always pleasing and agreeable, yet very firm in their convictions but not contentious, and carrying a good balance of dignity.

The children and grandchildren of said Joshua and Samuel were very jovial, and enjoyed a good innocent joke. In fact, they were joke provoking people; so much so that it is hard for me to think of them as English at all, but jolly good natured Frenchmen.

In their dealings (and they were good business men) they were honest and very conscientious, never having trouble or law suits with their neighbors. And here lies a truth I want every reader of this article to remember: I have known them for four generations and starting of the fifth—and I have never known of a single one being accused of a misdemeanor, being arrested, or even having a law suit. The reason for this I think you will find in the next paragraph.

The predominating trait of character that I have found in the Ballinger family is that of Religion. It was shown in these two pioneers and their families who had scarcely completed their own homes before we find them hewing the logs for schools and churches.

I have told you about them being the founders of the first church erected in Logan county. They were also the founders, or among the founders of many other churches among which I wish to mention the Mount Moriah M. E. Church; the M. P. Church in Middleburg; the M. E. Church in East Liberty; the old Brick Church two miles east of West Mansfield; the M. E. and U. B. churches in West Mansfield; the Bethel Church three miles northeast of West Mansfield. Wm. B. Ballinger, a charter member is still living. And add to the above the Rinehart church, and the Otterbein Church in Hardin county; and there were others. Besides the founding and building of churches they have always been regular attendants, and liberal supporters of these churches. Always Protestants, never sectarians, and not Catholics, for it was that church that drove them out of France. Is it any wonder to the thinking people that they have been prosperous? "I have never seen the righteous forsaken, nor his children begging for bread."

I have personally known fourteen preachers the descendants of the above named pioneers, and there may be others.

There was a time when I did not know from whence came these Ballingers, but I have always known where they were going.

I have omittel saying anything in the above paragraph about the religious life of the fathers of Joshua and Samuel. In fact it has not been over one year since I made the discovery. Before that time I had drawn conclusions of them from the lives of their children and descendants. I want to quote in concluding what I had many times previously written about them, and never I think without tears coming into my eyes.

"Who were the illustrious fathers and mothers of these descendants? We do not know. But we do know that the lives of the parents are reflected in the lives of their descendants. This may not be true individually, but it is always true when taken collectively. That being the case what a halo of glory settles down on the unknown parents of this Joshua and Samuel. Giving to their children a religious fervor that lasts thru five or six generations is the greatest eulogy imaginable and far above description. I have reverently stood at the graves of most of the deceased Ballingers and always with much reverence. But if it is ever my lot to find the graves of the Fathers and Mothers I shall strew them with the choicest of flowers."

The above has lost nothing of its fervor since we have discovered that the SAMUEL of 1733 and his ancestors were in truth and in fact zealous Christians as I had above described them. It could not be otherwise.

That such memories of our forefathers and mothers may not be forgotten, but handed down and cherished by the future generations is the incentive for preserving the Ballinger genealogy.

Respectfully submitted,

Lanson B. Harvey,

Present 1929 address, Kenton, Ohio.

Permanent address, Marysville, Ohio.

- 1st. Gen. Henry Ballinger b in Benningham, England about 1660; d 1739 in Burlington county, N. J. Came to America 1678 from Gloucestershire, England; m Mary Harding 1684. Ten children: The oldest, THOMAS BALLINGER in records of the Quaker Church of Nailsworth meeting, England; transferred to Burlington meeting of N. J., 1678.
- 2nd Gen. Thomas Ballinger b about 1685; d. Born in Burlington county, N. J. m Elizabeth Elkins 1713, Several children of whom the 5th was SAMUEL BALLINGER. Recorded in records of the Quaker Church of the Burlington meeting.
- 3rd Gen. Samuel Ballinger b May 19, 1733 in Burlington county, N. J. m Elizabeth Groff in 1758. They had six children: Henry b 1760; Joshua b 1762; William b 1764; Samuel b 1771; Rebecca b 1774. John Groff b 1780. All born in Evesham, Burlington county, N. J. Recorded in the records of the Quaker Church as above.
- 4th Gen.

n. Two of the above were Pioneer Settlers in Ohio, JOSHUA and family in 1806; SAMUEL and family in 1810; and founders of a Quaker Church.

We will in these papers trace the Joshua Ballinger branch only.

JOSHUA BALLINGER b 1762 d. m Sarah Jones, both Quakers; both buried in cemetery between East Liberty and Middleburg.

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FOURTH GENERATION

JOSHUA AND SARAH BALLINGER

The oldest child of Joshua and Sarah Ballinger was HOPE BALLINGER who was born in Burlington county, N. J., 1786. In 1802 she married Abner Winder. Both being Quakers the marriage is recorded by that church. They resided a short time in Pennsylvania, and then moved to Ross county, Ohio, where their children were born. They later moved to the Ballinger settlement and raised their children among their own people. Abner and Hope were members of the Quaker church at North Lewisburg and are buried in the cemetery surrounding this church in said village. Hope's descendants are mostly members of the Quaker Church to the present time. Mr. Edwin G. Chapman of Minneapolis, Minn., has full knowledge of the descendants of this family, and furnished the data:

5th Gen. Hope Ballinger 1787-1864; Quaker; m Abner Winder 1802. Came to Ohio 1802, Ross county; came to Logan county about 1841. Both buried North Lewisburg cemetery.

(See Logan County History, 1880, Page 644.)

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Children of John and Sarah (Hutton) Winder:

54 David.

55 Serval.

56 Thomas.

57 Elwood.

58 Lydia.

59 Rachel.

60 Macy.

61 Eliza Jane

2.

Children of Thomas (1804) and Hannah

(Wildman) Winder.

62 John 1828.

63 Edward 1829.

64 Aaron 1831.

65 Elizabeth 1833.

66 Abner 1834.

67 Wm. Henry 1837.

68 Maria 1838.

69 Seth 1840.

80 Deborah 1843.

81 Seneca 1845.

AARON WINDER b

m 1. Phoebe Vanfelt. m 2. Adaline Limea. Children of Aaron and Phoebe.

d.

82 Mary Gregory Winder.

83 Margaret Winder,

84 Sarah Elizabeth Winder.

85 John M. Winder.

Children of Aaron and Adaline.

86 Phoebe Ann.

87 Royal J.

4.

JOSHUA WINDER m Jane Apple No Children.

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ABNER WINDER 2nd. b 1814. d 1851. m Rebecca Pool in 1837.

b 1815 d 1856.

Children:

88 Esther Ann b 1838 d 1919.

m John L. Hudeleson

89 Samuel Chas. b 1840 d 1898.

m Cora Zimmer Soldier 1860.

90 Jos. John G. b 1843 d 1862. Soldier 1860. d Shiloh, Tenn. Unmarried

91 Phineas M. b 1845 d 1853.

92 Webster b 1848 d 1849.

93 Susan b 1850 m Truman Jenny. d

m Eliza

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ELIZABETH WINDER m John Sears. Children: .

94 Abner

- 95 Samuel
- 96 Hulda
- 97 Sarah Jane
- 98 Moses
- 99 Marv

JAMES WINDER

Children:

- 100 William
- 101 Frank
- 102 Joseph
- 103 Nancy
- 104 Hope
- 105 Charlotte

may be others.

3.

SARAH WINDER m John Johnson. No children.

8. 9.

HENRY WINDER m Jane Crabb.

Children: 106 Hugh

107 Ann Eliza

108 William A.

109 Levi

110 Emma

111 Nettie

may be others.

10. LEVI WINDER unmarried.

MOSES WINDER unmarried

11. 12.

CALEB WINDER m 1. unknown; 2. Ann Woods Children by 1st wife:

112 George

by 2nd wife:

113 Thomas

(End of Winders)

The second child of Joshua and Sarah Ballinger was Elizabeth Ballinger born in Burlington county, N. J., 1790. She came to Ohio with her parents in 1806 and 1810 she married Joshua Sharp, the son of Job Sharp, who settled near Middleburg in 1801. To this union of Elizabeth and Joshua there exists a long line of descendants and prominent families. They are still numerous around Middleburg and East Liberty. A full list could not be obtained.

5th Gen. ELIZABETH BALLINGER, b 1790; d 1859. m Joshua Sharp in 1810, b 1784, d. (See Logan County History, PP. 656 and 657.)

13.

JOB HAMES SHARP, b 1811; d 1880. m Ann Weatherby, b 1817; d. Children:

114 Aaron W. Sharp, b 1835.

115 Victoria and 116 Eloria, Twins.

117 David R.

118 Webster L.

119 Lodusky C.

120 Heploria

121 William T.

122 Caleb B.

JOSHUA B. SHARP, m Rhina Norviel. Children:

123 Viola Sharp, m Henry Reymor.

124 Mary Sharp, m Dr. Carmen Stokes.

125 Hattie Sharp, m J. B. Johnson

126 David Sharp, m Charlott Stewart

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HOPE SHARP, m Dr. Evans. Children: 128 Howard Evans

129 unknown

16.

HESTER SHARP, m Chas. Lyons. 130 Montie Lyons Several other children

17.

CALEB BALLINGER SHARP

m I. Rebekah Kernowitch. 2. Elizabeth McLain. (See Hardin County History P. 904.)

131 Hettie Sharp, m Beeman Painter

132 Margaret Sharp, m Wesley Outland

133 Jerome Sharp

134 Mary Adelia

18.

PHOEBE SHARP, m Samuel Warner

135 Miller Warner, m Frankie Norviell

136 Bisha Warner, m Maria Kline

137 Kithurya Warner, m Styles Norviell

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ELIZABETH SHARP, m Wm. Sketo

138 Elizabeth Sketo, m Mr. Kolb

139 Elma Sketo, m a Mr. Kolb, brothers

140 Tracy Sketo, m Dr. Page

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m Elizabeth Evans, 10-29-1861. Children:

AARON W. SHARP

Bessie R. Sharp, 1866 living in East Liberty Aaron Wm. Sharp, 1871

Prentice D. Sharp, 1878

others given on manuscripts

The third child of Joshua and Sarah Ballinger was Henry Ballinger, born in Burlington County, N. J. He came to Ohio with his parents and June 1811 he married Miss Patience Bishop. Henry died young in 1813 leaving two children, Hope and Henry,

who were born in 1811 and 1814. Henry was born after his father's death in 1813. Both buried Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

5th Gen. HENRY BALLINGER, b 1791; d 1813

m Patience Bishop in January 1811. Children:

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HOPE BALLINGER, b 1811 d 1851

m Isaac Painter, b 1809 d 1886

See Logan County History P. 638 and 645.)

141 Henry Painter, b 1835 d

142 Thomas Painter, b 1837 d 1928

143 Isaac Beemer Painter, b 1845; d 1928

m Hester Sharp

(See Hardin County History 1885, P. 904.)

She, Ballinger via Elizabeth

Children: Orie C. 1868; Maggie 1872; Rosa Lee 1876; Loucretia 1882.

144 James Wesley Painter, b 1846; moved to Indiana

21.

HENRY BALLINGER. b 1814; d 1901

m Rebecca Moore, b 1817; d 1890 (See Logan County History, Page 645.)

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Children:

145 Mary Ballinger, m Fletcher Inskeep

Children: Webster L; Sarah; Henry; and Jesse O. Fletcher of Ballinger descent via Samuel 1771

146 Layman Ballinger, soldier; b 1843; d 1899 m Louisa Nash.

Children: Dora; Angenetta; Merta; Azel; Effie (See Hardin County History 1885, P. 802.)

147 Rev. Thomas Ballinger of M. E. Church

b 1846; d 1888; m Ann Bishop.

Children: Chas. E.; Zell H.; Carrie J.; and Earl

(See Hardin County History 1910, PP 816 and 509)

148 Henry (Hank) Ballinger, b 1846; d 1918 m Anna Zetta Inskeep, b 1849; d 1926 no children

The fourth child of Joshua and Sarah Ballinger was Thomas Ballinger born in Burlington county, N. J., 1792 came with his parents to Ohio in 1806. In 1818 he married his Brother Henry's widow, Patience, and they raised her two children by Henry. Both buried in Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

m Patience Ballinger, (Henry's widow) 1818 Children:

22.

5th Gen.

MARY BALLINGER, b 1834; d 1909

m Joshua Keller 1825-1897 (See Union County History, 1885, P. 544.)

150 Flora C. Keller, deceased; m 1. John Dally Children: Ottie, Dally m 2. Wm. Tobey

Children: Eva and Lulu

151 Nelson Keller, m Lavonna Dally; she of

of Rev. Caleb-Mary Ellan

Children: Paul; Alice; and Edwin

152 Jennie Kellar, deceased; m Jep Bechtol no children

23.

SUSANA BALLINGER, m Joseph Peach Children:

153 Moody Peach, m several children

154 Nelson Peach, m no children

24.

NANCY BALLINGER, m Green

155 Alton Green, Bellefontaine, Ohio, married 156 Ida Green, Bellefontaine, Ohio, m Hover

157 May Green, Mt. Victory, Ohio, m Shell

The fifth child of Joshua and Sarah Ballinger was Caleb Ballinger, born in Burlington county, N. J., 1794. His twin sister was Rachel. He came to Ohio with his parents and became one of the largest land owners of his time, giving to each of his children 100 acres. He builded and operated the first grist mill in that region of Logan county. He was an ordained M. E. local preacher and one of the founders of the brick church two miles east of West Mansfield in which cemetery he is buried. When this church was moved to West Mansfield he became one of the founders of the Bethel church near his home. He was a good, earnest preacher, an honorable man loved and respected by every one. His influence on a little child is the controlling factor in the publication of this Ballinger Family History.

5th. Gen. REV. CALEB BALLINGER, Soldier 1812

b 1794; d 1874

m 1. Rebecca Branson-5 children.

2. Mrs. Hannah (Jackson) Wheeler-2 children.

REV. WM. W. BALLINGER, b 1821; d 1892.

m Etta Wilgus, b 1822

25.

158 Caleb Ballinger, b 1842.

159 Thomas Henry B., b 1841; d young.

160 Sarah Jane Ballinger, b 1844;

m 1. John Bird; 2. Preston Swallow.

Children: Orlando Bird; Albert; Ernest; William; Pearl and Earl.

161 Mary Malinda Ballinger, b 1845; living. m Wm. Tittsworth, d Home, Springfield, O. Children: Lowell; Kimber; Stella; Reed; Grace; Mack; Ruby.

162 John B. Ballinger, b 1848; d 1868.

163 Rebecca Ann Ballinger, b 1849.

m Carl McDonald; living at Mt. Victory, O. Children: John McDonald; Gertrude McGinnis.

164 Phoebe Clara Ballinger, b 1853.

m Wm. Arnold, living at Bellefontaine, Ohio. Children: Earl; Effie.

165 Laura Ballinger, b 1854; deceased; not

married.

d

169 Rachel Elizabeth Ballinger, b 1858; m Bert Bates, living at Hardy, Neb. Children: Archie; Gardner; Carl.

THOMAS BALLINGER, b

m Mary Ann Harvey 1843; b 1826; d 1862.

170 Rev. Alonzo Ballinger, b 1844; d Soldier. mEmily Skidmore, she living W. Mansfield, O. Children: Rev. Milo Ross Ballinger of U. B. Church; Bertis C., undertaker, W. Mansfield; Pearl 1879-1925.

171 Eliza Jane Ballinger, b 1845; d

m John Henning, soldier; moved to Kearney, Nebraska.

Children: Lucy Bell; Eva Ellen; Mary Alice; Wm. E.; Nathan T.; Earl J.; Rachel Grace. (See Harvey History.)

172 Caleb Erastus Ballinger, b 1847; still living West Mansfield, Ohio.

m 1. Emaline Bird; 2. Honor James; 3. Lutitia Hicks.

Children: Thomas G.; Scott; by first wife: Ona; Mattie by 2nd wife: Willia A.; by 3rd wife.

173 Rebecca E. Ballinger, 1849, living in West Mansfield, Ohio. m 1. Isaac Webb, soldier;

2. John Lane; no children.

Children all by 1st. marriage; Oren; Elva; Anna; Emma; Elson; and Elmer.

174 Hannah Ballinger, b 1850; d m John Bechtel. Children: Esta; Foster; Harvey; and Everett;

all near West Mansfield, Ohio.

175 Alice Ballinger, b 1852, living in West Mansfield; m George Bates; one child, died in infancy.

176 Wm. Benjamin Ballinger, b 1854.

m 1. Mary Bushong; one son: Rev. Thomas Avery Ballinger of the M. E. Church.

m 2. Elizabeth Underwood; both still living in West Mansfield.

Children: Emma; Le Roy; Rachel Ida; Mary Alice; Wm. E. Ballinger. I. Via Samuel, Elizabeth Downs.

2. Via Rachel Haines.

177 Rev. Amos W. Ballinger, 1857. m Eleanor Winner, both still living 519 South West Street, Lima, Ohio.

(See Union County History, P. 536.)

- One child: Mae; married Elmer Webb above named.
- 178 George Marley Ballinger, 1860.

m Eliza Winner, sister to Eleanor, above, still living, East Liberty, Ohio.

Children: Florence; Adah; Hazel; Paul; Fontella. Thomas by second marriage to Chrystena Bechtol.

- 179 Andrew Stanton Ballinger, b m Cora Headington, still living West Mansfield, Ohio. Children: Cena; Chester; Lulu.
- 180 John E. Ballinger b m Miss McGee, living in West Mansfield. Children: Ervin and Catherine.

27.

PHOEBE BALLINGER, m Louis Fisher.

Died in Toledo, Ohio.

Children: one.

Dr. Fisher of Toledo; dead.

28.

RACHEL BALLINGER, b 1823; d 1906.

m Alonzo Harvey, b 1818; d 1888. (See Hardin County History, P. 896.)

Children:

- 182 Isaac Newton Harvey. b m Smith, b d 1926.
 - Children: Florence; Lowell, and Ottie.
- 183 Oscar J. Harvey, b 1845; d 1896. m Sarah Sullivan.

(See Hardin County History, P. 897.)

- Children: Charley; Alonzo T.; John S.; and Ocie.
- 184 Mary M. Harvey, b 1848; d 1925. m George Thompson, soldier; no children.
- 185 Rev. Thomas Harvey, Preacher in U. B. Church, b 1852; d 1908.
 - m Martha M. Thompson, also preacher in U. B. Church.
- (See Hardin County History, 1910, PP. 794, 796.)
- Children: Myrtle; Marvin; Homer; Nellie; William L.; Mary.
- 186 Wm. N. Harvey, b 1857; still living at Rushylvania. m 1. Ella Slemons; one child: Prof. Howard Harvey of Valparaiso University, Indiana. m 2. Alice (Curl) Barnette, she a Ballinger descendant via Van Voorhis-Curl. Two children; Carrie M.; and Rachel M. These children carry two strains of Ballinger blood; both via Rev. Caleb 1794.
- 187 Ivan Harley Harvey, b 1862; d m Emma Curl.

(See Hardin County History, 1910, P. 459.)

Children: Charley; Atie Rachel; Blanch M.; Katie A.

29.

SARAH ANN BALLINGER, b d

- m Henry Van Voorhis. Children: 189 Caleb Van Voorhis, soldier, b
 - 89 Caleb Van Voorhis, soldier, b d m Loucretia Everetts.

Children: Prof. Omar; and Bert.

- 190 Samuel Van Voorhis, b d m
- 191 Malinda Van Voorhis b d m Lafe Curl.

Children: Oren Curl, Atty.; Alice Curl, married Wm. N. Harvey, above named.

192 Thomas Van Voorhis.

193 Rebecca Van Voorhis.

m Frederick Keller.

Children: Mattie; Emma; and Linnie.

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d

194 Anna Van Voorhis, b m Arthur Balis. Children: d

MARY ELLEN BALLINGER, b 1845; d 1899.

m Isaac Dally, both buried in York Center Cemtery,

Children:

195 Lavona Dally, b ; living at W. Mansfield, Ohio. m Nelson Keller, he Ballinger via Henry and Mary.

Children: Paul, 1891; Alice 1895; Edwin 1899. 196 Zoah Dally, b ; living near West Mansfield, Ohio; m Clinton Atha, he, Ballinger via Samuel-Mary; Nancy.

Children: Oaril Leah. 1884; Ruth J., 1896. 197 Rev. Zell B. Dally, b ; living in Texas, preaching; no children.

198 May Dally, b ; living at Lima, Ohio.

m Wilson Hines.

Children: Floris M., 1894; Vaugh W., 1897; Mary R., 1900; Pauline 1903.

199 Ivory E. (Pearl) Dally, b ; living in W. Mansfield, Ohio. m McGee.

Children: Ovid Lamont, b Nov. 29, 1897; Ellen Irene, July 19, 1899; Zenith Merle, Jan. 30, 1901; Ivory McGee, Sept. 11, 1902; Irma May, June 10, 1906; Thelma Victoria, July 21, 1908; Mary Margaret, June 14, 1914; Leo Frederick, Dec. 26, 1915; Infant son, June 25, 1921, died. 200 Iva E. Dally, twin to Ivory, b ; living in California. m Paul Stinson

Children: Carl D., 1904; Ralph F., 1906; Clarence I., 1908; Kathylln, 1916.

201 Hail I. Dally, b

HENRY LEWIS BALLINGER, b 1844; d 1910.

m Lydia Ann Jackson, Kenton, Ohio, R. D. Children:

202 Mary Etta Ballinger, b ; living near Kenton, Ohio. m Edward Brown.

Children: Vernal; Clarence; Clara.

203 James Ballinger, b ; Mail Carrier, Cleveland; m Bessie Price.

Children: Dale; Byron; Harold; Vera; Francis.

30.

31.

204 John Ballinger m Clara Price, Sister to Bessie, above. One son: Kent L. Ballinger.

The sixth child of Joshua and Sarah Ballinger was Rachel, a twin to Rev. Caleb. She was born in Burlington county, N. J. in 1794 and came with her parents to Ohio in 1806. There was a family of Haines came to this same settlement about this time and Rachel married Joseph Haines, a local Methodist minister. They raised a large family which are now very much scattered. Both are buried in the North Greenfield Cemetery.

RACHEL BALLINGER, b 1794; d 5th Gen.

m Rev. Joseph Haines, 1812 soldier, both buried at North Greenfield. Children:

31.

HOPE HAINES, b 1816; d

m (1834) Walter Painter, b 1811; d

205 Abner Painter

- 206 Alfred Painter
- 207 Abraham Painter, moved to Indiana early date

208 Anna Painter, m Mr. Fisher

32.

SARAH ANN HAINES, b 1819; d

m Isaac Skidmore, b 1813; d 1891; both buried cemetery 2 miles east of West Mansfield, Ohio. (See Union County History, P. 551.)

Children:

209 Emaline Skidmore, b 1836; d 1928. m Lemon K. Drake.

Children: Flora; Scott; Olive; all of West Mansfield, Ohio.

210 Prof. Alonzo Skidmore, b 1841; d m Sallie Morse,. Alonzo soldier and Disciple Preacher and University Professor. Children: Lillian and Bessie.

211 Almira Skidmore, b 1843; d 1927. m John Huffman, soldier. (See Union County History, P. 543)

Children: Homer; Dora; Eldon; and Inez.

212 John Wesley Skidmore, b 1846; d 1915. m Mary Inskeep, she Ballinger via Samuel of 1771.

Children: Clark; Alva; Don; Blaine; Esther.

213 Hester Skidmore, b 1853. m Josiah McDonald. Both living in West Mansfield. Children: Pearl; Rev. Chester; Lena; Rev. Dana.

33.

EDWARD HAINES, m Emaline Crowder.

moved to Paulding county, Ohio.

- 214 Alice Haines, m Austin Phelps.
- 215 Mary Haines, m Wm. Worley, Paulding, O.
- 216 Solomon Haines, m Phoebe Carter.
- 217 Martha Haines, m Frank Bashore.
- 218 Cynthia Haines, m John Bashore.
- 219 Elmer Haines, m Cynthia Carter.
- 220 Ida Haines, m Wm. Biddle.
- 221 Laura Haines, cripple, deceased.

34.

REV. CALEB J. HAINES, m Atta Grubbs.

Moved with family to Whiting, Kan.

- 222 Walter Haines, Whiting, Kansas.
- 223 Loudicia Haines, m Geo. Penhorwood.
- 224 Herbert Haines.
- 225 Lillian Haines, m Isaac Hartuf, Lecompton, Kansas

35.

PATIENCE HAINES, b 1870.

- m John S. Wilgus.
 - 225-a Narcissus Wilgus, m James Blake, Madison county.
 - (See Logan County History, P. 659.)
 - 226 Henry A. Wilgus, m Skidmore, Union Co.
 - 227 Emaline Wilgus, m John Hughes, Logan Co.
 - 228 Alonzo Wilgus, Union Co.
 - 229 Mary E. Wilgus, m T. Goodman.
 - 230 Hester Jane Wilgus, m J. L. Farrington.
 - 231 John B. Wilgus, died young.
 - 232 David Wilgus, died young.
 - 234 Chas. L. Wilgus, Logan Co.

37.

- DAVID HAINES
 - m 1. Elizabeth Branson. m 2. Sopha Pope, Payne, Paulding county, Ohio.

235 Rachel Haines, b 1837; d 1921.

m Hiram Underwood, 1840-1919; he, Ballinger via Samuel 1771, etc.

David Willen Underwood.

Mary Elizabeth Underwood, m Wm. B. Ballinger. (See other page.)

Children: Emma; Leroy; Rachel I.; Mary A.; William E.

Sarah Eva Underwood, b 1867; d 1924. Elmer Underwood.

Dr. Edwin Underwood, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Ida May Underwood, m Hardesty, Payne, O. Chas. A. Underwood, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

236 Sarah Haines, m Wm. Hamilton. Children: William; Mary; Hattie.

- 38. ROBERT HAINES.
- 39. JOSEPH HAINES.

40. JANE HAINES. m Mr. Lawson.

41. VICTORIA HAINES, m Mr. Collins.

42. LEWIS HAINES by 2nd wife.

43. ELIZA HAINES, m Jesse Weatherby Went west, all trace lost.

237 Aaron Weatherby.

238 Emery Weatherby.

239 Joseph Weatherby.

240 Phoebe Weatherby.

241 Hester Weatherby.

242 Eliza Weatherby.

243 Mary Weatherby.

Children of above not known.

44.

HESTER HAINES, m Mr. Evans. One child: Isabel Jane Evans; all trace lost.

45.

PHOEBE HAINES, m Bushong.

244 Poe Bushong

245 Henry Bushong

246 Mary Elia Bushong

247 McClelland Bushong

248 Ezra Bushong

249 Edward Walter Bushong 250 Cebing Bushong Children of above not known.

The youngest child born to Joshua and Sarah Ballinger was Sarah Ballinger born 1799. She married Allen Haines, the son of Jonathan Haines, a very early pioneer., 1801.

They raised a very large family, mostly settlers around Byhalia in Union county. She and Allen are buried in the Haines family cemetery southwest of North Lewisburg on the "Haines Home-stead."

5th Gen. SARAH HAINES, b 1799; d 1856. m Allen Haines, b 1791; d 1861.

46.

JONATHAN HAINES, 1819-1900.

m Mary Sprague, 1824-1856.

Children:

260 Rev. Wm. M. Haines, 1841-1918. Civil War.

m Margaret McPeak, 1844-1919. (See Union County History, P. 668.)

Children: George Mc.; Mary; Lulu.

270 Allen Haines, 1843-1923, Civil War. m Emma Dobey, 1845-1897.

Children: Lodie B.; Avery J.; both deceased.

280 Hope Haines. m Sterling Coons; no children.

290 Zack Haines, living Raymond, O.

m Minta Thomton.

Children: Pearl. deceased.

291 Sarah Haines, m Marion Flickinger. One child: Lulu, wife of Judge James E. Robinson, Supreme Court, Ohio.

292 Louisa Haines, died young.

47.

JOSHUA HAINES, b 1817; d 1882.

m Mary —

(See Union County History, P. 669)

293 Caleb Hannes, 1845-1907; soldier 1863. m Margaret Miller.

Children: Milton; Atty. Don and Josephine. 294 Anna Haines, m Jerry Miller, soldier.

One child: David, Irwin Station, Ohio.

295 Margaret Haines, m Wm. Wilson. Children: Thomas and John.

HOPE HAINES, m Sedgwick Stamates. (See Union County History, P. 672.)

296 Claud M. Stamates, b ; d 1927. m Richard Hager. b ; d 1928. Sheriff of Union County.

297 Atty. F. Stamates, m French Butler.

298 Frankie Stamates, m Earl Baker. All from Byhalia, Ohio.

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49.

JAMES D. HAINES, Soldier.

m I. Stamates, one son.

299 Cyrus Haines, b 1863 living at Ada, Ohio m Ella Rogers.

(See Union County History, P. 668.)

Children: Florence; Hazel; Rolland.

300 Aggie M. Haines, m Barny Crevison. No children.

301 Sylvia Haines, b 1880; m Alonzo J. Miller. Living at Richwood, Ohio. Children: Opal; Gladdis; Lowell.

302 Casper Haines, m Miss Joliff. Living at Byhalia, Ohio.

Children: Chaldis; Delbert.

50.

HARVEY M. HAINES

m 1. ; 2. Jane Harriman.

1st marriage:

303 Allena Haines, m Wm. Mayhaffey. 2nd, marriage:

304 McKinley Haines, World War.

305 John Haines, Richwood, Ohio.

306 Joicey Haines, m Chandler Gray.

307 Victor Haines.

51.

52.

REBECCA HAINES, m James M. Foster. Children:

308 Olive Foster, m J. B. Devore.

309 Mary Foster, m Wm. Groves.

310 Sarah Foster,m John Glendenning.

311 Belle Foster, m Chas. Rutledge.

314 James Foster, m Effie Reams.

SARAH HAINES, m Daniel Holt.

315 Caleb Holt, son, Prof. Chas. Holt.

54. LOUISA HAINES, b 1846; d 1862; maiden.

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48.

EDWIN GARNER CHAPMAN 4375 Woodale Avenue Minneapolis, Minnesota.

March 22, 1929

Mr. L. B. Harvey, 121 South Cherry Street, Kenton, Ohio.

My Dear Mr. Harvey:

I have received your letter of the 16th, with its inclosure, and want to say that I think you have done a fine piece of work in gathering together so much of the family history.

My wife is a descendant of the Ballinger family, and therefore we are interested in looking up the early history of the family.

My wife's great grandmother was Hope Ballinger, who married Abner Winder. Hope Ballinger was the daughter of Joshua and Sarah Ballinger. She was born February 14, 1787, and died November 3, 1864. On April 16, 1802, she married Abner Winder. He was born September 14, 1780 and died July 25, 1846. Both Abner and Hope Winder died and are buried at North Lewisburg, Ohio.

This Winder family came to Ameria and settled in New Jersey in 1703, and after some years removed to Bucks County, Penna., and then later on to Ross County, Ohio, where John M. Winder settled and I believe he died in that county

We have a Bible record as follows:

Abner Winder, son of John M. and Margaret Winder,

born 9th Mo., 14th, 1780. Hope, daughter of Joshua

F. Ballinger, born 4th Mo., 5th, 1786.

The date of their marriage is not here given, but from another source I have it, viz: April 5, 1802. The record in the Bible goes on:

All of Abner and Hope Winder's children, ten sons and two daughters, were born in Ross County, Ohio, about six miles west of Chillicothe, on a stream called Dry Run and on the Greeneville (or Greenfield) road.

One thing that all who are tracing the Ballinger family seem to agree upon, is that the family are all from that Henry who came to New Jersey in 1678, from Nailsworth Meeting (Quaker) in England, married Mary Harding.

Children: Thomas; Josiah; Henry; Joseph; and others.

Thomas remained in New Jersey, but Josiah, Henry and Joseph, moved first in 1725 to Maryland, and then in 1732 to the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia. Josiah and Joseph remained in Virginia, but Henry went to North Carolina, and founded the Friend's settlement at New Guilford College, N. C., in 1759, and died there.

Joseph died in Goochland County, Va., in 1744, and his will mentions several children, among them Joseph and Richard not of legal age at that time, but later these two went to Kentucky.

Josiah died in Frederick County, Virginia, 1748. His will is of record in that county. Most of this information is drawn from a letter of Mr. Thomas F. Ballinger of Moorestown, N. J., dated June 26, 1917. Some of it from the Virginia Historical Magazine.

Others of the Ballinger family went to Ohio, it is believed, via Pennsylvania where they probably remained for some years.

The History of Logan County, Ohio, states that Samuel Ballinger came to that county in 1810.

The History of Union County, Indiana, states that Samuel H. Ballinger was born April 16, 1845. His father was Isaac Ballinger born in 1820, in Logan county, Ohio, the son of Samuel Ballinger who came to Logan county in 1804.

An item of curious information found in the Virginia Historical Magazine, Vol. 6, page 163 is to the effect that Josiah Ballinger of Frederick County, Va., voted against George Washington, in the election in that county, July 24, 1758, for the House of Burgesses. He must have been a son of the first Josiah, as he died in 1748.

I have also got together some data on Richard A. Ballinger who was in the cabinet of President Taft, and am inclosing you a copy of that, and I give you on another sheet, the names of the second generation of Ballingers in America, so far as I have them.

I have also received a letter from Samuel E. Ballenger, (spelling) of London, Ohio, apparently an aged man to judge by his hand writing, who states that his father was John Bellenger, his grandfather was Samuel Ballenger and that he has been informed that Samuel came to Ohio from Culpepper county, Virginia.

Children of Samuel and Jane Ross Ballenger, according to S. E. Ballenger of London, Robert (killed in the Civil War) Joshua, James and John, Eliza, who married an Aigen, and Lydia who married a Bebb.

Mr. S. E. Ballenger also says that he has been told that his grandfather, Samuel, afterward went to Nebraska.

Mr. T. F. Ballinger of Moorestown, N. J., says that Henry 2 went from New Jersey to Maryland, thence to Virginia, thence to North Carolina and thence to Ohio.) And I have seen the statement somewhere, I can not locate it just at the moment, that the North Carolina Ballingers were given certificates of transfer to Smithfield Meeting in Ohio.

This may be of no immediate interest to you, but it may tie into something later. On that chance I am sending it along.

Yours truly,

E. G. Chapman

BURLINGTON COUNTY TRUST COMPANY Moorestown, N. J.

June 17, 1929

L. B. Harvey, Kenton, Ohio. Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find facts regarding the first Ballinger. They are all authentic. The copy of the petition may not be what you wish, but I thought it an interesting bit of history. 'I am also enclosing a picture of the Nailsworth Meeting House, the negative of which is in my possession.

THE BEGINNINGS OF THE BALLINGER FAMILY IN AMERICA

"Those who do not treasure up the memory of their ancestors, do not deserve to be remembered by posterity." —Edmund Burke

The progenitor of the Ballinger family in America was one Henry (Henrie) Ballinger of Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, England. (Testified to by Joseph English of London, England). He came to America in 1678 and settled in the town of Burlington, Evesham Township (later Burlington Co.) West Jersey. On 9th month, 4th 1684 he was married by Friends' ceremony to Mary Harding, daughter of Thomas and Eleanor Harding, who had settled on the Rancocas Creek ("Ancocas" on old deeds).

The name Ballinger is a form of the French word "Baker". De la Ballinger, de Ballinger, and Boulanger are all forms of the same word, as is shown by searches through the Doomsday Book of 1086. Ratoli Hundredorum of 1273 and Testo de Nevill of the same date show that the name was not in England at that time. But the records of the early part of the 15th century show one Richard le Boulenger. A John Bullinger was baptized in London in 1564. The Ballingers have been established in Gloucestershire since the middle of the 17th century at least, if not earlier. The form "Ballinger" is still rare outside of Gloucestershire. The New Jersey Archives, Vol. 2, pages 147 and 148, show the records of the Quaker members of the New Jersey Assembly in 1697. Among them is one John Callinger, which has been proved by references to the original signatures in Public Records Office, London, England, to be plainly Ballinger. The Archives also show an agreement of the Quaker members of the House of Representatives to uphold the King, signed by speaker, Samuel Jennings, and forty other Quakers including Henry Callinger (Ballinger). The said Henry Ballinger was also appointed special tax collector for Evesham in May, 1701.

Henry and Mary Harding Ballinger had ten children. Of these, Thomas, Amariah, Mary, Esther, Hannah (never married). Ruth (never married), and Elizabeth stayed in New Jersey. Henry the 2nd, Josiah, and Joseph were given by their father 1200 acres of land in Salem Co., New Jersey, but they left and went over into Marylandi Later they, with others, went to old Frederick Co., Virginia and there took up several thousand acres of land. Josiah and Joseph died in Virginia.

Henry the second was a wanderer. He and his family crossed over into North Carolina and took up land there. Later, he and another Friend (Hunt by name) gave the ground on which the old Meeeting House was built and where Guilford College now stands. He and his wife were both ministers in the Society of Friends. Sometime later they moved to Ohio because of their feeling against slavery.

In the New Jersey Archives, Vol. 2, page 149, there is a record of a petition from the Proprietors and Purchasers of West Jersey to Lord Cornbury.

"To Edward, Viscount Cornbury, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New Jersey, New York, and all the Territories and Tracts of land depending thereon in America and Vice Admiral of the same, etc."

"The Humble Petition of divers of the Proprietors and Purchasers of the Western Division of New Jersey in all humility shewitt,---

"That, whereas, we are fully informed that the Counil of Proprietors for the Western Division have received a prohibition from the Lord Cornbury in Council, held at Amboy, Nov. 14th, 1706, Am. Dom. for granting and warrants for laying out lands, etc., by reason whereof no warrant can be obtained for that end, to the great prejudice of such as have (as they conceive) a good and lawful right to take up their just proportions of land in the Division aforesaid having as good an undivided right as any one else person or persons as the Proprietors have appointed to inspect the same may be admitted thereto as in duty bound forever pray."

"Wherefore, we humbly pray that such prohibition and impediments may be removed and we evidencing our own rights to such persons as the Proprietors have appointed to inspect the same may be admitted thereto as in duty bound forever pray."

Signed by:

Thomas Eves, Richard Haines, William Heulings, Henry Ballinger and thirty-seven others.

Extracts from Book of Discipline of the Religious Society of Friends

"The Monthly Meeting is the fundamental working unit of the Society. It receives and records members, extends spiritual care and, if necessary, material aid to its membership. It provides for the oversight of marriages and funerals."

It is because of these records of births, marriages, and deaths, faithfully kept from the beginnings of the Society that members have a comparatively easy task in tracing their lineage.

Trusting that this data will be of use to you in the compilation of your book, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Thomas F. Ballinger