

THOMAS AND MARGARET MINSHALL
WHO CAME FROM ENGLAND TO PENNSYLVANIA IN 1682,

AND

THEIR EARLY DESCENDANTS:

TO WHICH ARE ADDED SOME ACCOUNTS

OF

GRIFFITH OWEN

AND DESCENDANTS

FOR A LIKE PERIOD.

By one of the Sixth Generation.

1867.

In presenting these pages to the reader, we hope to draw attention to the preservation of the genealogy of the family. Few perhaps are acquainted with its early history, but beginning where this account terminates, most persons will be able to carry it down to the latest generation in their respective branches; and it is desirable they should do so. We would be glad to receive copies of such accounts or the corrections of any errors that may appear in this.

Memory is often impaired by age, and we have found that men will sometimes fall into errors about that which they have long since witnessed, and tradition, when handed down through a succession of generations, becomes a romance. Hence the necessity of placing all important facts on record, and any thing written near the time of the occurrence may be presumed to be the more reliable.

There is a growing interest in such matters, and people are learning to prize family records and other mementos as they would rich legacies. If we take no interest in the past or future, we degrade life into a mere animal existence that seeks only the gratification of immediate wants.

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MINSHALL appears to have been an ancient family in Cheshire England, and we have some reason to believe was established there as early as the time of William the Conqueror (1066.) Minshall is a town on the river Weaver in Cheshire. Minshall Church is a parish in Cheshire and Minshall Vernon is a township in Cheshire.

We understand traditionally that Minshall, in the provincial dialect, was pronounced Minshaw; and we have seen it so written, as a witness to a marriage certificate, by (we suppose) Margaret Minshall. We find among ancient papers belonging to the Minshall family a will, dated September 26th 1683, purporting to have been made by John Minshaw of Lathford in the county of Chester, England, Husbandman. He desired his body to be buried near where his daughter Rebecca was buried, at Grafton Heath. He gave to his wife Margaret Minshaw, certain privileges in his dwelling house; -gave the property where he dwelt, to his son Samuel. He gave to his son John Minshaw of Great Sankie, the tract or tenement where he dwelt; -to his son Thomas, forty pounds; -to his daughter Elinor, wife of Robert Vernon, a legacy; -to his daughter Mary, wife of Thomas Barns, a legacy. His daughter Elizabeth, it appears, married Randle Speakman, but we presume she was then deceased. His executors were his son John and son-in-law Thomas Barns. Thomas Barns forwarded to America, a copy of the will, which was made in 1683, but it does not mention the residence of his son Thomas who came to Pennsylvania in 1682.

THOMAS MINSHALL with **MARGARET** his wife came from the parish of Stoak in the county Palatine of Chester (Cheshire) in England, in the 5th month 1682. Previous to emigrating, he secured on the 22nd of March 1682, a grant for 625 acres of land in Pennsylvania. By virtue of

a warrant, dated September 9th 1682, there was surveyed to him in Nether Providence Chester county, a tract supposed to contain 300 acres of land, but after a resurvey found to contain 380 acres. By another warrant dated September 12th 1684, there was surveyed to him, in Middletown, a tract for 315 acres of land, but upon a resurvey was found to contain 373 acres: in addition to this he purchased of Henry Hollingsworth 127 acres in Middletown. Those who came into the Province and took up wild lands were also entitled to Liberty lands, and lots in the city of Philadelphia. His lot of 49.5 feet appears to have been located on the north side of Walnut street, between third and fourth streets; at the distance of 198 feet from fourth street. He also took up 12 acres of Liberty land surveyed 30th of 4th month 1684. These appear to have been his landed possessions.

Thomas and his wife settled upon their tract of land in Nether Providence, and being Quakers, a meeting for worship was established at his house on the 2nd of the 2d month 1688. A site for a meeting house was selected on his land, and one was accordingly erected; and on the 4th of the 9th month 1700 it was decided to hold meeting in the new house, which occupied the same place where the meeting house belonging to friends now stands in Nether Providence. The burying place for the members of the society had previously been selected at Sandy Bank a short distance above the meeting house. Both places are near Media Delaware county.

Children of Thomas and Margaret Minshall.

	born.	died.
1. Rebecca.	in England.	1682, 5, 4. at sea
2. Isaac.	1683	1731, , .
3. Jacob. }	1685, 5, 1;	1734, 5, 15.
4. Rebecca. }		
5. Moses.	1687, 10, 14;	
6. Aaron.		1690, 6, 9,

On the 16th of the 6th month 1707 Thomas Minshall

conveyed to his son Isaac 380 acres of land in N. Providence, the same tract on which he resided, and at the same time conveyed to his son Jacob 500 acres of land in Middletown.

We have been unable to discover the time of the birth or death of Thomas Minshall, he was certainly living in 1726, and most likely survived his wife.

Margaret Minshall died 27th of 3d month 1727, aged 74 years and 8 months, and was buried in Upper Providence, most likely, at Sandy Bank grave yard. From this we infer she was born in the 7th month 1652, and was 30 years of age when she emigrated to America.

2 Isaac Minshall married Rebecca Owen, daughter of Griffith Owen of Philadelphia, on the 11th of the 9th mo. 1707 and settled in Providence; their children were—

Aaron.	born,	1708,	8,	10.
Rebecca.	„	1710,	4,	1.
Griffith.	„	1712,	4,	1.
Isaac.	„	1718,	8,	29.
Samuel.	„	1724,	8,	26.
Edward.	„	1727,	4,	28.
Jacob.	„	1729,	5,	10.

Isaac Minshall gave to Providence meeting an acre of land for a burying place, in addition to that given by his father. He died in 1731 aged about 46 years; his wife survived him and afterwards married Job Harvy of Darby.

Aaron Minshall married in 1754.

Rebecca Minshall, after the death of her father, removed to Philadelphia and married Richard Blackham the 27th of the 12th month 1740; they had no children.

Griffith Minshall in 1737 married his cousin Sarah the daughter of Jacob Minshall, and settled in Wilmington Delaware: they had 4 children; Robert, Griffith, Sarah, and —, but they left no living descendants. Griffith Minshall died in 1801, aged 91 years.

Isaac Minshall, in 1745, married Lydia Ellis and settled in the neighborhood of New Ark Delaware; they had six children, Edward, Evan, Ellis, and three daughters. The children removed to Kentucky, Virginia and Pennsylvania, and were much scattered.

Samuel Minshall married Jane — and settled in Philadelphia. In 1751 he moved to Providence, in 1758 he removed back to Philadelphia, and in 1774 it appears he resided at Dover. They had one child Isaac born the 4th of the 5th month 1752.

Edward and Jacob Minshall died minors.

3 Jacob Minshall married Sarah Owen daughter of Griffith Owen of Philadelphia, in 1707, and settled on his paternal estate in Middletown. Their children were—

	born.	died.	age.
a Thomas.	1708, 1, 3;	1783, 9, 12;	75.
b Sarah.	1711, 5, 21;		
c Margaret.	1713, 10, 28;		
d John.	1716; 8, 21;	1784. 1, 8;	67.
e Moses.	1718, 6, 26;	1761,	
f Ann.	1727, 11, 13;	died young.	

a Thomas Minshall married Agness Salkeld in 1738 and settled on a part of his father's lands in Middletown.

Agness died the 14th of the 1st month 1813, aged 98 years. The children of Thomas and Agness were

	born.	died.	age.
Jacob.	1738; 12, 15;	1817, 12, 15;	79.
Margaret.	1741, 4, 19;	1823, 8, 6;	82.
Hannah.	1742, 11, 24;	1767, 2, 2;	24.
Phebe.	1744, 11, 26;	1842, 10, 5;	97.
Agness.	1746, 12, 4;	1760, 1, 26;	13.
John.	1749, 4, 4;	1760, 1, 10;	10.
Ann.	1752, 1, 12;	1832, 2, 3;	80.
Owen.	1754, 3, 26;	1760, 1, 26;	6.
Mary.	1757, 2, 15;	1837, 5, 31;	80.
Grace.	1759, 11, 15;	1811, 4, 5;	51.

Jacob Minshall married Ann Haycock and settled in Middletown, they had one child Hannah.

Margaret Minshall married Humphry Marshall for his second wife, they resided at Marshallton Chester County; had no children.

Hannah Minshall married Isaac Rhoads and settled in Marple; had one child John.

Phebe Minshall married Caleb Yarnall and settled in Edgmont, they had six children; John, Owen, Agness, Caleb, Thomas, and Phebe.

Ann Minshall married Jacob Malin for second wife, and settled in Middletown; they had no children.

Mary Minshall married Thomas Thomas and ultimately settled in Little Britain Lancaster County, and had three children; Agness, Sarah, and Caleb.

Grace Minshall married Thomas Malin and settled near Chester, they had 11 children; Abner, Phebe, Thomas, Jacob, Minshall, Agness, Ann, Elizabeth, William, Margaret and Randal.

b Sarah Minshall married her cousin Griffith Minshall in 1737 and settled at Wilmington Delaware, they had 4 children; Robert, Griffith, Sarah and —. None married but Sarah, who married Joseph Coleman in 1775. She and her son Griffith (an only child) died in 1778.

d John Minshall married Sarah Smedley of Goshen in 1739, and settled in Middletown. Sarah died the 18th of 4th month 1801, aged 84 years. Their children were

Mary.	born 1741,	4, 28;	died 1809,	age 68.
Jane.	1743,	1, 5;	1813,	2, 9;
Sarah.	1745,	12, 16;	1811,	2, 18;
Thomas.	1747,	12, 17;	1813,	12,
Moses.	1751,	5, 5;	1798,	2, 25;
Ann.	1753,	3, 13;		

Mary Minshall married Thomas Hall in 1762 and settled in Willistown; their children were Seth, Sarah, John, Mary, Thomas, and Phebe.

Jane Minshall married John Longstreath in 1762 and settled in Charlestown Chester county; their children were Daniel, Hannah, John, Sarah, Ann, Moses, and Jane.

Sarah Minshall married James Star in 1769 and settled ultimately in Middletown; their children were Equilla, Sarah, James, Mary, Beulah, Rebecca, Ann, John and Joseph.

Thomas Minshall married Lydia Calvert in 1777 and settled in Middletown; children. John, Abel, and Sarah.

Moses and Ann Minshall never married.

e Moses Minshall married Jane Salkeld in 1740 and settled, probably, at Wilmington; he was a sea captain and died at sea in 1761, they had one child Edward, who resided at Chester. Jane Minshall died 1778, age 57 years.

4 Rebecca Minshall married Bartholomew Coppeck Jr. in 1704; their children were —

Margaret. born, 1706, 4, 21.

Moses. „ 1708, 5, 2.

After Rebecca's death, Bartholomew Coppeck married Phebe Taylor (widow) for second wife, their children were Esther, Martha, Sarah, and Rebecca.

Margaret Coppeck married Henry Camm of Providence in 1728; they had one child, Rebecca, who married William Thomas of Newtown, in 1749.

Moses Coppeck, we understand, removed into the Western part of Chester Co. and we can not trace him farther.

5 & 6 Moses and Aaron Minshall must have died young.

THE OWEN FAMILY.

Most of the descendants of Thomas and Margaret Minshall have also descended from the Owens, we therefore insert an account of both families.

GRIFFITH and SARAH OWEN and their children; Robert, Sarah, and Elinor, with seven servants; Thomas Arms, John Ball, Robert Lost, Alexander Edwards, and Jean, Bridget, and Eliza Wats, took passage for Pennsylvania in the ship Vine of Liverpool, William Preesons master, and arrived at Philadelphia on the 17th of the 7th month 1684. They came from Prescott in Lancashire England, 8 miles E. N.E. of Liverpool, and yet he claimed to be a Welchman and settled on the Welch tract in Merion, he produced his certificate of membership with friends to Merion monthly meeting, from the monthly meeting at Hartshaw, in the S. W. of Lancashire, dated 23d of 3d month 1684. He did not however remain long here, being a practising phy-

and was considered most skillful in his profession, he removed to Philadelphia in 1689 and was connected with almost every matter of importance until his death.

In the years 1686, -88, -89, and 1700, he was a member of the assembly; and from 1690 to -93, and from 1700 to the time of his death he served in the provincial council.

In the year 1690, the commissioners of property found a large portion of the Welch tract unseated, and summoned David Powell and other purchasers, to show cause why the unsettled part should not be sold. On this occasion Griffith Owen appeared on behalf of the Welch settlers, but their efforts were unavailing.

He paid a religious visit to friends in Maryland and Virginia in 1693, and in 1695 -6 was on a religious visit to England in company with Thomas Janny.

In the year 1699 a malignant fever prevailed in Philadelphia, he was actively engaged in administering to the sick, and in the 10th month he went to Chester to receive William Penn. In 1701 he was appointed in conjunction with Edward Shippen, Thomas Story, and James Logan commissioners of public property; in the same year, he in company with John Salkeld, paid a religious visit to New England. In 1711, Wm. Penn appointed Griffith Owen one of the overseers of the public schools of Philadelphia. In company with John Salkeld, he again visited friends in New England, in 1717.

Without seeing it positively stated, we infer, that Sarah Owen, wife of Griffith, was the daughter of William Barns a member of Hartshaw monthly meeting in Lancashire, from which her husband brought his certificate of membership, and that her mother died in 1702. We can not trace any relationship, but John Minshall's daughter Mary married Thomas Barns, and a Barns owned land in Edgmont, adjoining that of Jacob Minshall in Middletown.

Sarah Owen died on the 22d of the 10th month 1702, and Griffith for his second wife, married Sarah a widowed daughter of John Songhurst, in 1704, and he continued in very active life until the 19th of 6th month 1717, when he died. His widow died on the 4th of 6th month 1733, but they left no children.

The children of Griffith and Sarah Owen, from the best accounts we can obtain, were Robert, Sarah and Elinor, born in England; Catherine (died 1707,) Rebecca, Jane, John, and perhaps Edward, born in Pennsylvania.

Sarah Owen married Jacob Minshall, as before stated, on the 11th of 1st month 1707. She died the 28th of 12th month 1756; surviving her husband 22 years.

Rebecca Owen married Isaac Minshall as we have before shown, on the 11th of 9th month 1707. In 1739, after the death of her husband, she went to reside in Philadelphia, and on the 5th of 8th month 1748 she married Job Harvy of Darby, as his third wife. She was however unfortunate in losing her second husband in 1752, and possibly, before her return from a religious visit to New England. She was a minister in the society of friends, and in 1732 she paid a visit to friends on the Eastern Shore of Maryland; and in company with Jane Fern, visited the Island of Barbadoes, and New England. In 1735 -6 she paid a religious visit to Great Britain and Ireland, and in 1751 revisited New England the second time.

Jane Owen married Jonathan Coppeck the 3d of 1st month 1709, and settled in Marple. Their children were

Sarah.	born,	1712,	8,	21.
Hannah.	„	1716,	1,	4.
Rachel.	„	1719,	1,	13.

Jonathan died in 1718 and the widow married John Scoller of Darby the 9th of 7th month 1719. This union did not continue long, for his will was proved May 16th 1723, by which he left to his wife all his estate. Jane for her third husband married Robert Taylor the 12th of the 3d month 1724.

Sarah Coppeck married — Wooly in 1729; children, Ann and perhaps John. Ann married Seth Pancost in 1766.

Rachel Coppeck married John Moor of Radnor the 22d of September 1737.