

Ancestors and Descendants

of

Samuel Howell

Member of The Committee of Correspondence

and of

The Committee of Safety

and of his brother

Isaac Howell

Member of The Committee of Correspondence

Signer of Colonial Currency for the Province

of Pennsylvania

and of the Continental Currency for Congress

and Signer of \$7,000,000.00 of Bills of Credit

to finance the American Revolution

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SAMUEL HOWELL
1718 - 1780



RUGH HOWELL

1747 - ante 1787



MARY HOWELL
1783 - 1819

Dedicated to the memory of
Nellie Castor Ball
wife of Samuel Oldham
who died on the Tenth day of March, 1953
a lineal descendant of
Samuel Howell and Hugh Howell
and of
William Ball, Armiger,
who purchased from the Duke of York
March 21st, 1728-9
The Manor of Hope in Philadelphia,
from 1750 known as Richmond Hall,
more recently as Balltown and Port Richmond

1. John Howell was the first of this family to come to America. He was born at Aberysthwyth, Cardigan-shire, Wales, and arrived in Philadelphia in 1697 or 1698, and died intestate on January 26, 1721. He was a Quaker and was interred in the Quaker Burial Ground, Fourth and Arch Streets, Philadelphia. As he left no will, Letters of Administration were granted to his eldest son, Evan Howell, on June 21, 1721. His three children, Evan, Jacob and Sarah, were all born in Aberysthwyth.
2. Jacob Howell, second son of John, was born in Wales and came to America with his father. The date of his birth was March 18, 1687. In 1707 he removed to Chester, Chester County, Pennsylvania, where he purchased a large property and built himself a home. He was a tanner and very successful. In 1731 and 1743, he was County Commissioner, and in 1752 was elected Representative to the Provincial Assembly. He was Treasurer of the Chester Quarterly Meeting. Jacob Howell married, first, August 17, 1709, Sarah daughter of Randall and Sarah Vernon. Randall was a Member of the Provincial Assembly in 1687. Jacob's wife, Sarah, died January 13, 1759, and on August 13, 1763, he married, second, Deborah Freedd,

a widow. Jacob's children were all by his first wife.

- Issue:
3. Benjamin, born October 19, 1710. Died in infancy.
 4. Hannah, born February 23, 1712. Died in infancy.
 5. John, born February 12, 1714. Died at Raes Hall, near Savannah, Georgia, October, 1765.
 6. Jacob, born July 13, 1715.
 7. Sarah, born February 5, 1717. She married, in 1740, Charles Jones of Philadelphia.
 8. Joseph, born February 8, 1718.
 9. Samuel, twin of Joseph No. 8, of whom presently.
 10. Isaac, born May 17, 1722, of whom presently.
 11. Joshua, born August 7, 1726.
 12. Mary, born February 5, 1728. Died in infancy.
 13. Martha, twin of Mary No. 12. Died in infancy.

9. Samuel Howell, twin of Joseph No. 8, was born February 6, 1718, and was fifth son of Jacob Howell, No. 2. Samuel, was a hat manufacturer and dealer in and importer of general merchandise. His place of business was at "The Sign of the Beaver", on Chestnut Street. In the "Pennsylvania Gazette", October 18, 1753, appeared the following advertisement:

"Just imported in The London, Captain Shirley, from London, and to be sold by Samuel Howell at "The Sign of the Beaver", in Chestnut Street. Ozenbrigs, cotton and linen checks 10d. and 20d., nails, powder and shot, Irish linen, a good assortment of silk handkerchiefs, Cumberland and Scots linen ditto" etc. etc.

Samuel Howell signed the Non-Importation Agreement of October 25, 1765, the first act of rebellion against

British tyranny preceding the Revolution, and was made a member of the committee which saw that the agreement was carried into effect. On June 18, 1774, he was chosen a member of the Committee of Correspondence which communicated with the other Colonies in reference to arrangements for the coming Revolution. On October 4, 1774, he was chosen a member of the Common Council, then a life-time office. He was a Deputy to the Provincial Conference of July 15, 1774, and in October, 1775, he was made a member of the Committee of Safety together with Benjamin Franklin and Robert Morris. He remained on this committee until it was disbanded, July 22, 1776, and on July 24, 1776, when the Committee of Safety was formed was chosen a member, but declined due to ill-health.

In May, 1778, Samuel Howell was elected a Member of the Assembly from Philadelphia. On February 14th, 1777, he was made a Justice for Philadelphia, and in 1778 was appointed Portwarden. In July, 1779, he was chosen a member of the committee to solicit subscriptions to carry on the Revolution. One of the wealthiest men of Philadelphia in his day, he subscribed heavily to the cause of liberty, and died a comparatively poor man.

Samuel Howell married Ann, daughter of Hugh Evans and his wife, Lowry Williams, of Chester County, Pennsylvania. Ann was born January 23, 1718. Samuel died

September 16, 1780, and was interred the same day.

His will was dated June 15, 1780, and was proved October 3rd of that year.

Issue: 14. Abigail, born December 23, 1745;
died unmarried May 12, 1774.
15. Hugh, of whom presently.
16. Jacob Samuel, born May 14, 1749;
died September 26, 1793.
17. Sarah, born March 1, 1750; died
young.
18. Ann, born February, 1753; married
Aaron Ashbridge.
19. Samuel.
20. Deborah, born March 28, 1757;
married October 6, 1778, Daniel
Mifflin, of Virginia.
21. Charles.

16. Jacob Samuel Howell, second son of Samuel Howell No 9, was born May 14, 1749, and died September 26, 1793 of yellow fever. He was Secretary of the Council of Safety in 1776 and 1777; Secretary of the Board of War from March 14, 1777 to August 17, 1777. He acted as agent for the council during August, September, and October, 1777, and January 27, 1778, was appointed Receiver General of Clothing (uniforms for the Army) with the rank of Colonel, which office he resigned April 8, 1778. His wife was Mary Carmalt, who was born May 30, 1752 and who died August 25, 1830.

Issue: 24. James Howell, born April 8, 1785.
He married December 2, 1806,
Sarah Parry.
25. Caleb Howell, born October 8, 1785.

19. Samuel Howell, third son of Samuel Howell No. 9, was born January 1, 1755. He married, in 1781, Susannah Hanson, of Little Neck, Delaware, and had issue.

20. Deborah Howell, fourth daughter of Samuel Howell No. 9, was born March 28, 1757, and married October 6, 1778, Daniel, son of Daniel Mifflin and Mary Warner, of Accomac, Virginia. Daniel was born April 7, 1754, and died December 31st, 1812.

Issue: 26. Daniel Mifflin.
27. Ann Mifflin.
28. Samuel Mifflin.
29. Joshua Howell Mifflin.
30. Mary Howell Mifflin.
31. Thomas Mifflin.

10. Isaac Howell, sixth son of Jacob Howell No. 2, was born May 17, 1722. On June 18, 1774, he was made a member of the Committee of Correspondence, and on July 15, 1774, was a Deputy to the Provincial Conference. On June 30, 1775, he was directed by the Legislature to sign, in behalf of the Province of Pennsylvania, bills of credit to finance the coming war foretold by the actions at Lexington and Concord. On December 11, 1775, he was directed by Congress to issue bills of credit to the amount of \$3,000,000.00, and March 9, 1778 was authorized to issue more to the amount of \$4,000,000.00. Later, July 27, 1773, he was made supervisor of the Continental money presses for printing the Continental currency, bills of credit, etc. December 4, 1780, he was made one of the three supervisors of the money presses. On February 14, 1777, he was elected one of the Justices of Philadelphia, and was commissioned, March 28, 1777, Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions,

and of the Orphan's Court. He also served the public as a Street Commissioner, was re-commissioned Justice July 6, 1793, and was elected Alderman in 1796.

Isaac Howell died in December, 1797, his will being dated December 8, and proved December 21st of the same year. He married, first, November 21, 1745, Mary, daughter of James Bartram and Elizabeth Maris. Mary was born November 12, 1727, and died December 16, 1756. He married, second, April 19, 1759, Patience, widow of Samuel Gray and daughter of Robert Roberts and Priscilla Johns. Patience was born April 1, 1725, and died in October, 1793, of yellow fever.

Issue by first wife:

32. James, born October 9, 1748. Died November 12, 1748.
33. Elizabeth, born March 9, 1748-9. Married Isaac Maris.
34. Eliza, born September 3, 1751. Married May 9, 1791. John, son of John Bartram and Ann Mendenhall.
35. Sarah, born April 21, 1754. Married October 14, 1773, Nathan Gibson.

Issue by second wife:

36. Jacob Roberts Howell, of whom next.
36. Jacob Roberts Howell, only son of Isaac Howell, No. 10, who had issue, married as his second wife, May 22, 1788, Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Burge and his wife, Beulah Shoemaker. He was a lawyer and was admitted to the bar March 23, 1785.

He died October 7, 1793, of yellow fever.

Issue: 37. William, who died young.
38. Beulah, born June 4, 1789.
Died unmarried August 5, 1873.

15. Hugh Howell, eldest son of Samuel No. 9, was born April 2, 1747. He worked with his father in his importing and manufacturing business on Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. Hugh manufactured gun-powder for the Revolutionary Army, as shown by the Minutes of the Board of War, August 6, 1775:

"Mr. Robert Towers was directed to deliver to Hugh Howell 500 lbs. of sulphur, etc"

Hugh married, in 1780, Hannah, daughter of Eden Haydock and his wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Reuben Forster. Hannah Haydock was born in Philadelphia in 1750. Eden and Elizabeth were married March 29, 1746. Eden was son of Robert Haydock and Rebecca, daughter of Daniel and Abigail Griffith. Robert was born January 11, 1687, and married Rebecca June 23, 1709. Rebecca was born in 1680. Robert was son of Roger Haydock, who was born January 3, 1643 and his wife, Eleanor Lowe, whom he married June 3, 1682. Roger's father died in 1670; his mother in 1684. Roger was born in Penketh, Wales, of a Welsh branch of the ancient and knightly family of Haydock of Lancashire. Roger landed at Wilmington, Delaware, in 1743, where he remained one winter. He established his son Eden in Phila-

delphia, and then removed with the balance of his family to Flushing, Long Island, New York.

Hugh Howell died before June 11, 1787, at Westtown, Chester County, Pennsylvania. Issue of Hugh Howell and Hannah Haydock:

22. Elizabeth, born April 10, 1781; married March 10, 1803, William Wilson Longstreth, and died April 13, 1818.
 23. Mary, born December 2, 1783, at Westtown, Chester County, Pennsylvania, and died in 1819, a few months after the birth of her fourth child. She married, at Westtown, December 31, 1812, Thomas Burridge, who had settled at Westtown in 1809. Thomas was the son of John Burridge, a soldier in the Ninth Massachusetts Regiment, Continental Army, who is styled "John Burridge of Concord" in the Revolutionary Rolls.
23. Mary Howell, daughter of Hugh Howell, No. 15, married, as before stated, Thomas Burridge, who was born April 22, 1782 and died October 13, 1860. See "The Burrage Memorial", by Alvah A. Burrage, Boston, 1877, for the ancestors and descendants of Thomas Burridge. See also the "Castor Family" by George C. Martin, Philadelphia, 1910, for a record of his descendants. "The Burrage Memorial" was compiled by Alvah A. Burrage of Boston, between 1855 and 1875. He gathered the data concerning the Pennsylvania branch of the family in person. The mother of the compiler of this record described his arrival at the home of her parents in Holmesburg, Pennsylvania, in a coach drawn by six horses with

coachman and hostillon.

Issue of Mary Howell and Thomas Burridge, all born at Westtown, Chester County, Pennsylvania:

- 39. Thomas Howell Burridge (called Howell Burridge in his mother's Bible record), was born September 22, 1813. Married January 12, 1855, Emma Roberts, a widow, born Emma Davis.
 - 40. Mary Ann Burridge, born July 1, 1815. Married in 1835, John Funk.
 - 41. John Burridge, born June 10, 1817. Married June 16, 1842, Savinia Coon, and died in 1858.
 - 42. Hannah Burridge, born June, or September, 1818, as records differ. Her mother's Bible record says September 11th. She married Joseph Mills, of Philadelphia, and died in April, 1888.
42. Hannah Burridge, last child of Thomas Burridge and Mary Howell No 23, married March 21st, 1837, Joseph, son of George Mills, of Yorkshire, England, and Holmesburg, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. George Mills was son of Adam Mills. George was born in Yorkshire in 1790 and died in Holmesburg, Pennsylvania, October 13, 1854. Joseph Mills was born in Yorkshire in 1816, and died in Holmesburg February 28, 1879. His wife, Hannah Burridge Mills, died in April, 1888. The Howell-Burridge-Mills bible record shows Hannah as born in September, and the "Burridge" Memorial" gives the month as June.

Issue of Hannah Burridge No. 42 and Joseph Mills:

- 43. Mary Elizabeth Mills, born February 19, 1838. Married George Mathias Castor.
- 44. George Thomas Mills, was born March 7, 1840. He married Josephine Day. He was Ambassador to Italy. His daughters were Lilly and Dora Mills.
- 45. John Howell Mills, born August 3, 1841.
- 46. Helen Mills, born March 16, 1843. Married Charles W. Stout of Holmesburg, and

- had daughters, Helen and Katherine.
- 47. Susan Mills, born April 21, 1845. Married Maxwell Rowland, of Holmesburg.
 - 48. William Comly Mills, born July 6, 1847. Married Ella Munson.
 - 49. Charles Mills, born July 18, 1849. Died July 10, 1853.
 - 50. Harry Hood Mills (Henry in bible record), born November 30, 1850. Lost in the ship "Belle of the Seas" en route to China.
 - 51. Frank Mills, born March 16, 1853.
 - 52. Joseph Mills, Jr., born July 4, 1855.
 - 53. James Day Mills, born July 1, 1859.
 - 54. Hannah Burrage Mills, born December 9, 1860. Married John Keene, of Philadelphia, Rio de Janeiro, and Constantinople. He died in the last named place.

43. Mary Elizabeth Mills, eldest child of Hannah Burrage No 42 and Joseph Mills, was born February 19, 1838 in Holmesburg, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She married July 13, 1854, George Mathias Castor, son of William, who was born December 30, 1830. See "The Castor Family" for his ancestry. Mary died March 17, 1891, her husband having died previously on May 16, 1880.

Issue: 55. George A. Castor, of whom presently.
 56. Mary Castor, of whom presently.
 57. Nellie Mills Castor, of whom presently.

55. George A. Castor was born in Holmesburg, Pennsylvania, August 6, 1856. He married Katherine Duffy. February 19, 1904, he was elected to fill a vacancy in the Congress of the United States, and was re-elected, later, for the following term. He died in Holmesburg, February 19th, 1906.

Issue: 58. Morton Castor, born at Holmesburg, Pennsylvania, April 30, 1876. Married, but died without issue, in California.
 59. Katherine Castor, born February 8, 1878. Married, October 27, 1909, William Harry Hedges, and died without

- issue.
- 60. George Mathias Castor, born in 1879. Died June 9, 1894, unmarried.
 - 61. Estelle Castor, born in November, 1889. Married George W. Rommel, and had a daughter, Natalie Rommel, who was born in 1909.

56. Mary Castor, elder daughter of George Mathias Castor and Mary Elizabeth Mills; was born in Holmesburg, Pennsylvania, May 3, 1858. She married, May 3, 1878, Samuel Ball, and died in Wissinoming, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 16, 1902.

Issue: 62. Nellie Castor Ball, born in Jacomy, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 16, 1879. She married Samuel Oldham, of Frankford, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and died without issue March 10, 1953.

57. Nellie Mills Castor, second daughter of George Mathias Castor and Mary Elizabeth Mills No. 43 was born in Holmesburg, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 3, 1864. She married, first, December 6, 1883, Dr. Richard Allen Martin, who died in Boston, Massachusetts, March 17, 1890. She married, second, June 23, 1894, William H. Allardyce, of Galveston, Texas, and New York City. Nellie died June 22, 1922, at Bradley Beach, New Jersey.

Issue (by first husband only):

- 63. George Castor Martin, born New York City, March 30, 1885.
- 64. Richard Allen Martin, born New York City, October 14, 1886. He died, unmarried, in Jacksonville, Florida, December 20, 1908.

Further details concerning individuals mentioned in this record, and their ancestors and descendants will be found in the following published works:

Ancestors and Descendants of George Castor Martin, San Antonio, Texas, 1950.

Ancestors of Nellie Castor Ball Oldham, San Antonio, Texas.

The Castor Family, Frankford, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1910.

The Burrage Memorial, by Alvah A. Burrage, Boston, Massachusetts, 1877.

The Martin Family, Frankford, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1911.

Ancestors and Descendants of Samuel Howell, manuscript genealogy deposited in the Library of Congress in 1913.

