

THE ENGLISH NORCROSS FAMILY  
AND  
SOME OF THE DESCENDANTS  
OF  
WILLIAM (3) NORCROSS  
1699 TO AMERICA

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## INTRODUCTION

This family history attempts to trace some of the descendants of William (3) NORCROSS who came to America in 1699, and was the progenitor of the Pennsylvania, and the New Jersey NORCROSS lines. It has been compiled primarily from family data collected through the years by Sara Elizabeth NORCROSS, now Mrs. Will K. Jones of Wichita, Kansas. Included in this were the original papers of William (5) NORCROSS of Sussex County, N.J. After Williams' death these papers were retained by Charles Rhodes, one of the Executors of his estate. For over 200 years they remained in possession of the Rhodes family, in the attic of an old farmhouse in New Jersey. Eventually they came into the possession of Mrs. Jones.

There were more than fifty of these wills, deeds, indentures, family letters, and data on the settlement of the estate. These papers reveal the activities, interests, and achievements of this family. They show that William (5) NORCROSS was a well educated man for his times, and was the holder of many important offices in each community where he lived.

Mrs. Blanche Bean of Los Angeles, California aided Mrs. Jones in gathering data, and did research work, particularly on the early Quaker members of the family.

The only published material on the NORCROSS family is a biographical sketch, with descent, of Dr. George NORCROSS, of Carlisle, Pa., in the Biographical Annals, Cumberland Co., Pa.

There is also a manuscript genealogy written by Joel NORCROSS in 1885, and deposited in the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston, Mass. This is primarily a genealogy of the NORCROSS family of New England. While it contains some information on the New Jersey NORCROSS lines, the original papers of William (5) NORCROSS prove that his records of that branch of the family were not entirely accurate.

I have endeavored to sort this mass of material on the NORCROSS family, add to it, and put it into shape for a

family history. Records have been searched in England, much work has been done in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, where the early members of the family lived. Deeds, wills, and other records have been secured from court houses. In this additional data are the Haberdashers' Records from England, and a photostat copy of the original will of William (3) NORCROSS which includes the settlement of his estate.

Research has been done at the State Library in Harrisburg, Pa., the Lancaster Historical Society at Lancaster, Pa., the State Library at Trenton, N.J., the Historical Society at Newton, N.J., the library at Easton, Pa., and the Burton Memorial Library in Detroit, Mich., and various other places. I am deeply grateful to the many librarians and others, who have given expert assistance in this work.

It is interesting to note that in the eleven generations of the family in America, they migrated from the eastern coast to the western coast of our country. It was the most natural thing in the world for Americans of the eighteenth century to keep moving. The very thought of unclaimed homesteads to the west was a constant challenge. The sons of William (5) NORCROSS were pioneers in Northumberland County, Pa., and their children moved to Erie, County Pa. The next generation moved westward to Illinois.

It has been extremely interesting to visit the places where the NORCROSS family lived, and to find that many of the allied families into which they married, are still in these same communities after all these years.

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Elsie M. Cameron

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## A TRIBUTE TO ONE AND MORE

From girlhood mine was a lively interest in what had happened in any way in the relationships and allied relationships of the NORCROSS family. Two uncles, Dr. George NORCROSS (9) of Carlisle, Pa., and Hiram Fleming NORCROSS (9) of Los Angeles, tried at every opportunity to run down family data. In this effort there passed in 1877-8-9 quite a number of letters on this subject between my uncles and Joel NORCROSS, a descendant of the New England branch of the family.

With the years, came to me invitations to join some of the National patriotic organizations. These specified the kind of research made and thus specialized our effort. About this time came a letter from Mrs. Blanche Morton Bean of Los Angeles to our Wichita home. The gist of the communication being, "I am getting more and more interested in genealogical work and am having some good success in it. From a good many things you have told me thru the years, I believe you are almost surely eligible to some of the Patriotic Societies. Please send me all your data and I will see what I can do". I copied the NORCROSS Family data in the old Bible, which had been most carefully gathered and written, packed up a big bundle of other treasures and material, and sent it all on to Mrs. Bean. Time went on, both of us working on the problems, (I under her tutelage and somewhat intermittently). 1931 had become May of 1932 when a letter arrived saying the information by that time at hand, proved distinctly eligibility to D.A.R. and Daughters of 1812 as well.

More time elapsed and Mrs. Bean said in one letter that it seemed probable there was eligibility to the Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America.

In December of 1936 we planned a meeting of one month in Los Angeles for January and part of February, 1937, in which we would sift material, start in on a more intensive testing at many points and decide on plans of additional search in the future. January 8, 1937, the tragic death of

my dearest friend, Blanche Morton (for we had been the closest of friends long before the marriage of either of us) stilled the eager questing spirit I had loved so long—and with it for years took from me the desire for further genealogical investigation.

Meantime, in those years, membership in Daughters of 1812, D.A.R., Daughters of American Colonists, which Mrs. Bean had also proven, brought some hard work and many pleasures so that when the invitation came to Founders and Patriots of America, Mrs. Neil A. Cameron of Detroit, Mich., completed the papers for that Society.

After that came my brother Hiram NORCROSS (10) saying, "You have been gathering material for many years on our family and history thereof. I have in no way assisted you. It will be my pleasure, if it is yours, to finance the final getting of your material into shape and putting it in permanent form".

Again Mrs. Cameron was called and has worked with painstaking fidelity to the gathering of more data, substantiating that already in hand, making visits to Pa., New Jersey, the former residence of the NORCROSS family, (our branch) and in all the time studying exhausting minutiae of the task assumed.

To my dear friend Blanche who gave the inspiration and much labor; to my brother Hiram (10) for his generosity; to Elsie Cameron for her long, very kind and patient effort in giving our little history its present form; I give gratitude, admiration, and appreciation.

Signed Sara Norcross Jones  
Sara NORCROSS (10) Jones  
January 22, 1954

## THE EARLY HISTORY OF LANCASHIRE COUNTY ENGLAND, AND THE NORCROSS FAMILY

The NORCROSS name is an uncommon one and consequently is more easily traced than many others. It has undergone only one change since the year 1600; before that it was spelled NORCROSSE. Its derivation is probably from the place name "North Cross," from the practice of erecting crosses in honor of the dead. The first NORCROSS was probably a person living at or near some cross designated as North. At any rate, the name appears very early in Lancashire County, in the Isle of Man, and in London.

Lancashire, where many of the NORCROSS family lived before coming to America is a very interesting county, being one of the three English palatinates, a distinction it shares with Cheshire and Durham. The Duke of Lancaster in early days had "jura regalia" as completely as the English monarch and had to keep the enemy from his domains. Lancashire is first mentioned by name in 1165 about one hundred years after Doomesday, in a document in a pipe roll in the Exchequer office.

The charm of Lancashire is historic. The Romans were here in 77-89 A.D., and a fort, six acres in area, established and garrisoned by a cavalry regiment at Ribel-castra (Ribchester), is mentioned in the Doomesday Book. The Romans had other forts on the Ribble River, and many old castles now in ruins were fortresses in the by-gone days. Of this Ribble River, Camden wrote in the sixteenth century, "Then the Rhibel turning westward gives its name to a village called at this day Rhibel Chester, where so many signs of Roman antiquity, statues, coins, chapitars, pillars, altars, marbles, and inscriptions are dug up." Besides the Roman relics, Lancashire possesses a veritable coffer of reliquary and lore. Folklore and ballads have been kept alive for centuries by its people. The Rhible River, which once bore vessels between its closer and higher banks and was an important factor in navigation, is

now a very shallow stream. Ribchester, once a most important Roman Fort, is now a small village noted for its church and Roman relics.

Lancashire is a bewildering county of violent contrasts and amazing diversity. It is a county of dead levels, marsh, and moss, and of rugged hills and high moorlands, of congested towns and vast lovely spaces. It is a place throbbing with modern commercial life, and hushed to tranquility in sleepy mediaeval villages. This mid-section of Lancashire, watered by the Ribbel River and its tributaries, is a region of panoramic wonders with sleeping valleys, massive hills and crags, and rivulets gliding through ever-changing scenery.

The history of Ribchester is replete with the NORCROSS name. In 1210, mention is made of Thomas de Norcross' giving an acre of land to the abbey at Weherand. Thomas is believed to be the son of Walter de Carleton, who was the son of Swain. Prior to 1281, the hamlet of NORCROSS in Great Carelton, Lancashire, was held by the NORCROSS family. Another early record states that in 1573 Henry NORCROSS was inducted by the Bishop of Chester to the parsonage at Ribchester. He resigned his position in 1616. A Henry NORCROSS, Vicar of Ribchester, was buried 14 Aug. 1623.

The church at Ribchester, one of the oldest in England and closely identified from mediaeval times with the NORCROSS family, was founded in 596 A.D. The present church edifice was erected in 1193, and a chancel and tower were added in the thirteenth century. The list of rectors begins with this time. An oak pulpit was acquired in 1636, and a clock and bells were added in 1650. The church was partially destroyed by fire in 1881, and in 1925 was reopened after its restoration.

Members of the NORCROSS family were churchwardens of Ribchester almost continuously from 1670 to 1830. William NORCROSS, representing Ribchester, Dutton, and Hothersall, was elected in 1670, and others of his family continued in that office until 1830. James NORCROSS, churchwarden who died in 1830, had his name painted on the walls of the old church.



As early as 1603 Richard NORCROSS rented a cottage from the Rectory and Parsonage. In 1625 James NORCROSS of Dillworth, Ribchester, yeoman, declined the honor of knighthood. He was fined ten pounds by King Charles I for refusing to go to London to receive his knighthood at the coronation of that monarch. William and James NORCROSS were witnesses to the Easter dues and surplice fund for the church in 1648, and two years later James NORCROSS authorized the purchase of six payers (pairs) of gloves for the bell ringers. In 1677, Ellen NORCROSS of Alston-cum-Hothersall was mentioned as a recusant (Catholic), and John NORCROSS, a linen webster (weaver) of Ribchester-cum-Dillworth, was a convicted recusant.

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### THE ENGLISH NORCROSS FAMILY

Thomas NORCROSS, a London merchant in 1600, and a member of the Haberdashers Company, was the progenitor of the American Norcross lines. The Haberdashers' records which have been preserved, show that Thomas Norcross was freed from his apprenticeship by Geoffrey Proctor on 14 Dec. 1579. The usual custom was for an apprentice to be bound at the age of 14 to serve for seven years. Thomas' son John was freed by Patrimony (his father) on 12 Feb. 1611. He may not have served a full apprenticeship.

The Norcross families of London lived in the Parishes of St. Dunstons, All Hallows, Bread St., and the Parish of Sunbury near London. A Thomas Norcross who lived in the Parish of St. Dunstons in West Fleet St., died in 1617 and was buried in St. Dunstons. He left money to the Ribchester Church in Lancashire. He may possibly be

the Thomas Norcross mentioned above. Jeremiah Norcross, the son of Thomas worshipped at All Hallows, Bread St., where the records mention him as a clothworker, and give the births and marriages of his children.

Thomas Norcross married about 1585 Mary Chappell, the daughter of William and Elizabeth (Bedell) Chappell. Elizabeth Chappell had inherited property from her father Henry Bedell, of Essex County, England. This property descended to the children of Thomas and Mary Norcross, namely John and Jeremiah Norcross.

Thomas and Mary Chappell Norcross had at least three children, John, Jeremiah, and Thomas Jr. Thomas Norcross Jr. died in London in 1620 and his estate was settled by his brother John. The Norcross families of London were evidently well-to-do, and valued education. One son of Jeremiah was educated at Cambridge, and the children of John were no doubt given some trade or college training.

John and Jeremiah Norcross sailed for New England in 1638. John bought land in Cambridge, Mass. He returned to England after 1642 and died there. His grandson William Norcross, crossed the ocean in 1699 and founded the Pennsylvania and New Jersey branches of this family.

Jeremiah Norcross bought land first in Charleston, Mass. In 1642 he moved to Watertown, and was among the first settlers there. He died at Watertown, Mass., in 1657. Jeremiah was the founder of the New England Norcross lines.

#### THOMAS NORCROSS

b. abt. 1560; d. London Eng. 1617? m. abt. 1585 Mary Chappell b. 1550; d. 1603.

#### Children of Thomas and Mary (Chappell) NORCROSS

1. John (1) NORCROSS, b. abt. 1590; d. England after 1642; m. abt. 1611/12
2. Jeremiah (1) NORCROSS, b. 1595; d. 1657 Watertown, Mass. m. 1617
3. Thomas NORCROSS JR. d. 1620, London, Eng.

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## FIRST GENERATION

JOHN (1) NORCROSS the eldest son of Thomas and Mary (Chappell) Norcross, was also a London merchant. He belonged to the Haberdashers Company of London and was freed from his apprenticeship by Patrimony (his father) on 12 Feb. 1611. He was about 48 years old when he came with his brother Jeremiah to New England in 1638. John purchased 22 acres of land in Cambridge, Mass., and lived there until 1642. When his brother Jeremiah removed to Watertown in 1642, John returned to England, and died there. The marriage of his daughter Anna to Samuel Davis in 1631, was registered in All Hallows, Bread St., London. Anna and her husband came with him to Cambridge and remained in America. Anna was mentioned in the will of her uncle Jeremiah Norcross, when he died in Watertown in 1657.

### JOHN (1) NORCROSS

b. abt. 1590 England; wife not known; d. after 1642, England; m. abt. 1611/12

### Children of John (1) NORCROSS

1. Anna (2) NORCROSS, m. 1631 Samuel Davis of London, Eng.
2. Thomas (2) NORCROSS, a linen manufacturer, d. 1662 Barton, Eng. buried at Ribchester, Eng.

JEREMIAH (1) NORCROSS worshipped at All Hallows, Bread St., London where the births and marriages of his children were recorded. He first bought land in Charlestown, Mass., after coming to America in 1638. He had 16 acres on the Charles River, bounded by the land of John Smith and Henry Curtis. He was a selectman in 1641. In 1642 he went to Watertown, Mass., as one of its first settlers. He bought 12 lots, and lived there the rest of his life. His will, probated 6 Oct. 1657 mentioned his wife Adrean, his son Richard with wife Mary, his son Nathaniel with wife Sarah, and his niece Anna Davis the daughter of

his brother John. Jeremiah's family were well educated. His son the Rev. Nathaniel NORCROSS was graduated from St. Catherine's Hall, Cambridge University in 1636. Rev. Nathaniel came with his father to America but returned to England in 1649/50 and was rector of St. Dunstons in Eastminster. He died in London in 1662. His other son Richard NORCROSS was the first schoolmaster in Watertown, Mass., and must have had a good education. The descendants of Jeremiah form the New England NORCROSS lines.

#### JEREMIAH (1) NORCROSS

b. 1595 England; d. 1657 Watertown, Mass.; m. Adrean Smith

#### Children of Jeremiah and Adrean (Smith) NORCROSS

1. Rev. Nathaniel (2) NORCROSS, b. 1618 London; d. 16 Aug. 1662 London, Eng.; m. Mary Gilbert
2. Sarah (2) NORCROSS m. Frances Massey 1631 in London, Eng. They lived in Cambridge, Mass.
3. Richard (2) NORCROSS, b. 11 Dec. 1621 England; d. 1708/9 Watertown, Mass. (will dated 8 April 1708, proved Oct. 1709) m. (1) Mary Brooks, 24 June 1650; she d. 24 Feb. 1671/2; m. (2) Susanna, widow of Wm. Shattuck, 18 Nov. 1683
4. Mary (2) NORCROSS, b. 5 Sept. 1626 England; d. 7 Sept. 1626

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## SECOND GENERATION

THOMAS (2) NORCROSS the son of John (1) NORCROSS was a linen manufacturer of Barton, England, a small town near Manchester. Little is known about him except that he died in 1662, and was buried at Ribchester. He had three children William, Margaret, and Judith. William (3) NORCROSS came to Bucks County, Pa. in 1699 and was the progenitor of the Pennsylvania and New Jersey branches of this family.

THOMAS (2) NORCROSS, (John 1)

d. 1662 at Barton, Eng.; Buried at Ribchester; wife unknown

Children of THOMAS (2) NORCROSS

1. William (3) NORCROSS
2. Judith (3) NORCROSS
3. Margaret (3) NORCROSS

## THIRD GENERATION

WILLIAM (3) NORCROSS, the son of Thomas (2) NORCROSS the linen manufacturer of Barton, England, was living in 1699 in Alston-cum-Hothersall, Ribchester Parish, Lancashire, England.

William and his wife Elizabeth had come under the influence of William Fox the Quaker or Friend, and by 1683 had joined the Chipping (Particular) meeting, Preston Monthly meeting, and Lancaster Annual meeting as designated by the Friends organization. Chipping was in the immediate neighborhood where weekly meetings were held, Preston some distance away had the monthly meetings, and Lancaster the capital, was the yearly meeting place.

William married Elizabeth, whose surname does not appear in any of the English or American Friends Records. From the English Parish records we know that William and Elizabeth had two children born in England who did not survive to come to America. Elline, daughter of William Norcross of Alston-cum-Hothersoll, was christened

28 June 1685 and buried 27 July 1685 at Ribchester. A daughter, Elizabeth NORCROSS, was baptized 6 Dec. 1691 and died 13 Dec. 1695. She was buried at Newton on 14 Dec. 1695. The English Friends Records show that Jane NORCROSS was christened 11 Feb. 1683, and also give the birth of the son Thomas NORCROSS on 10 April 1697. These dates would place the marriage of William and Elizabeth about 1682.

William NORCROSS with his wife and four children, John, Jane, William, and Thomas, sailed for America with a group of English Friends on the ship *Brittania*, intending to settle in Bensalem Township, Bucks County, Pa. In April before they sailed, William had been given 500 acres of land in Bucks County by Leonard Fell. They sailed from Liverpool in the latter part of May, 1699, and arrived in Philadelphia on 24 Aug. 1699. The vessel was overcrowded, and small pox broke out enroute. One-fifth of those who had so hopefully set out for the new world did not survive to see it. When the ship landed, the Friends of Philadelphia and nearby meetings immediately came to help nurse the sick, and care for the widows and orphans. In many families this sorrowful voyage is still traditionally remembered, and the *Brittania* is called the "Sick Ship."

William NORCROSS either died enroute or shortly after landing. He made his will on shipboard 12 June 1699, and in it mentions his wife and four children. It reads -

"From aboard the *Brittania* of Liverpool, 12 of 6th month 1699 Whereas I. William NORCROSS of Alstoncum-Hothersoll, in the Parish of Ribchester, being upon a voyage for Pennsylvania, and being weak of body, but of sound and perfect memory, have thought it convenient to make this my last will and testament, revoking and making void all former wills of my hand and bond, made by me:

Item - In the first place I give and bequeath my soul to God, and into the hands of his son Christ Jesus, in whom I have believed.

Item - In the next place it is my mind and will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be fully paid and discharged.

Item - I make and constitute and appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth NORCROSS, and my son John NORCROSS joint executors, likewise owning 500 akers (acres) of land given me by Leonard Fell in Ponsillvania, it is my mind and will to dispose of it as follows -

Item - I give to my children John NORCROSS, Jane NORCROSS, William NORCROSS, and Thomas NORCROSS, each of them to have three score (60) akers of land, and the remainder to my beloved wife for as long as she remains unmarried, and if she shall marry again, she shall have forty pounds of the country pay, and the remainder of the afore mentioned land is to be equally divided among my four children before mentioned, John, Jane, William and Thomas NORCROSS. This set my hand and seal this day and year above written."

Witnesses - Richard Smith

Gabriel Barnes

William NORCROSS

Jonathan Cowper

(Wills 104 B Philad. Pa.)

The 500 acres of land which were mentioned in the will of William NORCROSS were originally deeded by William Penn to Leonard Fell. The boundaries of the province of Pennsylvania were described in this deed. It reads in part -

"On Nov. 9, 1681 William Penn, deeded to Leonard Fell 500 acres of land in the Province of Pennsylvania, bounded on the east by the Delaware River, and 12 miles north of Newcastle, to the 43rd Latitude." The deed was witnessed by J. S. Swinton, Thomas Cox, and Benjamin Griffith.

(Deed Book 6 p 63  
Doylestown, Pa.)

Leonard Fell who was also a Friend or Quaker, in turn by a deed of gift gave this land to his good friend, William NORCROSS in April, 1699 before William sailed for America. This deed also at the Bucks County Court House reads in part -

"Leonard Fell, of Beakcliff, in Furness, in the county of Lancaster, England, in consideration of the tender love and affection which I have to my trusty and well



beloved friend William NORCROSS, of Alston, in the county of Lancaster England, husbandman, - I do hereby give him 500 acres of land in Bucks County, Pa.

Witnesses - Christopher Atkinson

Elijah Salthouse

Leonard Fell

Elizabeth Holme

(Deed Book 6 p 65  
Bucks Co. Pa.)

Elizabeth NORCROSS evidently took her four children and settled on this land in Bensalem Twsp. Bucks Co. Pa. She presented her certificate of removal which was not preserved, to the Middletown Women's Monthly Meeting of Friends. She is first mentioned in American Friends records when her marriage to Stephen Sands was authorized by the Middletown minutes of 1701. She married Stephen Sands on 9 Aug. 1701.

Stephen Sands, James Dilworth, Nicholas Waln, Richard Amor, and Thomas Atkinson were among the English Friends who had settled in Middletown Township, Bucks County, Pa., before William Penn came to America.

The Neshamina Friends met in the homes of Nicholas Waln, John Otter, and Robert Hall until 1690 when their meeting house was built. This group was then called the Middletown Meeting.

On 24 July 1704 about two years after her marriage, Elizabeth N. Sands petitioned the commissioners at Philadelphia for a warrant for the 500 acres of land which her deceased husband had from Leonard Fell. She also asked to administer the estate of William NORCROSS during the minority of her son, John NORCROSS, who was named joint executor, in the will. The land warrant was granted, and Elizabeth was bonded for the administration of the estate.

On 7 Sept. 1703 at Philadelphia, Elizabeth Sands (late Elizabeth NORCROSS), Stephen Sands, and Johnathan Cockshaw of Bucks County were bound to William Markham Esq., Registrar General for the Probate and Administration of Wills in the Province of Penna., for the sum of 500 pounds, current money of the province, in the administration of the will of William Norcross deceased. They were given until the 30th of October 1703 to make an accounting

and inventory of all goods, chattels, and credits of the late Wm. Norcross at the time of his death. Another accounting was to be made by them on the 25th of March, 1704 to the court. Elizabeth Sands made her mark, Stephe Sands and John Cockshaw signed, and Ephriam Johnson was the witness to their signatures.

(Wills 104 B Philad.)

Stephen Sands made his will 25 Jan. 1730 which was probated on 15 Feb. 1732, at Doylestown, Pa. He left instructions for his son Richard Sands to pay his beloved wife, Elizabeth Sands, 8 pounds yearly during her life.

(Wills # 333

Bucks Co. Pa.)

Elizabeth Sands is last mentioned in the Friends Records on 9 Sept. 1734, when she was given a certificate of membership to the Buckingham Monthly Meeting of Friends in Pennsylvania. The son Thomas Norcross must have died before 1711 when the estate was settled, since he is not mentioned in the settlement. Jane Norcross, the daughter married Jeremiah Scaife in 1707. She was given a certificate to the Monockesy Monthly Meeting of Friends in Maryland on 12 Dec. 1738.

**WILLIAM (3) NORCROSS, (John 1, Thomas 2)**

b. England; d. 1699; m. abt. 1682 Elizabeth --- d. after 1734

**Children of William (3) and Elizabeth NORCROSS**

1. Jane (4) NORCROSS, bapt. 11 Feb. 1682/3;  
m. Jeremiah Scaife
2. Elline (4) NORCROSS, bapt. 28 June 1685; buried  
27 July 1685 Ribchester, England
3. John (4) NORCROSS, m. Sept. 6 1712 Mary Antrim,  
daughter of John and Frances (Butcher) Antrim, of  
Burlington, N. J.
4. Elizabeth (4) NORCROSS, bapt. 6 Dec. 1691; d. 13  
Dec. 1695; buried at Newton, England
5. William (4) NORCROSS, m. 30 April 1720 Rebecca  
Petty
6. Thomas (4) NORCROSS, b. 10 April 1697; died be-  
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## FOURTH GENERATION

WILLIAM (4) NORCROSS was born probably in Alston, Ribchester Parish, Lancashire, England, and came with his parents to America in 1699. He was underage in 1703 when his mother Elizabeth Sands petitioned to administer the estate of her deceased husband William NORCROSS. William must have inherited at least 100 acres of land in Bensalem Twsp. Bucks Co. Pa., when this estate was

settled. His mother had married Stephen Sands, and William was brought up in this household of Friends.

William NORCROSS married on 30 April, 1720 at Burlington, N.J. Rebecca Petty, the daughter of William Petty Sr. and his wife Jane. The Pettys were also Friends, and had come from Cirencester, Gloucestershire England in 1682, and purchased land in Burlington County from Roger Townsend. Rebecca had one brother John Petty, a brick-maker.

The Friends Records of this marriage follows -

"William NORCROSS of Burlington, and Rebecca Petty the daughter of William Petty, both of ye town and county of Burlington, in the west division of New Jersey--accomplishing their said intentions of marriage this thirtieth day of the fourth month, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven and twenty, at a public meeting at Burlington."

Witnesses under the bride and groom -

William Petty, Mary Petty, Stephen Sands, Elizabeth Sands, John NORCROSS, Mary NORCROSS and others.

(Burlington Records R S 55 p. 57)

William NORCROSS had moved to Burlington, N.J. by 1739 when his name appears there in a poll book. In an election held on 14 Mar. 1739 in Burlington County, he voted for Samuel Woolman. On 25 Mar. 1740 he apprenticed his son William NORCROSS to William Snowden of Burlington, to learn the hatters' trade. In this indenture William (4) NORCROSS is called a yeoman. Before 1745 William had moved to Freehold, N.J., since his name does not appear on a list of Freeholders for Burlington County N.J. printed on 25 April 1745.

On 13 April 1744 William NORCROSS bought land in Freehold, N.J. from Joseph Foreman, a merchant of Freehold. He paid 66 pounds in the current money for two acres of land next to John Benhams, formerly owned by John Wilson.

Rebecca Petty NORCROSS had inherited land not only from her father William Petty, but also from her brother John Petty as proved by deeds at Trenton, N.J. William (4) NORCROSS died before 1763 as evidenced by the deed

executed by Rebecca Petty NORCROSS then a widow,  
which reads in part -

April 20, 1763 - "Rebecca Petty NORCROSS, a widow  
of the city of Burlington, Burlington Co. N.J. sold to  
William Smith 164 acres of land which was formerly  
owned by her father William Petty, and was conveyed  
to her brother John Petty -- she is now the sole heir  
of her father, and is to receive 15 pounds for parcels  
of land which she now sells to William Smith."

Witnesses - Robert Smith                      Rebecca NORCROSS  
                 Thomas Adams

(Deeds Liber A N p 535  
Trenton, N.J.)

William (4) NORCROSS died before 1763 probably at  
Freehold, N.J. where he had purchased land in 1744. He  
left no will, Rebecca also left no will and the exact date of  
her death cannot be determined. She was living in Bur-  
lington, N.J. in 1763.

The relationship of this NORCROSS family is quite  
clearly proved in this statement from the Jerseyman -

"Ann Stevenson, born July 11, 1727 took license to  
marry John NORCROSS Oct. 4, 1756. John, a grandson  
of William and Elizabeth NORCROSS of Barton, England  
who with four children arrived on the Delaware River in  
1699. John NORCROSS' father William, married  
Rebecca Petty on April 30, 1720."

WILLIAM (4) NORCROSS (William 3, Thomas 2, John 1)  
b. Alston Ribchester Parish Eng.; d. before 1763;  
m. Rebecca Petty 30 April 1720 at Burlington, N.J.

Children of William (4) and Rebecca (Petty) NORCROSS  
(From the Friends Records)

1. John (5) NORCROSS, m. (1) 4 Oct. 1756 Ann Steven-  
son, b. 11 July 1727; daughter of Elnathan and Sarah  
(Cornell) Stevenson; m. (2) Rachel King
2. William (5) NORCROSS, b. 1724 at Burlington, N.J.;  
d. 1777; m. Dec. 1745, Martha Mattison
3. Jane (5) NORCROSS
4. Susanna (5) NORCROSS

5. Abigail (5) NORCROSS, m. 3 Oct. 1777 John Bavis of Philadelphia
6. Joseph (5) NORCROSS, m. 1 Aug. 1748 Rebecca Cox

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#### FIFTH GENERATION

WILLIAM (5) NORCROSS the son of William (4) and Rebecca (Petty) NORCROSS was born in Burlington, N.J. in 1724. At that time the family were still Quakers or Friends, but later they joined the Presbyterian Church. On 5 June 1743 William NORCROSS was baptized into the Old Tennent Presbyterian Church at Freehold, N.J., on confession of his faith.

In Dec. 1745 William NORCROSS married Martha Mattison the daughter of Aaron and Elizabeth Mattison of Freehold, N.J. Martha was born near Freehold on 30 Nov. 1720, and died in Hardwick Twsp. Sussex Co. N.J. on 13 Oct. 1792. William NORCROSS was an elder in the Tennent Church from 1751 to 1754 and his first five children were baptised in this church.

The quaint record reads -

"John his first child was baptised on Jan. 11, 1747;  
Aaron on Fryday before the Lord's Supper, April 8,  
1748; Elizabeth, Dec. 13, 1749; Abraham, Dec. 22, 1751,  
and Rebecca, Sept. 15, 1754."

William NORCROSS learned the Hatters trade, having  
been apprenticed by his father William (4) NORCROSS to  
William Snowden of Burlington, N.J. on 24 Mar. 1740. The  
original indenture reads -

"This Indenture, witnesseth that William NORCROSS,  
son of William NORCROSS within the limits of the City  
of Burlington, in the Province of New Jersey, yeoman,  
by and with the consent of his father William NORCROSS,  
of his own free and voluntary will, hath put himself ap-  
prentice to William Snowden, of the City of Burlington  
and province of New Jersey, Hatmaker, and after the  
manner of an apprentice, with him to dwell and serve,  
from the twenty fourth day of March Last past, unto the  
full end and term of seven years, -- from thence next  
ensuing, and fully to be complete and ended, by all,  
which said term, the said William NORCROSS. The  
apprentice, the said William Snowden, his said master  
faithfully shall serve, his secrets shall keep, his com-  
mandments lawfully and honorably everywhere he shall  
do. Hurt to his said master he shall not do, nor con-  
sent to be done, to the value of twelve pence yearly, but  
shall let if he may, or else immediately admonish his  
said master. Thereof the goods of his said master he  
shall not waste, nor them to anyone lend; at dice nor  
any unlawful games he shall not play, whereby his said  
master may incur any hurt, matrimony he shall not  
contract, from the service of his said master day or  
night he shall not absent or prolong himself, but in all  
things as a good and faithful apprentice shall behave  
himself towards his said master, all during the term  
aforesaid, AND the said William Snowden, to his said  
apprentice, the Science of a Hatmaker which he now  
forth shall teach, and inform or cause to be taught and  
informed the best way that he may or can, and shall  
also provide to the said apprentice, apparel, meat, drink,

and bedding, and all other necessities meet and convenient for an -- apprentice, for and during the term aforesaid, and at the expiration of the said term of 7 years -- the said master, or his assigns, shall give to his said apprentice one new suit of apparel, with his wearing clothes which he shall then have, and for the true performance of all and singular the covenants of this Indenture, the said parties interchangeably have set their hands and seals this twenty fifth day of March, Anno Domini one thousand and seven hundred and forty."

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

William NORCROSS

Wm. NORCROSS

R. Wright

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William NORCROSS did not complete his full term as an apprentice, since he married after five years. Perhaps his father purchased the apprenticeship, and made it possible for him to marry.

William lived in Freehold until 1755, when he removed with his family to Amwell Township, Hunterdon County, N.J. The town of Amwell was then a flourishing milling town, with three dams to supply the water power. By the 18th century the town had gradually disappeared, and on 27 Feb. 1846 the township was divided into east and west Amwell.

William NORCROSS and Aaron Mattison borrowed money in order to make this move to Amwell as evidenced from this original document -

"William NORCROSS, Hatter, of Amwell, County of Hunterdon, and Aaron Mattison, of Freehold, N.J. County of Monmouth, Province of New Jersey, are held and firmly bound unto Ann Clarkson of the City of Philadelphia, in the just and full amount of 100 pounds, proclamation money, to which payment well and truly to be made, we do bind ourselves and our heirs and executors and administrators unto the above Ann Clarkson, her heirs, etc. -- in the year 1755."

Signed and delivered in the presence of

Jacob Ker

Wm. NORCROSS

Mary Mattison

Aaron Mattison



"Each to pay Ann Clarkson 50 pounds with interest before May 1st next."

Aaron Mattison paid 50 pounds with interest on 14 May 1763 to settle his share of this debt.

William purchased 146 acres of land from John Lawrence of Papeck, Somerset County, N.J. on 17 May 1755 and on 31 Sept. 1757 he gave Jacob Mattison a mortgage on this land. This reads in part -

"This Indenture made the 26th day of Sept. in the 31st year of the reign of our Sovereign George the 2nd of Great Britain, Anno Domini 1757, between William NORCROSS of the township of Amwell, in the County of Hunterdon, and western province of New Jersey, Hatter, and Jacob Mattison of the same place, yeoman, witnesseth that the said William NORCROSS for and in consideration of the sum of 146 pounds, 10 shillings and six pence, of good and lawful proclamation money of the province aforesaid, due and payable by him unto the said Jacob Mattison, which said sum of money the said Wm. NORCROSS doth acknowledge to be due and payable as above for the discharge and payment whereof he, the said Wm. NORCROSS hath granted, bargained, sold and allowed and released and confirmed and by these presents doth fully and absolutely grant, bargain, sell and release and confirm unto the said Mattison, his heirs and assigns forever, all that tract or piece of land situated in the township of Amwell aforesaid, being butted and bounded in the manner following - viz - Beginning with a post for a corner, etc. ----- the land contains 146 acres and is the same tract which the said Wm. NORCROSS purchased from John Lawrence of Papeck, in the county of Somerset, in the eastern division of New Jersey, by one Indenture bearing the date 17th of May, 1755."

William NORCROSS had also purchased land in the town of Amwell from John Anderson, for on Nov. 1767 he rented to John Havelon a shoemaker, land in the town of Amwell for 6 1/2 years, with a yearly rent of five pounds. Three acres of land, a stone house on this property, was excepted, with one fourth acre of land around the house. This land

joined that of Dr. George Creeds. In 1770 John Havelon paid 16 pounds rent for a three years lease of this place.

William NORCROSS took an active part in politics while he was living in Amwell. He was a doorkeeper at the Assembly session of Oct. 1757 at Burlington, N.J. He was a lottery ticket seller in 1758 in Amwell. These lotteries were under the church, and were not frowned upon as they would be now. William was also active in the old Amwell Presbyterian church at Reaville, and was an elder, and a representative to the Presbytery 16 Nov. 1768.

In 1769 William NORCROSS was living in Hardwick Township, Sussex County, N.J. where he had a mill and a plantation. This is now Frelinghuysen Twsp. in Warren County, N.J. In an original letter, dated at Amwell 21 Nov. 1769, James Bower of Amwell wrote to Aaron NORCROSS at Hardwick, and sent the letter by Abraham NORCROSS. The letter mentions the sudden departure of the NORCROSS family to Hardwick, and tells of Miss Betsey's misfortune, probably referring to Elizabeth NORCROSS, the sister of John and Aaron.

In Sussex County, William NORCROSS had many offices. He was Justice of the Peace for Sussex Co., in Nov. 1776. William NORCROSS served in the Provincial Congress for Sussex Co. in August 1775. He was appointed County Judge 13 Sept. 1776, and was a coroner of Sussex County in 1773. These offices entitle any direct descendants to membership in the Daughters or Sons of the American Revolution.

William began to write wills in 1767 when he was still in Amwell. In his will dated 17 Aug. 1767 he gave two pounds to his oldest son John, to his own wife Martha, the land in Amwell purchased from John Anderson, to use until the youngest child was 21, and he stipulated that his farm or plantation be sold to educate and bring up the children, which then numbered ten.

In his will of 11 Aug. 1770 he gave his son Aaron his silver watch, his son Abraham his Hatters' tools, and divided up the rest of his estate equally among his children, leaving directions for their education.

In his will of 10 Nov. 1775 he gave his son Abraham 25 pounds as his full share of the estate. He mentions that his daughter Elizabeth is married and the wife of John

Flemen, and should also get 25 pounds. In this will he mentions that his grist mill will have to be sold, and that some other properties also, in order to pay off his debts, and to care for his children until they are all 21 years of age. He also gave his son Aaron five pounds.

In his last will made 21 April 1777 and probated 5 June 1777 at Newton, Sussex County, N.J. he made the following provisions -

"In the name of God Amen - I, William NORCROSS of the township of Hardwick, in the County of Sussex, in the province of New Jersey, being weak in body, but of sound and perfect mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the manner and form following - viz -

First and principally, I commit my soul to God who gave it and my Body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of the executors herein after named, and as to my estate, real and personal, I will and order as follows -

First I will that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid, I also devise and bequeath all my estate real and personal to my executors hereinafter named in trust, nevertheless for the uses and purposes hereinafter mentioned - viz -

First I will and order that the grist mill and land commonly called the mill lot, about ten or twelve acres be sold to enable my executors to pay my just debts and other incidental charges, the overplus if any to be applied to repair the farm, or other ways as they shall judge most conducive to the interest of my family. Also so much of my personal estate as they shall find necessary, and that as soon as conveniently may be after my decease, the remainder of my estate real and personal, I will and order to be appropriated to the support of my wife and younger children under age, and in educating them till my youngest, or the surviving youngest of my children comes of age. I also will that when the surviving youngest comes of age, all my estate real and personal be sold by my executors, and the money arising from the sale thereof be equally divided among my

wife and the surviving children, or the surviving heirs of my children excepting as hereinafter viz - Whereas it is my will and desire, that no distinction should be made among my children but that each of them should share alike, and whereas according to my account, my oldest son John has had of my estate to the value of ten pounds, my son Abraham and my daughter Elizabeth to the value of twenty-five pounds each, it is my will and meaning that the said sums be charged to them, and they only receive so much as to make said sums equal to the other shares. Provided also that in case my beloved wife should marry before the time of the aforesaid division, the sum of fifty pounds be paid to her, out my estate instead of her share in said division, and whereas the names of my children are not all mentioned heretofore in this my last will, and lest any doubt or difficulty should arise therefrom I hereby insert their names according to their seniority - viz - John, Aaron, Elizabeth, Abram, Rebecca, Mary, Martha, Rachel, Jacob and Catherine.

Lastly I constitute and ordain my friends Thomas Allen, Thomas Hazen, and Charles Rhodes, Executors of this my last will and testament, revoking and making void all former wills heretofore by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of April in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and seventy seven."

Wm. NORCROSS (Seal)

Signed and sealed and declared by William  
NORCROSS to be his last will and Testament  
in the presence of  
Lawrence Deker  
Maglon Deker  
Hannah Pettit

Charles Rhodes was the executor of his estate who did most of the work of selling and taking care of the farm lands, until the children were of age. He preserved many of these original papers, and they were handed down in his family for several generations. Sara Elizabeth NORCROSS (Mrs. Will K. Jones) a direct descendant of William

NORCROSS, finally obtained these papers. There were over fifty original documents in this valuable collection. These original wills, indentures, deeds, and letters shed a light on the times, and give a vivid picture of the activities and achievements of William (5) NORCROSS.

Charles Rhodes rendered a very detailed account of the settlement of the estate of William NORCROSS. The inventory of the estate was made, and the total amount expended to settle the estate was 275 pounds, 14 shillings and 10 1/4 pence. He paid off some notes due, and the balance of the mortgage. The following inventory was made by him -

Wearing apparel	2	0	0
cash	34	2	6
sorrel mare	12	0	0
brown mare	10	0	0
brindle cow and calf	4	0	0
red cow and bell	1	5	0
a black 2 year old steer	1	15	0
white cow	2	10	0
saddle and bridle/womans Do	1	5	0
one bed stead & furniture	7	0	0
trundle bed & furniture	1	15	0
dressing table - looking glass	4	10	0
2 Windsor chairs - 3 other chairs	1	2	0
old pine table-dresser	0	8	0
2 pewter basins, platter, etc.			
tankard, 6 plates, tin funnel	0	12	0
old earthenware-tin oven-cullender	0	14	0
stand bag - wool cards	0	4	0
2 small spinning wheels - 1 large Do	0	17	6
copper coffee pot - 3 candlesticks			
steelyard	1	2	6
chest 12 - gun 52/6	3	4	6
tongs-shovel-andirons-2 trammels			
axes, auger, sundry irons	2	0	0
saw, chair, griddle, and gridiron	0	18	6
iron pots, old brass kettles	2	10	0
2 churns, lye tub, barrel, pail			
piggins, sundry odd cash	1	5	0
old iron in the chamber-bedstead	0	6	6
small trunk with deeds and papers	0	3	9

some Hatters utensils, breech			
collars and bridles	1	13	6
2 razors - some old glass, lumber,			
old wagon and cart	3	0	0
writing desk and 5 books	1	10	0
sleigh, old gun	1	2	6
loom, spools, swift	2	0	0
old tea kettle, iron pot, pail			
hemp hook, lumber in the mill	0	5	0
old riding chair	2	10	0
turning lathe, old cask in the mill	0	12	0
watering pot, wash tin, lye tub	0	3	9
swivel trees, and traces	1	7	6
black steer - 5 hogs	4	10	0

The conditions of the sale of the mill as outlined by the executors on 22 Aug. 1777 was as follows -

"The purchaser of the mill and 48 acres of land may enter immediately to the mill, and house near the mill and all uninclosed land, and to the land on the south side of the road, in six months time, excepting the privilege of taking the grain sown on it, and also reserving what lies within Ammermans fence on the North of the road, during his term. Some new rails that lie on the land are excepted. The purchaser to have 6 months credit at which time payment, and title will be given."

Thomas Hazen, Thos. Allen, Charles Rhodes, Executors.

William NORCROSS died between 21 April 1777 when his will was made, and 5 June 1777 when it was probated. His wife Martha lived until 1792 and was able to see that her children were taken care of. William was evidently a very well educated man for his times, and he so valued education that he stipulated in his will that his children should all have an education.

John NORCROSS the oldest son moved to Northumberland County, Pa. and pioneered there. His child Aaron was the first white child born in that county. John was a soldier in the Revolutionary War in the Northumberland Co. militia under command of Col. James Morrow. He was wounded at the battle of Trenton, and granted a pension No. S. 27, 257 on 18 April 1818 while living in Genesee County, N. Y. aged 70.

Aaron the second son also moved to Northumberland Co. Pa. with his brother, and was a first Lieutenant in the 1st Penna. Lines, 19th Dec. 1776, and a Captain 14 Sept. 1777; he was Regt. Adjutant 20 Feb. 1778. He resigned May 1779.

WILLIAM (5) NORCROSS, (William 4, 3, Thomas 2, John 1) b. 1724, Burlington, N.J.; before 5 June 1777; Hardwick Twsp. Sussex Co. N.J. m. 1 Dec. 1745, Martha Mattison, b. 30 Nov. 1720; d. 13 Oct. 1792.

Children of William (5) and Martha (Mattison)  
NORCROSS

1. John (6) NORCROSS, bapt. 11 Jan. 1747; d. 3 Aug. 1825; m. (1) Mary Solomon, m. (2) Hannah (mentioned in deed)
2. Aaron (6) NORCROSS, bapt. 8 April 1748
3. Elizabeth (6) NORCROSS, bapt. 31 Dec. 1749  
m. John Flemen
4. Abraham (6) NORCROSS, bapt. 22 Dec. 1751;  
d. 1816/17; m. 1774 Agnes (Nancy) Fleming,  
d. 1802
5. Rebecca (6) NORCROSS, bapt. 15 Sept. 1754
6. Mary (6) NORCROSS
7. Martha (6) NORCROSS, d. 2-8-1796; m. Wm. (3)  
Luce, b. 1759; d. 1797, both buried Dark Moon  
cemetery near Johnsonburg, N.J.
8. Rachel (6) NORCROSS
9. Jacob (6) NORCROSS
10. Catherine (6) NORCROSS

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## SIXTH GENERATION

ABRAHAM (6) NORCROSS, the fourth child of William  
 and Martha (Mattison) NORCROSS was baptised 22 Dec.  
 1751 in Old Tennent Presbyterian Church in Freehold, N.J.

Abraham moved in 1755 with the family to Amwell  
 Township, Hunterdon County, N.J. where his father had  
 bought a plantation. They all lived in this vicinity until  
 1769, when his father bought a mill and a farm in Hardwick  
 Township, Sussex County, N.J. In Sussex County, in 1774  
 Abraham married Agnes (Nancy) Fleming the daughter of  
 Andrew Fleming of that county. She is called Agnes in her  
 father's will, and Nancy in the NORCROSS family bible  
 records. Her father left a considerable estate amounting  
 to 277 pounds, 181 shillings. In his will proved at Newton,  
 N.J. on 3 Oct. 1777, Andrew Fleming left his brown coat  
 to his son-in-law Abraham NORCROSS, and to his daughter  
 Agnes he gave 4 ewes, 1 ram, and 15 pounds money in the  
 currency of the province, and to their son William NOR-  
 CROSS, a year old heifer. William (7) NORCROSS was



undoubtedly the oldest son of Abraham and Agnes NORCROSS, and must have been very young when his grandfather died.

In the spring of 1777 Abraham's father William (5) NORCROSS had died, his will having been proved at Newton, N.J. on 5 June 1777. Abraham inherited his father's Hatters Tools, so it is altogether likely that he had learned this trade, following the family tradition. Since he already had had twenty five pounds from his father, he would only inherit his share of the estate when it was finally settled.

John and Aaron NORCROSS, brothers of Abraham, had migrated to Northumberland County, Pa. before 1775, for there is a record that John NORCROSS lived on Robert McCorley's land in 1775. Abraham followed his brothers to this virgin land about 1794/5, bringing with him his wife, and younger children. His oldest son William (7) NORCROSS either had died, or stayed behind in New Jersey, since his name does not appear in the family bible records preserved from this period.

Pennsylvania was still very primitive at this time, and the Indians attacked the new settlers frequently. In 1778 the Indians burned the house of Peter Swartz, and killed a man named Ayres near White Deer Creek. John Fisher with his two sisters concealed themselves in the straw in their barn, expecting every moment to be burned. But the Indians went to Hoffman's house and carried out a clock which intrigued them. The Indians seated themselves to examine the clock, when Aaron Norcross, John Fisher Jr. and others who had gathered, hallooed and startled them off, leaving behind their plunder.

Linn's Annals of Buffalo Valley states that, "John Norcross lived in 1775 on land next to John Fisher, which is the present site of West Milton, Pa., and next to the land of Peter Swartz the present limestone quarry." This was in White Deer Twsp. Northumberland Co. Pa. and is now in Union Co. Pa. John Norcross is included in a list of inhabitants of White Deer Township, for 1778. In a list for the same place in 1796, Abraham Norcross laborer, had a cabin, John Norcross his brother owned a frame house, a hatter shop, ferry, and tavern.

On 28 May 1799 John Norcross and wife Hannah of White Deer Twsp. deeded to Aaron Norcross of Milton Twsp., land on the west branch of Susquehanna River for 100 pounds in gold.

(Deed Book L p 211  
Sunbury, Pa.)

Presumably Abraham Norcross and his brother John lived in or near the little town of West Milton on the Susquehanna River, and Aaron moved to Milton Township. John Norcross is in the census 1790, for Northumberland Co. Pa. with two males over 16, and one female over 16. This is undoubtedly his family of three, with his child Aaron, who was supposed to have been the first white child born in Northumberland County, Pa.

John and Aaron Norcross both fought in the Revolutionary War in Northumberland County Regiments. John was wounded by a musket ball which entered his body at the left shoulder, and came out at his throat, in the engagement at Piscataway, N.J. 10 May 1777. Aaron was promoted to First Lieutenant, then to Captain 14 Sept. 1777, and Regt. Adjutant 20 Feb. 1778.

Nancy Fleming NORCROSS the wife of Abraham is supposed to have died in Northumberland County, Pa. in 1802. There is no positive record of her burial. Two sons of Abraham NORCROSS, Andrew, and John NORCROSS moved to Venango Township, Erie County, Pa. in 1800. Later they settled in Harbor Creek Township, where the land was better. Abraham their father came here in 1811 to live with them, but went back to Northumberland County, Pa. where he died in 1816/17.

ABRAHAM (6) NORCROSS, (William 5, 4, 3, Thomas 2, John 1), bapt. 22 Dec. 1751, Freehold, N.J.; d. abt. 1816/17 Northumberland Co. Pa.; m. 1774; Agnes (Nancy) Fleming, d. abt. 1802, Northumberland Co. Pa.

Children of Abraham (6) and Nancy (Fleming) NORCROSS:  
(From Family Bible Records)

1. William (7) NORCROSS, b. abt. 1775/6  
(given heifer in grandfather Flemings Will) - either died young or remained to live in New Jersey - not in bible records.

2. Andrew (7) NORCROSS, b. 1781; d. 16 Dec. 1863,  
Mill Creek Twsp. Erie Co. Pa. m. 1802, Sarah  
Erwin - both buried Erie Cemetery
3. John (7) NORCROSS, b. 22 Sept. 1783; d. 4 Oct. 1845  
Rock Island, Ill. m. (1) Spring of 1807, Margaret  
McCann
4. Jacob (7) NORCROSS, b. 1785; d. 1814 unmarried
5. Martha (7) NORCROSS, m. Erwin
6. Isabella (7) NORCROSS, m. Andrew Gibson
7. Nancy (7) NORCROSS, m. Cochran (John Cochran  
in 1800 built the first saw mill in Mill Creek Twsp.)
8. Sarah (7) NORCROSS, d. 1831; m. 1811, Hamlin  
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### SEVENTH GENERATION

JOHN (7) NORCROSS the son of Abraham and Nancy  
(Fleming) NORCROSS was born in Sussex County, N.J. on  
22 Sept. 1783, and died at Rock Island, Illinois on 4 Oct.  
1845.

About 1794/5 Abraham NORCROSS and his family moved  
from Sussex Co. New Jersey to Northumberland County,  
Pa. where they settled near the town of W. Milton, and lived  
for some years.

In 1800 John NORCROSS then about 17 years old, and  
his older brother Andrew NORCROSS, migrated to Venango  
Township, Erie Co. Pa., where they settled on the high  
lands west of Lake Pleasant. Andrew was on the tax list  
for this township in 1800 and 1801. Finding this land un-  
productive, they moved in 1810 to near Belle Valley, in

Mill Creek Township. Here their neighbors were the Hamlin Russells from Connecticut, and the Hugh McCanns from Pennsylvania.

Andrew NORCROSS married Sarah Erwin and had nine children. His family lived in Belle Valley for several generations.

John NORCROSS married first, in the spring of 1807, Margaret McCann, born in Ireland, the daughter of Hugh and Isabella (Ives) McCann. She died on 6 Feb. 1819. John and Margaret (McCann) NORCROSS had four children all born in Erie County, Pa. One of these children, Nancy A. NORCROSS married Thomas Culbertson, and their son John Culbertson introduced the Bell telephone into England.

John NORCROSS married second, on 28 Dec. 1819, Mary Dickson, the daughter of James and Mary (Morris) Dickson, who was born 23 May 1785 in Cherry Valley, Otsego Co. N.Y. and died on 11 Aug. 1846. John and Mary (Dickson) NORCROSS had five children.

JOHN (7) NORCROSS, (Abraham 6, William 5, 4, 3, Thomas 2, John 1) b. 22 Sept. 1783, Sussex Co. N.J.; d. 4 Oct. 1845 Rock Island, Ill.; m. (1) Spring of 1807, Margaret McCann, b. 1790 Ireland; d. 6 Feb. 1819; m. (2) 28 Dec. 1819, Mary Dickson, b. 23 May 1785; Cherry Valley, Otsego Co. N.Y.; d. 11 Aug. 1846, buried Monmouth, Ill. beside John NORCROSS (Tombstone record)

Children of John (7) and Margaret (McCann) NORCROSS

1. Hiram (8) NORCROSS, b. 6 July 1809 Erie Co., Pa.; d. 24 Sept. 1879 Monmouth, Ill.; m. 1 June 1837 Elizabeth McClelland b. 24 Sept. 1811; d. 25 April 1874 at Monmouth, Ill.
2. William Fleming (8) NORCROSS, b. 14 Feb. 1812 Erie Co. Pa.; d. 12 Feb. 1893; m. Lucia Maria Dickson
3. Nancy A. (8) NORCROSS, b. 11 Mar. 1814 Erie Co. Pa.; m. Thomas Culbertson
4. Maria J. (8) NORCROSS, b. 3 May 1816 Erie Co. Pa.; d. 15 May 1881, Monmouth, Ill. m. R. S. Joss b. Saco Maine, 26 Aug. 1814

Children of John (7) and Mary (Dickson) NORCROSS

1. John Milton (8) NORCROSS, b. 22 Sept. 1820 Cumberland Co. Pa.; d. 1850; m. April 1846, Almira O. Woodworth
2. Hamlin Russell (8) NORCROSS, b. 16 June 1822
3. Mary (8) NORCROSS
4. Jacob (8) NORCROSS
5. George (8) NORCROSS, died aged 7 or 8

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Wichita, Kan.

ANDREW (7) NORCROSS, the son of Abraham (6) and Nancy Fleming NORCROSS, was born in Sussex Co. N.J. in 1781. He probably came with his father Abraham to Northumberland Co. Pa. In 1800 with his younger brother John he came to Venango Twsp. Erie Co. Pa. and took up land. His name appears on the tax list for 1800 for that township.

In 1802 he married Sarah (Sally) Erwin, and they moved in 1812 to Mill Creek Township where they lived out their lives, and where their family still lived in 1884. The son Peter lived on the old homestead, about 3 miles from Erie, Pa. Andrew and Sally had ten children. A great many of this family are buried in the Erie cemetery, including Andrew and his wife Sally.

ANDREW (7) NORCROSS, (Abraham 6, Wm. 5, 4, 3, Thomas 2, John 1) b. 1781, Sussex Co. N.J., d. 16 Dec. 1863; m. 1802, Sarah (Sally) Erwin.

Children of Andrew (7) and Sarah (Erwin) NORCROSS

1. William (8) NORCROSS living Missouri  
1884

2. Hannah (8) NORCROSS, m. E. Curtis (Hannah deceased 1884)
3. Nancy F. (8) NORCROSS, b. abt. 1811; m. 1829 E. C. Bennett
4. Jane (8) NORCROSS, m. Wyatt living Wisconsin 1884
5. Andrew F. (8) NORCROSS, living Austin, Minn. 1884
6. Peter E. (8) NORCROSS, b. 25 May 1821; m. 1 Jan. 1867 Mary Parry
7. John E. (8) NORCROSS
8. Elsie (8) NORCROSS
9. Sarah A. (8) NORCROSS

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History of Erie County Pa. 1884 at the Penna. State Library, Harrisburg, Pa. p 129  
 Dr. George Norcross family data.  
 Data from Miss Nannie Bennett, Erie, Pa.

### EIGHTH GENERATION

HIRAM (8) NORCROSS, the son of John and Margaret (McCann) NORCROSS was born in Erie County, Pa. on 6 July 1809. He died 24 Sept. 1879 at Monmouth, Ill. He married 1 June 1837 at Crawford County, Pa. Elizabeth McClelland, the daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Gibson) McClelland, who was born 24 Sept. 1811 in Crawford Co. Pa., and died at Monmouth, Ill. on 25 April 1874. Hiram NORCROSS moved with his family to Monmouth, Illinois in 1844.

HIRAM (8) NORCROSS, (John 7, Abraham 6, Wm. 5, 4, 3, Thomas 2, John 1) b. 6 July 1809, Erie Co. Pa.; d. 24 Sept. 1879 Monmouth, Ill.; m. 1 June 1837, Elizabeth McClelland, b. 24 Sept. 1811 Crawford Co. Pa.; d. 25 April 1874 Monmouth, Ill.

Children of Hiram and Elizabeth (McClelland) NORCROSS

1. George (9) NORCROSS, b. 8 April 1838 Erie Co. Pa.; d. 8 Mar. 1915 Carlisle, Pa.; m. (1) 1 Oct. 1863 Mary S. Tracy; m. (2) Mrs. Louise Jackson Gale

2. Sarah Gibson (9) NORCROSS, b. 28 Feb. 1840; d. 1863; m. Henry Beckwith of New London, Conn.
3. William Charles (9) NORCROSS, b. 22 Aug. 1842; d. 6 Dec. 1913 Tyronza, Ark.; m. 3 Sept. 1868, Isabella Beveridge Henry
4. John Andrew (9) NORCROSS, b. 22 June 1845; d. 1848
5. Hiram Fleming (9) NORCROSS, b. 16 Feb. 1849; d. 11 Jan. 1930; m. (1) Ada Vaughn; d. abt. 1897; m. (2) Ruth Bettersworth. They had one child Eleanor NORCROSS who married John Sommers.
6. Isaiah (9) NORCROSS, b. 11 Jan. 1852; d. 1926; m. Hadessah Mercer, b. 1855; d. 1944. Isaiah and wife both buried Monmouth, Ill. They had three children, Roy, Florence, and a son who died in infancy. Florence married a man named Brown and had two daughters.
7. Thomas Rice (9) NORCROSS, b. 26 April 1857; m. Agnes Isabelle Martin of Little York, Ill. They were married there on 14 Oct. 1879

## NINTH GENERATION

Dr. GEORGE (9) NORCROSS, son of Hiram and Elizabeth (McClelland) NORCROSS, was born on 8 April 1838 near Erie, Pa. He moved with the family to Monmouth, Ill. and graduated from college there. He then went to The Seminary of N.W. now McCormick Theological Seminary, in Chicago, Ill. In 1864 he graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary, and accepted a pastorate at N. Henderson Ill., in 1865. In 1866 he served a church in Galesburg, Ill., and later went to Carlisle, Pa. where he was pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church for over 41 years, and Pastor Emeritus for seven years before his death. He died 18 Mar. 1915 at Carlisle. Princeton University honored him with a D.D. Degree in 1879. Dr. George NORCROSS married first at Monmouth, Ill. Mary S. Tracy who died 25 Mar. 1866. On 27 April 1867 he married Mrs. Louise Jackson Gale, the widow of Major Josiah Gale the son of the founder of Galesburg, Ill. Louise Jackson was the daughter of Samuel Clinton and Delia (Sheldon) Jackson.

She was born on 2 June 1838 at Esperance, N.Y. and died on 8 July 1928 at Carlisle, Pa. Both Dr. George NORCROSS and his wife Louise Jackson are buried in Ashland Cemetery, Carlisle, Pa.

DR. GEORGE (9) NORCROSS, (Hiram 8, John 7, Abraham 6, Wm. 5, 4, 3, Thomas 2, John 1) b. 8 April 1838 Erie Co. Pa.; d. 8 Mar. 1915 Carlisle, Pa.; m. (1) 1 Oct. 1863 Mary S. Tracy; d. 25 Mar. 1866; m. (2) 22 April 1867 Mrs. Louise (Jackson) Gale, b. 2 June 1838 Esperance, N.Y.; d. 8 July 1928, Carlisle, Pa.

Child of Dr. George (9) and Mary S. (Tracy) NORCROSS

1. Frank Nelson (10) NORCROSS, b. 8 Oct. 1864; d. same day

Children of Dr. George (9) and Louise (Jackson) Gale NORCROSS

1. Delia Jackson (10) NORCROSS, b. 4 Sept. 1868 Galesburg, Ill.; d. 2 June 1951; m. 29 June 1897 Judge Carl Foster of Bridgeport, Conn.
2. George (10) NORCROSS Jr. b. 1 Dec. 1870 Carlisle, Pa.; d. 28 Dec. 1878; buried Ashland Cemetery, Carlisle, Pa.;
3. Elizabeth (10) NORCROSS, b. 22 Dec. 1872 Carlisle, Pa.; m. Henry Minor Esterly; d. 21 June 1950, Oregon City, Ore.
4. Mary Jackson (10) NORCROSS, b. Mar. 5, 1875 Carlisle, Pa.; d. 14 Feb. 1938; buried Ashland Cemetery, Carlisle, Pa.
5. Louise Jackson (10) NORCROSS, b. 6 Jan. 1877 Carlisle, Pa.; m. Francois Lucas, lives at Oisilly, Cote d'Or France, near Dijon, France.

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WILLIAM CHARLES (9) NORCROSS, the son of Hiram (8) and Elizabeth (McClelland) NORCROSS was born near Erie, Pa. on 22 Aug. 1842, and died 6 Dec. 1913 at his plantation at Tyronza, Ark. He was married on Thursday, 3 Sept. 1868 at Somonauk, Ill. to Isabella Beveridge Henry. The original wedding certificate, which has been preserved, states that Bel B. Henry and William NORCROSS were married on that date by the Rev. William T. Moffett, the United Presbyterian Minister. Isabella Beveridge Henry, the daughter of James and Jennett (Beveridge) Henry, was born on 10 May 1842 in Washington Co. N.Y. and died aged 91 in Wichita, Kansas on 31 Oct. 1933. Both William NORCROSS and Isabella Beveridge Henry NORCROSS were graduates of Monmouth College, in the class of 1866.

Judge William C. NORCROSS was a prominent attorney in Monmouth for many years. He came to Wichita in 1900 to organize and become the first President of the American State Bank. Judge NORCROSS died from the results of a fall from his horse, while riding at Tyronza, Ark. where he had extensive business interests.

Mrs. Isabella NORCROSS lived in Wichita for thirty three years, and was active in many church and cultural movements. She was a member of the Wichita Art Assn. and the 20th Century Club, and a life member of the Y.W.C.A. and the S.W. Board of the Presbyterian Church. She was a member of the Fairmount Congregational Church for some years before her death. She lived for many years with her daughter, Sara Elizabeth NORCROSS (Mrs. Will K. Jones of Wichita). Both Judge William NORCROSS and his wife are buried in Maple Grove Cemetery, in Wichita, Kans.

WILLIAM CHARLES (9) NORCROSS, (Hiram 8, John 7, Abraham 6, Wm. 5, 4, 3, Thomas 2, John 1) b. 22 Aug. 1842 Erie Co. Pa.; d. 6 Dec. 1913, Tyronza, Ark.; m. 3 Sept. 1868 Somonauk, Ill., Isabella Beveridge Henry, b. 10 May 1842 Washington Co. N.Y.; d. 31 Oct. 1933, Wichita, Kans.

Children of William Charles and Isabella Beveridge  
(Henry) NORCROSS

1. Infant son b. 29 July 1871 and died same day
2. Sara Elizabeth (10) NORCROSS, b. 5 May 1873;  
m. Will K. Jones
3. Hiram (10) NORCROSS, b. 12 July 1877; m. Kathryn  
Findley
4. James Henry (10) NORCROSS, b. 29 Sept. 1881;  
d. 21 Oct. 1952 at Los Angeles, buried Los Angeles.  
No issue

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Bible Records and data collected by Sara E. (10)

THOMAS RICE (9) NORCROSS the son of Hiram (8) and Elizabeth (McClelland) NORCROSS was born 26 Mar. 1859 at Monmouth, Ill. He was a farmer and a teacher. He married on 14 Oct. 1879 Agnes Isabell Martin, the daughter of Hugh and Mary (McClanahan) Martin. She was born 7 April 1857 at Little York, Ill. Thomas Rice NORCROSS died 11 Nov. 1939 at Loveland, Colo. and his wife died 9 Feb. 1923 at Loveland, Colo. They are both buried in this city.

Thomas Rice NORCROSS was the Mayor of Loveland, and while in that office gained municipal ownership of the electric power for the city, and also guarded the water supply of that city, and Estes Park.

THOMAS RICE (9) NORCROSS, (Hiram 8, John 7, Abraham 6, Wm. 5, 4, 3, Thomas 2, John 1) b. 26 Mar. 1859, Monmouth, Ill.; d. 11 Nov. 1939 Loveland, Colo.; m. 14 Oct. 1879 Agnes Isabell Martin, b. 7 April 1857; d. 9 Feb. 1923, Loveland, Colo.

Children of Thomas Rice (9) and Agnes Isabell (Martin)  
NORCROSS

1. Maybelle (10) NORCROSS, b. 31 Mar. 1882; d. 1917  
m. 11 July 1907 Ferdinand L. Dandliker, b. 23 Oct.  
1881. 3 living children - Naomi m. Richard D. Ste-  
vens; Glenn N., and Leora M. Boeckeler.  
Maybelle was a registered pharmacist.

2. Leslie (10) NORCROSS, b. 19 May 1888; d. 12 Dec. 1949 in Colorado.
3. Archer Rice (10) NORCROSS, b. 14 May 1893; m. 28 July 1920 Marguerite Gebhardt, b. 5 Oct. 1897, Fresno, Calif.

Reference -

Records from his family.

### TENTH GENERATION

SARA ELIZABETH (10) NORCROSS the daughter of Judge William Charles (9) and Isabella Beveridge (Henry) NORCROSS was born 5 May 1873 at Monmouth, Ill. She married on 11 June 1907 Will K. Jones, the son of James and Jennie (Reynolds) Jones, who was born 9 Feb. 1873 at Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

After graduation from Monmouth college, Sara NORCROSS taught Latin, Greek, and History for ten years. For the first five years she taught at Kidder Institute, a Junior college at Kidder, Mo.

After this, she secured an advance degree from the University of Chicago, and then taught in a Girls College Preparatory School in Duluth, Minn., and for three years in Friends University in Wichita, Kansas.

One summer she spent three months abroad with the Bureau of University Travel, giving special time to Italy and Greece.

After her marriage to Will K. Jones in 1907, she has lived in Wichita, Kansas.

Mrs. Jones is much interested in a number of patriotic organizations; has been President or Regent of three, and is now Historian of the Kansas Chapter of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America; is a past President of the 20th Century Womens Club in Wichita, an organization of over 800 members.

For almost fifty years she has been a member of Kansas Chapter I of P.E.O. Sisterhood; has traveled widely and frequently, the desire for travel being an inheritance from her grandmother Jennett Beveridge Henry of whom her

husband said, "Jennett would go to Hell if she could get a round trip ticket."

For Mrs. Jones life has been very full, most interesting and happy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones have brought their three children to maturity and to what seems to be useful and purposeful lives.

SARA ELIZABETH (10) NORCROSS, (Wm. Chas. 9, Hiram 8, John 7, Abraham 6, Wm. 5, 4, 3, Thomas 2, John 1) b. 5 May 1873 Monmouth, Ill. m. 11 June 1907, Will K. Jones, b. 9 Feb. 1873, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Children of Will K. and SARA ELIZABETH (10) NORCROSS Jones

1. Gordon Norcross (11) Jones, b. 29 April 1908 Wichita, Kan. m. 10 June 1934 Edna Mary Brenn
2. Warren Beveridge (11) Jones, b. 22 Dec. 1909 Wichita, Kan. m. 1 Dec. 1930 Virginia Sells
3. Elizabeth Katherine (11) Jones, b. 11 Dec. 1912; m. 26 May 1951 Edmund R. Reidell. They live in Phoenix, Arizona.

ELIZABETH (10) NORCROSS the third child of Dr. George (9) and Louise (Jackson) NORCROSS was born in Carlisle, Pa. on 22 Dec. 1872, and died 21 June 1950 at Oregon City, Oregon. She married on 30 Dec. 1908 at Portland, Oregon, Henry Minor Esterly, the son of Francis and Julia Bacon (Minor) Esterly, who was born on 20 Oct. 1873 at Dodgeville, Wis. He died 31 Mar. 1944 at Portland. He was a lawyer, and they lived in Portland, Oregon.

Elizabeth Norcross upon her graduation from Bryn Mawr went to teach in Portland, Oregon, and part of her married life to Henry Esterly she continued in her chosen field, and was an outstanding figure in the Progressive school life of Portland. Her personal charm and enthusiasm in her work promoted eager cooperation in her pupils, while the original thinking and planning she inspired, brought to fruition projects which won the admiration of parents, and joy of achievement in the students.

ELIZABETH (10) NORCROSS, (Dr. Geo. 9, Hiram 8, John 7, Abraham 6, Wm. 5, 4, 3, Thomas 2, John 1) b. 22 Dec. 1872 Carlisle, Pa.; d. 21 June, 1950 Oregon City, Oregon; m. 30 Dec. 1908 at Portland, Oregon, Henry Minor Esterly, b. 20 Oct. 1873; d. 31 Mar. 1944, Portland, Oregon.

Children of Henry Minor and ELIZABETH NORCROSS (10) Esterly

1. Henry Norcross (11) Esterly, b. 1 July 1910 Portland, Ore.; m. (1) 30 Mar. 1940 Marion Kaunitz Becquet; m. (2) 2 July 1940 Elizabeth Willerton
2. Louise Jackson (11) Esterly, b. 3 April 1912, Portland, Ore.; m. 24 June 1939 George Renan

Reference -

Family records.

DELIA JACKSON (10) NORCROSS the daughter of Dr. George (9) and Louise (Jackson) NORCROSS was born 4 Sept. 1868 at Galesburg, Ill. She died on 2 June 1951 at Bridgeport, Conn. where she had lived all of married life. Most of her life as a child was spent at Carlisle, Pa. where her father was the Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, for many years. She married on 29 June 1897 at Carlisle, Pa. Judge Carl Foster, the son of Isaac McKenzie and Julia Electa (Mosher) Foster, who was born at Waterford, Va. on 28 Aug. 1872. Judge Foster lived at Bridgeport, Conn., where he was a lawyer and Judge of the Superior court from 23 Oct. 1927 to 28 Aug. 1942. Since that time he has been a State Referee. He graduated from Dickinson College with an A.B. degree in 1893 and A.M. in 1896.

DELIA JACKSON (10) NORCROSS, (Geo. 9, Hiram 8, John 7, Abraham 6, Wm. 5, 4, 3, Thomas 2, John 1) b. 4 Sept. 1868, Galesburg, Ill.; d. 2 June 1951 Bridgeport, Conn. m. 29 June 1897, Carlisle, Pa. Judge Carl Foster, b. 28 Aug. 1872 Waterford, Va.

Children of Judge Carl and DELIA JACKSON (10)

NORCROSS Foster

1. Mary Louise (11) Foster, b. 4 July 1898 Bridgeport, Conn. m. 29 Sept. 1918, Milton M. Heath; (3 daughters and 1 son)
2. Julia Mosher (11) Foster, b. 22 June 1900 Bridgeport, Conn. m. 26 July 1930, Marshall Hawkes
3. Elizabeth Norcross (11) Foster, b. 25 May 1902 Bridgeport, Conn.; m. 22 Sept. 1934, Gustavus Ewald Menzel
4. George Norcross (11) Foster, b. 12 May 1904 Bridgeport, Conn.; m. (1) 15 June 1927, Frances Sanford Jennings; m. (2) 23 Oct. 1942, Dorothy Dean

Children - (by first wife)

1. George N. (12) Foster, b. 19 Aug. 1930
2. John Sanford (12) Foster, b. 26 June 1935
5. Ruth Sheldon (11) Foster, b. 18 Dec. 1905 Bridgeport, Conn.; m. 13 Oct. 1951 Schuyler G. Voorhees
6. Sheldon Jackson (11) Foster, b. 24 Dec. 1908 Bridgeport, Conn.; d. 12 Sept 1933 Bridgeport, Conn.
7. Delia Sheldon (11) Foster, b. 16 Aug. 1910 Bridgeport, Conn.; m. 3 Aug. 1946 Edward Baldwin Lang  
Child -
  1. Delia Sheldon (12) Lang, b. 5 Sept. 1949

Reference -

Family records.

LOUISE JACKSON (10) NORCROSS, the daughter of Dr. George (9) NORCROSS married Francois Lucas and went to live in France. The chateau which Louise (10) NORCROSS Lucas and her husband acquired near Dijon France was very old and of considerable historical significance. In the first World War it was used by Crown Prince Wilhelm of Germany and naturally showed the wear, tear and general abuse which the use as German headquarters entailed.

Under the ownership of the Lucas' much was restored, and for over twenty years it was the centre of a delightful life enjoyed by the couple and many friends who came temporarily to sojourn with them. In the second World War because of the advantageous position, again the chateau was seized by Germans, officers took over most of the building itself and a large number of horses were kept on the grounds. Louise and Francois lived shut up in the central part only.

One night a bad fire started in the part occupied by German officers. They assisted the Lucas in removing the contents of the central part to a position of safety but the building was badly damaged and their subsequent life in the chateau knew many hardships.

ARCHER RICE (10) NORCROSS, the son of Thomas Rice (9) and Agnes Isabelle (Martin) NORCROSS, was born 14 May 1893 at San Diego Calif. He married 28 July 1920 at San Francisco, Calif. Marguerite Gebhardt, the daughter of Dr. Erasmus Manford and Anne Farrington (Bennett) Gebhardt, who was born in Fresno, Calif. on 5 Oct. 1897.

Archer Rice NORCROSS and his wife are both graduates of the University of California at Berkeley, Calif. Mr. NORCROSS specialized in chemistry, and for many years he has been identified with the Standard Oil Company. His headquarters were at one time in Boston, Mass., then for a long series of years he was at Los Angeles, Calif. After 25 years with the company he was asked to go for special work in the orient, with headquarters at Manila, Philippine Islands. In the later part of 1952 he passed his 30th anniversary with the same company. In the Far East 25 years with one concern is considered a long time, so 30 years was heralded as a major event, and was celebrated with appropriate festivity and ceremony.

Mrs. NORCROSS has been with her husband most of the time in the Orient, and along with his duties there has been the opportunity for much travel to far places of great interest.

They had one child Ardath Norcross who was married 24 May 1952 at the Cathedral in Paris, France to Dr. Michael Moore. They reside in Nice, France.

ARCHER RICE (10) NORCROSS, (Thomas 9, Hiram 8, John 7, Abraham 6, Wm. 5, 4, 3, Thomas 2, John 1) b. 14 May 1893 San Diego, Calif.; m. 28 July 1920 Marguerite Gebhardt, b. 5 Oct. 1897 Fresno, Calif.

Child of Archer Rice (10) and Marguerite (Gebhardt) NORCROSS

1. Ardath Anne (11) NORCROSS, b. 26 Feb. 1929, Los Angeles, Calif.; m. 24 May 1952 to Dr. Michael Moore at the Cathedral in Paris, France. Living Nice, France.

#### Reference -

Records from Archer (10) Norcross.

HIRAM (10) NORCROSS SR. the son of William Charles (9) and Isabella (Henry) NORCROSS, was born on 12 July 1877 at Monmouth, Ill. He was married on 27 Dec. 1900 at Wichita, Kan. to Kathryn Findley, the daughter of Stewart Speer and Katherine (McClaghry) Findley, who was born 16 May 1878 at Carthage, Ill.

Both Hiram and his wife are graduates of Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill. Hiram was honor man in his law class at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. He practiced law at Wichita, and later made a specialty of corporation law. Finally he retired to his plantation in Tyr- onza, Arkansas.

Mrs. and Mrs. Norcross traveled very extensively for many years in this country, and in many foreign lands. They were privileged to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 27 Dec. 1950. The members of their family and a hundred invited guests were present to congratulate them.

Hiram NORCROSS Sr. died suddenly at his plantation in Tyronza, Arkansas on 28 Nov. 1951 and is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery at Memphis, Tenn.



HIRAM (10) NORCROSS, (Wm. Chas. 9, Hiram 8, John 7, Abraham 6, Wm. 5, 4, 3, Thomas 2, John 1) b. 12 July 1877 Monmouth, Ill.; d. 28 Nov. 1951 Tyronza, Ark.; buried Memphis, Tenn.; m. 27 Dec. 1900 Kathryn Findley, b. 16 May 1878 Carthage, Ill.

Children of Hiram (10) Sr. and Kathryn (Findley) NORCROSS

1. Herrick Findley (11) NORCROSS, b. 3 Dec. 1904 Wichita, Kan.; m. 6 Oct. 1932 Helene Elizabeth Eakin
2. Hiram (11) NORCROSS Jr., b. 18 Oct. 1906 Wichita, Kan.; d. 26 Aug. 1949 Edenbridge, Kent, England; m. Sept. 24, 1936 Emily Westwood Lewis

Reference -

Records from Hiram (10) Norcross

### ELEVENTH GENERATION

HIRAM (11) NORCROSS JR., the son of Hiram (10) and Kathryn (Findley) NORCROSS was born 18 Oct. 1906 at Wichita, Kan. He graduated from Yale University with an A.B. degree in 1928 and secured his L.L.B. degree in 1930 from Yale. He was a Vice President with the Shell Oil Development Company. He died at Edenbridge, Kent, England on 26 Aug. 1949. He is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery in Memphis, Tenn. He married on 24 Sept. 1936 at Clayton, Mo., Emily Westwood Lewis, the daughter of Joseph W. and Emily (Westwood) Lewis, who was born 9 Dec. 1908 at St. Louis, Mo. They have two children.

HIRAM (11) NORCROSS JR., (Hiram 10, Wm. Chas. 9, Hiram 8, John 7, Abraham 6, Wm. 5, 4, 3, Thomas 2, John 1) b. 18 Oct. 1906 Wichita, Kan.; d. 26 Aug. 1949 Edenbridge, Kent, England; m. 24 Sept. 1936 Emily Westwood Lewis, b. 9 Dec. 1908 at St. Louis, Mo.

Children of Hiram (11) and Emily Westwood (Lewis) NORCROSS

1. Emily Frances (12) NORCROSS, b. 25 Nov. 1937 Tulsa, Okla.

2. Kathryn McClaughry (12) NORCROSS, b. 28 June 1939 St. Louis, Mo.

HERRICK FINDLEY (11) NORCROSS, the son of Hiram (10) and Kathryn (Findley) NORCROSS JR. was born 3 Dec. 1904 at Wichita, Kan. He married on 6 Oct. 1932 Helene Elizabeth Eakin, the daughter of James Robert and Helen (Dunbar) Eakin, who was born 18 Feb. 1913 at St. Louis, Mo. They have had four children, three now living. Herrick Norcross (11) is a graduate of Dartmouth College, and attended Northwestern University to study Business Administration. He is the executor of his father's estate.

HERRICK FINDLEY (11) NORCROSS, (Hiram 10, Wm. Chas. 9, Hiram 8, John 7, Abraham 6, Wm. 5, 4, 3, Thomas 2, John 1) b. 3 Dec. 1904 Wichita, Kan.; m. 6 Oct. 1932 Helene Elizabeth Eakin, b. 18 Feb. 1913 St. Louis, Mo.

Children of Herrick Findley (11) and Helene (Eakin) NORCROSS

1. Robert Eakin (12) NORCROSS, b. 2 Aug. 1933, St. Louis, Mo.
2. Kathryn Findley (12) NORCROSS, b. 2 Jan. 1938, Memphis, Tenn.; d. 24 Jan. 1938 Memphis, Tenn.
3. Herrick Findley (12) NORCROSS JR., b. 4 April 1939 Memphis, Tenn.
4. William Hiram (12) NORCROSS, b. 5 Nov. 1946 Memphis, Tenn.

Reference -

Family records.

GORDON NORCROSS (11) JONES, the son of Will K. and Sara Elizabeth (10) NORCROSS Jones was born 29 April 1908 in Wichita, Kan. He married 10 June 1934 at St. John, Kansas, Edna Mary Brenn, the daughter of Albert Jacob and Mary (Rowe) Brenn, who was born 6 Sept. 1908 in Ness County, Kansas.

Gordon Jones is manager and part owner of the whole-sale house of which his father is President. Outside of his business he is greatly interested in civic, philanthropic, and religious work. He is on numerous boards which exist to further these ends. The Board of Education in Wichita absorbs much of his time and interest. He is a graduate of Wichita University.

His son Gordon Norcross Jones Jr., is following in his fathers steps as a leader. Gordon Jr. is graduating from High School in June, 1953 and enters Oberlin College in the autumn. He has been President of the Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship, the Youth Movement of the Congregational Church, and holds an important office in the Junior Red Cross.

GORDON NORCROSS (11) JONES, (Sara NORCROSS 10, Wm. Chas. 9, Hiram 8, John 7, Abraham 6, Wm. 5, 4, 3, Thomas 2, John 1) b. 29 April 1908 Wichita, Kan.; m. 10 June 1934 St. John, Kan.; Edna Mary Brenn, b. 6 Sept. 1908 Ness County, Kan.

Children of Gordon NORCROSS (11) and Edna M. (Brenn) Jones

1. Gordon Norcross (12) Jones Jr., b. 25 Aug. 1936 Wichita, Kan.
2. Sara Virginia (12) Jones, b. 8 Sept. 1947 Wichita, Kan.

#### Reference -

Family records.

WARREN BEVERIDGE (11) JONES, the son of Will K. and Sara Elizabeth (10) NORCROSS Jones was born 22 Dec. 1909 at Wichita, Kan. He married on 1 Dec. 1930 at Wichita, Kan. Virginia Sells the daughter of Ralph and Nina (Nelson) Sells, who was born 18 Feb. 1909 at Wichita, Kan. Warren Jones is a Realtor and a Broker and lives in Wichita. They have two children.

Warren B. Jones and Virginia Sells are both graduates of Wichita University. Their two children attended this same university. Patricia graduated in 1952 and Warren Robert is completing his sophomore year in 1953.

WARREN BEVERIDGE (11) JONES, (Sara NORCROSS 10, Wm. Chas. 9, Hiram 8, John 7, Abraham 6, Wm. 5, 4, 3, Thomas 2, John 1) b. 22 Dec. 1909 Wichita, Kan.; m. 1 Dec. 1930 Virginia Sells, b. 18 Feb. 1909 Wichita, Kan.

Children of Warren Beveridge (11) and Virginia (Sells) Jones

1. Patricia Louise (12) Jones, b. 20 Oct. 1931, Wichita, Kan.
2. Warren Robert (12) Jones, b. 29 Jan. 1933, Wichita, Kan.

Reference -

Family records.

HENRY NORCROSS (11) ESTERLY, the son of Henry Minor and Elizabeth (10) NORCROSS Esterly, was born in Portland, Ore., on 1 July 1910. He is a college professor. He married first at Portland on 30 Mar. 1940 Marian Kaunitz Becquet. He married second on 2 July 1949 at Bellaire, Ohio, Elizabeth Willerton, the daughter of Robert Ross and Margaret (Thorburn) Willerton, who was born 18 Oct. 1908 at Martins Ferry, Ohio.

HENRY NORCROSS (11) ESTERLY, (Eliz. NORCROSS 10, Geo. 9, Hiram 8, John 7, Abraham 6, Wm. 5, 4, 3, Thomas 2, John 1) b. 1 July 1910 Portland, Ore.; m. (1) 30 Mar. 1940 Marian Kaunitz Becquet; m. (2) 2 July 1949 Bellaire, Ohio, Elizabeth Willerton, b. 18 Oct. 1908 Martins Ferry, Ohio.

Child of Henry NORCROSS (11) Esterly and Marian K. Becquet

1. Elizabeth (12) Esterly, b. 28 April 1942 Portland, Ore.

LOUISE JACKSON (11) ESTERLY the daughter of Henry Minor and Elizabeth (10) NORCROSS Esterly was born 3 April 1912 at Portland, Ore. She married 24 June 1939 at Dumont, N.J. George Renan the son of Arthur and Rose

(Davila) Renan, who was born 20 July 1906 at Crown Point, Ind.

After graduation from Bryn Mawr College Louise Jackson engaged in Social Welfare work which she continued for a while after the birth of her two children. Her husband was also interested in this work. But with a family to rear and educate, they deemed a change in occupation fitting, and turned their efforts to turkey raising. They have been most successful in this effort. Mrs. Esterly writes papers for the National Turkey Journal, and they use the most advanced scientific methods on their turkey farm.

LOUISE JACKSON (11) ESTERLY, (Eliz. NORCROSS 10, Geo. 9, Hiram 8, John 7, Abraham 6, Wm. 5, 4, 3, Thomas 2, John 1) b. 3 April 1912 at Portland, Ore.; m. 24 June 1939 Dumont, N.J., George Renan, b. 20 July 1906 Crown Point, Ind.

Children of George and Louise Jackson (11) Esterly

1. Sheldon Jackson (12) Renan, b. 29 June 1941, Portland, Ore.
2. Louise Jackson (12) Renan, b. 25 Jan. 1944, Portland, Ore.

Reference -

Family records.

NORCROSS Line for Alice Helen (10) NORCROSS

Mrs. W. Clarence Fisher, R.F.D. #1  
Monroe St., Tipton, Mich.

1. Eugene Charles (9) NORCROSS  
b. 24 Feb. 1846; d. 26 Mar. 1905  
m. 15 Jan. 1879  
Alice Lacy, b. 25 Mar. 1850
2. Aaron (8) NORCROSS JR.  
b. 23 April 1812; d. 23 Nov. 1892  
m. 23 April 1844  
Helen M. Allen  
b. 22 Mar. 1824; d. 23 July 1876
3. Aaron (7) NORCROSS SR.  
b. 3 Oct. 1744; d. 9 Jan. 1840  
m. 1805  
Mary Kelly  
b. 1744 d. 19 Aug. 1828
4. John (6) NORCROSS  
bapt. 11 Jan. 1747; d. 3 Aug. 1825  
m. Mary Solomon
5. William (5) NORCROSS  
b. 1724; will proved 5 June 1777  
m. Dec. 1745  
Martha Mattison  
b. 30 Nov. 1720  
d. 13 Oct. 1792
6. William (4) NORCROSS  
d. before 1763  
m. 30 April 1720  
Rebecca Petty

7. William (3) NORCROSS  
d. 1699  
m. abt. 1682  
Elizabeth --- who d. after 1734
8. Thomas (2) NORCROSS  
d. 1662 England
9. John (1) NORCROSS  
b. abt. 1590 England  
d. after 1642  
m. abt. 1611/12





ALLIED FAMILIES

MATTISON

McCLELLAND

McCANN

BEVERIDGE

HENRY

PETTY

FLEMING

GIBSON



## MATTISON

AARON MATTISON the first of the Mattison line in America, was born 15 June 1680 in Scotland. He died on 27 April 1762 near Freehold N.J. where he had lived a great many years. The Mattison name is probably of Danish origin, the original form being Matteson. A James and Charles Mattison settled in Providence R.I. very early, but it is not known whether they were related to the Aaron Mattison line.

Aaron Mattison was an ardent Presbyterian. He was a trustee of the White Oak Presbyterian Church, and a member of the Wickatunk Presbyterian Church. Both of these churches were owned by the same congregation, at Wickatunk, Monmouth Co. N.J. not far from Freehold.

Aaron Mattison spent a great deal of time in the building of the Old Tennent Presbyterian Church. His name first appears in the church records on Dec. 1709 when at the age of twenty eight, he with several others presented the new minister Rev. Joseph Morgan to the congregation. Rev. Morgan served the church from 1708 to 1729. In the old church records for 2 May 1731 it says, "Aaron Mattison of his own free will served as one of the managers of the meeting house, together with David Rhe, William Ker, and John Henderson, and carried on the work which is now enclosed and glassed."

When the church was completed, Aaron paid eight pounds for a large pew between the pews of Wm. Ker and David Rhe. Since he had ten children, he needed a large pew.

The ground on which the meeting house stood contained five acres, and was rectangular in shape. It was deeded by Wm. Ker out of ground purchased from Walter Ker, to four men of the church, Aaron Mattison, David Rhe, John Henderson, and Sam Ker on 1 May 1731 for one shilling.

Aaron Mattison was one of the early trustees of the church, and a lifelong member. He and his wife Elizabeth, and several of his children are buried in the old churchyard.

Aaron's gravestone was damaged by gunfire during the Battle of Monmouth.

The will of Aaron Mattison of Freehold, Monmouth Co. N.J. yeoman, was written 2 Feb. 1762 and proved 3 May 1762. The original will is in Trenton, N.J. The will left -

"To my daughter Mary Hukan, fifty pounds  
To my wife Elizabeth, one half the profits of the farm,  
and the use of moveable estate; after her marriage or  
death to be sold, and the money given as follows -  
To my son Jacob; to Aaron, Jacob, and James Mattison,  
sons of my son Joseph deceased; to my son Aaron; to  
my daughter Catherine, wife of Samuel Ker; to my  
daughter Mary, wife of Wm. Hukan; to my daughter  
Martha, wife of William NORCROSS, the last one eighth  
of my said lands. Executors - my son Jacob, my son-  
in-law Sam Ker and my friend John Henderson."

Signed - Aaron Mattison

Witnesses - James Herbert  
Dan Ketchum  
Michael Henderson

(Wills H p 119)  
Trenton, N.J.)

Inventory 1 May 1762 - L737, 4, 6.

The Indenture of Aaron (3) Mattison who was apprenticed to William NORCROSS reads:

"Aaron Mattison, the son of Joseph of Amwell, deceased, puts himself an apprentice (with the consent of Jacob Mattison sole executor,) unto William NORCROSS of Freehold, County of Monmouth, to learn the art, trade, and mystery of felt making. (Hatter) Apprentice for ten years, and at expiration is to have the sum of three pounds."

Dated Nov. 21, 1748 Signed - Wm. NORCROSS  
Witnesses - Kenneth Anderson  
Aaron Mattison Jr.

AARON (1) MATTISON

b. 15 June 1680 Scotland; d. 27 April 1762 Freehold,  
N.J.; m. Elizabeth —, b. 23 Dec. 1682 Scotland;  
d. 6 Feb. 1773 in her 91st year (tombstone)

#### Children of Aaron and Elizabeth Mattison

1. Catherine (2) Mattison, b. 10 Jan. 1705; d. 5 Feb. 1777; m. Samuel Ker abt. 1731
2. Rachel (2) Mattison, b. 26 Nov. 1707; d. 28 Mar. 1784; m. 15 Feb. 1732, Joseph Hankinson, and moved to Hunterdon Co. N.J. 1746. Buried in Vorhees cemetery near Reaville, south of Three Bridges
3. Jacob (2) Mattison, b. 16 Nov. 1709; d. 7 Dec. 1804; m. Ann Hankinson 13 Jan. 1731; she d. 30 June 1761, buried old Amwell Presby. Church Cemetery, in Hunterdon Co. N.J.
4. Joseph (2) Mattison, b. 1 May 1711; d. 26 Aug. 1745; m. Ann Bishop, d. 1748; buried old Amwell Presby. Church Cemetery
5. Elizabeth (2) Mattison, b. 11 Aug. 1713; d. 11 Nov. 1714
6. Mary (2) Mattison, b. 15 Oct. 1715; d. 10 Jan. 1802; m. William Huggan (Old Tennent Church)
7. John (2) Mattison, b. 22 Feb. 1717; d. 27 Oct. 1742 (Oldest tombstone in old Tennent Cemetery)
8. Martha (2) Mattison, b. 30 Nov. 1720; d. 13 Oct. 1792; m. William NORCROSS and moved to Hunterdon Co. N.J. where he is mentioned in the History of old Amwell Presby. Church
9. Aaron (2) Mattison Jr., b. 10 Nov. 1723; d. 2 Nov. 1800; m. 17 April 1745 Sarah Cook in Monmouth Co. N.J. She d. 1774, buried in Old Tennent churchyard. He m. 2nd. Elizabeth Davis. Aaron died Princeton, N.J. (will) He was in the Quartermaster Dept. in the Revolution. His son James m. Catherine Egbert and moved to Sussex Co. N.J.
10. James (2) Mattison, b. 11 Mar. 1727; d. 15 Oct. 1746. Buried old Tennent Churchyard.

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 p 94  
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 of Sara Elizabeth NORCROSS (Mrs. Will K. J.)  
 Wichita, Kansas  
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 and Lincoln, Neb. and left at his death to the Sussex  
 County Historical Society, Hill Memorial Library,  
 Newton, N.J.

## McCLELLAND

The only data available on the McClelland family is from  
 the printed data by Dr. George NORCROSS of Carlisle, Pa.  
 and from the Gibson bible records owned by Sara Elizabeth  
 NORCROSS (Mrs. Will K. Jones) of Wichita, Kansas.

Thomas McClelland was born in Lancaster County Pa.  
 in 1787, and died 11 Dec. 1811 in Crawford County, Pa. He  
 married on 9 June 1809 Sarah Gibson, the youngest daugh-  
 ter of Hugh and Mary (White) Gibson, who was born 5 Feb.  
 1787 and died 18 April 1864. When Thomas died he left  
 his widow with two small children, Isaiah about a year and  
 a half old, and Elizabeth three months old. Elizabeth  
 McClelland married Hiram (9) NORCROSS.

### THOMAS McCLELLAND

b. 1787, Lancaster Co. Pa; d. 11 Dec. 1811 Crawford  
 Co. Pa; m. 9 June 1809 Sarah Gibson, b. 5 Feb. 1787;  
 d. 18 April 1864

### Children of Thomas and Sarah (Gibson) McClelland

1. Isaiah Charles Thomas McClelland, b. 15 March  
 1810
2. Elizabeth McClelland, b. 24 Sept. 1811 Crawford  
 Co. Pa; d. 25 April 1874 Monmouth, Ill.; m. 1 June  
 1837, Hiram (9) NORCROSS

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Bible Records (Gibson) in possession of Sara Elizabeth  
NORCROSS (Mrs. Will K. Jones) Wichita, Kansas  
Records of Dr. Geo. NORCROSS

## McCANN

Most of the old records of Erie County, Pennsylvania were destroyed when the Court House burned in 1823, but some abstracts of the wills which were salvaged have been published in the D.A.R. Magazine.

A McCann Genealogical Folder at the State Library in Harrisburg, Pa. contained births, deaths, and marriage records from the Erie papers beginning with 1827, and also had some tombstone readings from the Erie Cemetery.

The Dickson-Campbell History at the Salt Lake City Library, gave records on the second marriage of John NORCROSS to Mary Dickson.

Hugh McCann born in Ireland 1759, died at Harbor Creek Township, Erie County, Pa. 27 Sept. 1827. He married Isabella Ives, born 1769/70 who died 19 July 1839 in her 69th year. Hugh McCann had come here as early as 1800, and belonged to the Harbor Creek Presbyterian Church. His will dated 21 Sept. 1827 mentions his wife Isabella, his sons John and Thomas, his daughters Sally, Susannah, and Elizabeth, and his grandson Hugh McCann. The daughter Margaret who had married John (7) NORCROSS, was deceased at that time, and was not mentioned in the will. The executors were his wife Isabella, and the son Thomas McCann.

Both Hugh McCann and his wife Isabella are buried in the Erie Cemetery, along with several of his children and other relatives.

### HUGH McCANN

b. abt 1759 Ireland; d. 27 Sept. 1827 Harbor Creek  
Twsp. Erie Co. Pa.; m. Isabella Ives, b. 1769/70; d.  
19 July 1839 Harbor Creek Twsp. Erie Co. Pa.

Children of Hugh and Isabella (Ives) McCann

1. Margaret (2) McCann, b. abt. 1786; d. 6 Feb. 1819; m. Spring of 1807, John NORCROSS, b. 1780; d. 4 Oct. 1845 Rock Island, Ill. He m. (2) 18 Dec. 1819, Mary Dickson
2. John (2) McCann m. Dickson
3. Thomas (2) McCann, b. 1796; d. 20 Aug. 1846; m. Harriett —
4. Nancy Ann (2) McCann, d. 9 Nov. 1827; m. E. L. Hannah
5. Mary Jane (2) McCann m. O. H. Irish
6. Hugh (2) McCann b. 1802; d. 29 Nov. 1822
7. Sarah (2) (Sally) McCann, m. Oliver Dunn
8. Isabella (2) McCann, m. 17 Mar. 1825 by Geo. Moore, Heman Curtis of Millcreek Twsp.
9. Susannah (2) McCann, m. Harry Kendall
10. Elizabeth (2) McCann, m. Nathan L. Bingham

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### BEVERIDGE

It is not certain whether the Beveridge name is Scotch or Flemish in origin. The name first appears in Scottish records in the fifteenth century, on the east coast of Scotland.

The Beveridges were all weavers while living in Scotland. George Beveridge a weaver in the Parish of Strathmiglo, Scotland married 2 Mar. 1745 Janet Lourie, the daughter of John Lourie and Ann (Gilmore) Lourie. They had four children baptised in this parish. The father died when the children were still very young. In 1762 the Beveridge widow married George Fotheringham. Twelve years later he had died, and the widow Fotheringham came



to America bringing with her three of her children, Andrew Beveridge aged 21, Ann Beveridge aged 19 and Janet Fotheringham aged 11. They were eleven weeks enroute, and the opening of the Revolutionary War prevented their landing at Boston, as they had intended. They disembarked at Marblehead and made the journey on foot to Cambridge, N.Y.

Andrew Beveridge bought a farm near Coila, N.Y. tho he kept up with his weaving. Ann Beveridge his sister, married James Small. Andrew Beveridge's sympathies were with the British, and after the war his farm was confiscated because of his Tory ideas, and his brother-in-law James Small obtained the farm. Andrew then moved to Ryegate, Vermont where he lived for about three years and did weaving. Later he moved to West Hebron, N.Y. where he lived the rest of his life. He married Isabel Cummings on 23 Jan. 1784, the daughter of Thomas Cummings who had come with his family from Scotland just before the Revolution, and settled in Putnam County N.Y.

#### GEORGE (1) BEVERIDGE

Lived Strathmiglo Parish, Scotland; d. before 1762;  
m. 2 Mar. 1745 Janet Lourie, Bapt. 1721; d. 18 Oct.  
1802 Cambridge, N.Y. She m. (2) George Fotheringham

#### Children of George and Janet (Lourie) Beveridge

1. Matthew (2) Beveridge, b. abt 1750, lived Scotland
2. Andrew (2) Beveridge, b. abt 1752; m. Isabel Cummings
3. Ann (2) Beveridge, b. abt 1755; m. James Small
4. Daughter who m. Thompson and lived in Scotland

#### ANDREW (2) BEVERIDGE, (George 1)

b. abt 1752 Strathmiglo Parish, Scotland; d. 27 Mar.  
1835 W. Hebron, N.Y.; m. 23 Jan. 1784 Isabel Cummings

#### Children of Andrew and Isabel (Cummings) Beveridge

1. George (3) Beveridge, b. 16 Mar. 1785; d. 10 May 1870 Somonauk, Ill; m. 24 Mar. 1812, Ann Hoy
2. Thomas (3) Beveridge, b. 15 Feb. 1787; d. 2 Feb. 1869; m. (1) 11 Nov. 1812, Ann Shields; m. (2) Mary Hoy, b. 15 Mar. 1790

3. Jennett (3) Beveridge, b. 5 Jan 1789; d. 15 Mar. 1813 Hebron, N.Y.
4. James (3) Beveridge, b. 28 Feb. 1791; d. 1881 Hebron, N.Y.; m. Janet Lamb
5. Alexander (3) Beveridge, b. 4 May 1793; d. 2 June 1874; m. Sarah McClelland
6. John (3) Beveridge, b. 31 May 1795; d. 30 July 1878 East Greenwich, N.Y.; m. Jane McNeil
7. Ann (3) Beveridge, b. 16 Oct. 1797; d. 16 Feb. 1850 Hebron, N.Y.
8. Matthew (3) Beveridge, b. 2 Feb. 1800; d. 25 May 1875 Hebron N.Y., m. Elizabeth Hutton
9. Andrew (3) Beveridge, b. 26 May 1802; d. 3 July 1883; Somonauk, Ill.; m. 17 May 1841 Jane Martin, b. 16 May 1821 Argyle, Washington Co. N.Y.; d. 30 Oct. 1905 Sioux Falls, S.D.
10. David (3) Beveridge, b. 23 July 1805; d. 12 Sept. 1897 Hebron, N.Y.; m. Elizabeth Shaw

GEORGE (3) BEVERIDGE the oldest son of Andrew and Isabel (Cummings) Beveridge was born 16 Mar. 1785 in Hebron Twsp. Washington Co. N.Y. and died 10 May 1870 at Somonauk Twsp. Washington Co. N.Y. He married on 24 Mar. 1812 at Cambridge Twsp. Washington Co. N.Y. Ann Hoy, the daughter of James and Ann (Robertson) Hoy who had come to America in 1784. Ann Hoy was born in Cambridge Twsp. Washington Co. N.Y. of 17 June 1788, and died at Somonauk, Ill. on 18 May 1865. George Beveridge with his family moved west to Somonauk, DeKalb County, Illinois in 1838. There he joined the Somonauk Presbyterian church. He and his wife are buried in Oak Mount Cemetery in the country out from Somonauk, Ill.

GEORGE (3) BEVERIDGE, (Andrew 2, George 1)  
 b. 16 Mar. 1785 Hebron Twsp. Washington Co. N.Y.;  
 d. 10 May 1870 Somonauk Twsp. DeKalb Co. Ill.; m.  
 24 Mar. 1812 Cambridge Twsp. Washington Co. N.Y.,  
 Ann Hoy, b. 17 June 1788, Cambridge Twsp. Washington Co. N.Y.; d. 18 May 1865 Somonauk, Ill.

Children of George and Ann (Hoy) Beveridge

1. Jennett (4) Beveridge, b. 5 May 1813 Cambridge Twsp. Washington Co. N.Y.; d. 2 Dec. 1901, Somonauk, Ill.; m. 23 Oct. 1837 James Henry

2. Isabel (4) Beveridge, b. 14 Nov. 1814 Cambridge Twsp. Washington Co. N.Y.; d. 23 Nov. 1814
3. Isabel (4) Beveridge, b. 17 Nov. 1815 Greenwich Twsp. Washington Co. N.Y.; d. 15 April 1894; m. 29 Oct. 1838 Wm. French
4. James Hoy (4) Beveridge, b. 3 Dec. 1817 Greenwich, Washington Co. N.Y.; d. 29 Jan. 1896 DeKalb, Ill.; m. Elizabeth A. Disbrow
5. Andrew M. (4) Beveridge, b. 20 Jan. 1820 Greenwich, N.Y.; d. 6 Jan. 1889; m. 22 Dec. 1848 Sarah Loomis  
Rev. Andrew graduated Princeton Theological Seminary 1849; Pastor Hoosick Falls N.Y. Presbyterian Church 1851-58; Pastor Lansingburg, N.Y. church 1858 and on, for many years
6. Thomas George (4) Beveridge, b. 9 April 1822; d. 24 April 1859; m. 9 April 1851 Elizabeth Irwin
7. John Lourie (4) Beveridge, b. 6 July 1824 Greenwich, N.Y.; d. 3 May 1910 Hollywood, Calif.; m. 20 Jan. 1848 Helen M. Judson
8. Agnes (4) Beveridge, b. 17 June 1829; d. 9 July 1904; m. 18 Feb. 1851 Alexander R. Patten
9. Mary (4) Beveridge, b. 23 April 1831; d. 28 May 1833

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### HENRY

WILLIAM (1) HENRY born and married in Scotland, came with his wife and family to America and settled in Washington County, N.Y. His first wife a Miss Oliver, was the mother of his children. He married second Eleanore Robertson, who was called Nelly in his will probated 29 Sept. 1824 at Lakeville, N.Y.

#### WILLIAM (1) HENRY

b. Scotland; d. before 29 Sept. 1824, Lakeville, N.Y.  
m. (1) Miss Oliver; m. (2) Eleanore Robertson

Children of William and — (Oliver) Henry

1. William (2) Henry
2. George (2) Henry
3. Robert (2) Henry
4. John Vetch (2) Henry, b. 1 May 1779 Scotland; d. 21 Oct. 1846; m. Parmelia Johnson
5. Margaret (2) Henry
6. Elizabeth (2) Henry

JOHN VETCH (2) HENRY born 1 May 1779 in Scotland, died 21 Oct. 1846 in Greenwich Twsp. Washington Co. N.Y. He married in 1811, Parmelia Johnson born 28 May 1788 Rupert, Vermont, who died 9 June 1864. Very little is known about her family except that she had brothers and sisters with interesting names, Matthias, Melanceton, Malinda, Beriah, and Laomi.

JOHN VETCH (2) HENRY, (William 1)

b. 1 May 1779 Scotland; d. 21 Oct. 1846 Greenwich N.Y.; m. 1811, Parmelia Johnson, b. 28 May 1778 Rupert, Vt.; d. 9 June 1864

Children of John Vetch and Parmelia (Johnson) Henry  
(all born Greenwich, N.Y.)

1. James (3) Henry, b. 22 Jan. 1812; d. 6 July 1899; m. 26 Oct. 1837, Jennett Beveridge
2. Elizabeth (3) Henry m. Robert Oliver Robertson
3. Mary (3) Henry m. James Henry
4. John (3) Henry m. Jennett Fuller
5. Chester (3) Henry m. 12 Oct. 1860, Ellen Ann French, b. 20 Dec. 1840; d. 12 Nov. 1905 Goldfield, Iowa
6. Sarah (3) Henry m. Thomas Lamb
7. Margaret (3) Henry m. Thomas Doig
8. Parmelia (3) Henry m. Clark Ovet
9. Thomas (3) Henry m. Rose Sinty
10. William (3) Henry m. (1) Mary Robertson; m. (2) Catherine Ensign
11. Anna Parmelia (3) Henry b. 10 Nov. 1822; d. Sandwich, Ill. 12 Dec. 1896; m. 14 June 1850 William Robertson, b. 24 Oct. 1823; d. 25 Dec. 1885

JAMES (3) HENRY born in Greenwich, N.Y. on 22 Jan. 1812 and died at Somonauk, DeKalb Co. Illinois on 6 July 1899. He was married on Thursday 29 Oct. 1837 by the Rev. James P. Miller at Cambridge, N.Y. to Jennett Beveridge, the daughter of George and Ann (Hoy) Beveridge. Jennett Beveridge was born 5 May 1813 at Cambridge, N.Y. and died 2 Dec. 1901 at Somonauk, Ill. In the spring of 1853 James Henry brought his family west to Somonauk, DeKalb County, Ill., and settled on a farm there. He joined the United Presbyterian church, and became an active member the rest of his life. He and his wife are buried in Oak Mound Cemetery not far from the country church where the family were members.

JAMES (3) HENRY (John Vetch 2, William 1)

b. 22 Jan. 1812 Greenwich, N.Y.; d. 6 July 1899 Somonauk, Ill; m. 29 Oct. 1837 Cambridge, N.Y. Jennett Beveridge, b. 5 May 1813 Cambridge, N.Y.; d. 2 Dec. 1901 Somonauk, Ill.

Children of James and Jennett (Beveridge) Henry

1. Anna Mary (4) Henry, b. 30 Dec. 1838 Lakeville, N.Y.; d. 23 Feb. 1909; m. 1 Jan. 1863 by Rev. Wm. T. Moffett, to Henry M. Winter; d. 8 Dec. 1900, Iowa
2. Parmelia (4) Henry, b. 3 July 1840 Lakeville, N.Y.; d. 30 May 1841
3. Isabella Beveridge (4) Henry, b. 10 May 1842 Lakeville, N.Y.; d. 31 Oct. 1933 Wichita, Kans.; m. 3 Sept. 1868 William C. NORCROSS
4. John Vetch (4) Henry, b. 27 July 1844 Lakeville, N.Y.
5. George Beveridge (4) Henry, b. 26 Sept. 1846 Lakeville, N.Y.; d. 31 March 1897 unmarried
6. Sarah Thomas Lamb (4) Henry, b. 15 Sept. 1848 Lakeville, N.Y.; d. 4 July 1925, Viola, Kans.; m. Oct. 1881, Ebenezer E. Mitchell
7. Philomelia J. (4) Henry, b. 13 Nov. 1850 Lakeville, N.Y.; d. 18 July 1919 Viola, Kans.; m. (1) 2 Nov. 1871 James Doig Orr; d. 21 Dec. 1874; m. (2) Rev. James S. Turnbull
8. Agnes R. (4) Henry, b. 25 Jan. 1853 Lakeville, N.Y.; m. 28 Dec. 1876 Easton Kirkpatrick, d. 1925

9. Margaret Elizabeth (4) Henry, b. 11 April 1857 Lakeville, N.Y.; m. 31 Jan. 1884 Hampton E. White, d. 15 Nov. 1927
10. Minnie Jennett (4) Henry, b. 17 Aug. 1859 Somonauk, Ill.; d. 2 Aug. 1886

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### PETTY

WILLIAM (1) PETTY SR. a Quaker, was originally from Cirencester, Gloucestershire, England. He came to America before 1682, and on 2 Feb. 1700 he secured a certificate from the Norwich Monthly Meeting of Friends in England and joined the church here. On 4 July 1704 William Petty and wife Jane were granted a certificate from the Philadelphia Monthly Meeting of Friends.

William Petty purchased land in Burlington County, New Jersey from Roger Townsend on 24 June 1682. This deed mentions his origin in England, and his trade as woolcomber. He also purchased land from Daniel Smith on 20 July 1724 in the same county. He sold land to Richard Smith Jr. on 2 Dec. 1724, and on 15 and 16 Dec. 1714 he sold two parcels of land to his son John Petty, a brickmaker. These tracts were located in Springfield Township, Burlington County. One small plat sold for five shillings, and 200 acres brought 70 pounds. Thomas Scattergood, Samuel, and Thomas Kimble were witnesses to these two deeds. The daughter of Willima Petty, Rebecca Petty married William NORCROSS, and after the death of her

father and brother she inherited these two tracts of land, as sole heir.

The Burlington Court Records of Quaker Jurisprudence in West New Jersey state that William Petty Sr. served on a Quaker Petty Jury on 2 Feb. 1701/2.

William Petty died in 1747, intestate. The Administration of Wills in New Jersey states that, "Letters of Administration were granted Aug. 15, 1747 by Johnathan Belcher Esq. Captain and Governor of New Jersey, unto Richard Blackington of Philadelphia, to administer the estate of the said William Petty of Burlington deceased."

(Adm. Wills Vol 5 p 434)

#### WILLIAM (1) PETTY SR.

b. Cirencester, Gloucestershire, England; d. before 15 Aug. 1747 Burlington, N.J., m. Jane —

#### Children of William and Jane Petty

(From deeds and Quaker Records)

1. Rebecca (2) Petty, m. 30 Aug. 1720 at Burlington, N.J. William NORCROSS. Rebecca living in 1763
2. John (2) Petty (brickmaker) d. before 20 April 1763 when his land was sold by his sister Rebecca NORCROSS

#### References -

Ency. American Quaker Genealogy by Hinshaw, Vol 2  
p 249

Burlington Court Book for West New Jersey, with the  
Records of Quaker Jurisprudence in West New Jersey -  
page 265

Deeds, State House, Trenton, N.J. Liber B p 679 -  
Liber AN p 546 - Liber BB pages 306-320-321

Administration of Wills, N.J. Vol 5 p 434

Friends Records Philadelphia - Burlington Records R.S.  
55 p 57

#### FLEMING

ANDREW, THOMAS, and WILLIAM FLEMING, from Cookstown, Tyrone County Ireland, came to America with their widowed mother Martha, about 1751 and settled in

Bethlehem Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. Their father Malcombe Fleming had died in 1736. They brought letters from the Presbyterian Church in Cookstown, and joined the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church near Clinton, Hunterdon Co. N.J.

Martha Fleming the mother, married second, Thomas Biggar, who died in 1760 leaving the widow Martha and three sons, Joseph, Robert, and James Biggar. The will of Martha Biggar, dated 27 Aug. 1766 mentioned her sons Thomas, Andrew, and William Fleming, and gave them each five pounds. The will lists her six sons, three granddaughters, and five daughters-in-law.

The will of William (1) Fleming dated 16 June 1792 Bethlehem Township, Hunterdon Co., was proved 4 February 1795. In it he named his wife Elenor, his daughters Martha, and Eleanore, wife of McDaniels, his grandsons William and Malcombe, and his granddaughters Martha and Rebecca.

Thomas (1) Fleming was a ruling elder in the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church near Clinton, Hunterdon Co. N.J. until 9 June 1783 when he obtained his dismissal, and moved to Cummingstown, now Vienna. With his wife and three children, Thomas, James, and Margaret he settled on a tract of 1400 acres, there. His son Thomas (2) Fleming lived in Hope Twsp. at the time of the Revolution and fought in that war. His tombstone reads - "Here lies the remains of a soldier of the Revolution, one of that heroic band who fought with Washington, and crossed the Delaware on the 25th of Dec. 1776 and conquered the British and Hessians at the Battle of Trenton."

Andrew (1) Fleming also belonged to the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, for the records show that he married Rebecca, and had four children baptised in the church. In 1786 he purchased 220 acres of land in Sussex County, in what was called the Pequest Valley, and settled on it before 1771. This property is now in Warren County, N.J. He was living in Hardwick Twsp. Sussex County when he died, and owned a large plantation and slaves. His wife had evidently died, since she is not mentioned in the will, and he instructs his son John to care for his unmarried sisters.



On 25 Nov. 1776 Andrew Fleming helped to inventory the estate of Richard Longstreet, of Hardwick Township, Sussex County, N.J.

The will of Andrew Fleming of Hardwick Township, Sussex County, N.J. dated 1 Sept. 1777 was proved at Newton, 7 Oct. 1777. It left the following provisions -

"My son John to take care of his sisters until they marry, they to have the use of my negro James for themselves.

To my son John, gun and wearing apparel, except my brown coat which I give and bequeath to my son-in-law Abraham NORCROSS

I will and bequeath to my daughter Agnes, the wife of Abraham NORCROSS 4 ewes, 1 ram, and 15 pounds of money in the currency of the province, and to her son William, a year old heifer

To my daughter Sarah, a feather bed

My son John to manage the plantation in the following manner -- Remaining of my sheep to be equally divided among the family

My son John, and daughters Martha, and Jane to be the executors."

Signed - Andrew Fleming

Witnesses - Thomas Fleming

William Williamson

Sommans Oliver

Inventory by Cornelius Fummerfelt and Samuel Landon -  
L 277, 18, 1

(Wills Liber 18  
p 657 Trenton, N.J.)

#### MALCOMBE FLEMING

d. 1736 Cookstown, Tyrone County, Ireland; wife

Martha Fleming, will dated 27 Aug. 1766

Martha Fleming m. 2nd Thomas Biggar who d. 1760

Children of Malcombe and Martha Fleming

1. William (1) Fleming of Bethlehem Twsp. Hunterdon Co. N.J.; will probated 4 Feb. 1795; wife Elenor

Children of William and Elenor Fleming

1. Martha (2)

2. Eleanore (2) m. McDaniels (probably other children)

2. Thomas (1) Fleming of Hope Twsp. Warren Co. N.J.  
by 1783  
Children -
  1. Thomas (2) Fleming, of Hope Twsp. Warren Co.  
N.J., born 24 Oct. 1753; d. 4 Mar. 1829 - Soldier  
in the Rev. War; m. Mary Hayes, b. 17 Aug.  
1759; d. 15 Feb. 1838
  2. James (2) Fleming, lived Danville, Warren Co.  
N.J., b. 2 Sept. 1756; d. 1840; m. Elizabeth  
Coryell
  3. Margaret (2) Fleming m. Andrew Van Why
3. Andrew (1) Fleming of Hardwick Twsp. Sussex Co.  
N.J., wife Rebecca

Children of Andrew and Rebecca Fleming (named  
in his will)

1. John (2) Fleming
2. Agnes (Nancy) (2) Fleming m. Abraham NOR-  
CROSS
3. Martha (2) Fleming
4. Jane (2) Fleming
5. Sarah (2) Fleming

#### References -

The Jerseyman Vol 3. 1895-97 p 5  
 Northwest New Jersey Vol 2 p 710  
 Trenton N.J. Wills - Liber 18 p 657  
 New Jersey Archives, First Series, Vol 34 p 181-317  
 Early Germans of New Jersey, by Theo Frelinghusen  
 Chambers, p 371  
 New Jersey Wills Vol 32 p 29 - Vol 33 p 42  
 History Hunterdon County N.J. by Snell p 325  
 Tombstone readings Thomas (3) Fleming and wife Mary  
 Hayes

#### GIBSON

ROBERT and GEORGE GIBSON, brothers, who lived at  
 Six Miles Cross near Stewartstown Tyrone County, Ireland,  
 came to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania about 1720. Robert  
 purchased a plantation near the Peach Bottom Ferry on the  
 Susquehanna River. George bought land in what became the  
 town of Lancaster.

Tradition asserts that long before Lancaster was platted by James Hamilton in 1729, the town was known as "Hickory Town" or "Gibson's Pasture." George Gibson ran a tavern on that site.

On 12 Mar. 1743 a warrant was issued to George Gibson for 339 acres of land in Lancaster County, Pa.

George Gibson died in 1761, leaving eight children. Among his distinguished descendants were Lt. Col. George Gibson, an officer in Revolutionary War who fell in St. Clair's expedition against the Indians on Miami, in 1791; and his son John Bannister Gibson, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, who was born in Shermans Valley, 8 Nov. 1780.

Robert Gibson died prior to 1755 in Derry Township, Lancaster Co. Pa. He married Mary McClellan, who survived him by less than two years. After his death, she removed with her three children to Robinsons Fort, in Shermans Valley, to be near her brother William McClellan, whose home was in Tyrone Township. The Indians made a raid on Robinsons Fort in July 1756, killing the widow Gibson, and taking captive her son Hugh, then a lad of about fourteen. It is quite probable that the widow Gibson is buried in the old Center graveyard, in Tyrone Township, near the Old Center Presbyterian Church, one of the oldest churches in that section of the state. This is now in Madison Twsp. Perry County, Pa. The dramatic story of Hugh Gibson's life in captivity follows, in his own words:

"I was taken captive by the Indians at Robinsons Fort, Shermans Valley, July 1756, at which time my mother was killed. I was taken back to their towns, and suffered much from abuse and hunger. I was adopted into an Indian family. I was then about fourteen years old. My father's name was Busqutum. I finally escaped captivity after about five years."

Hugh (2) Gibson took up land south of Cisna's Run, about two miles east of Center, in the years 1762, 1767 and 1792, in what is now Madison Township, Perry County Pa. In 1885 this land was owned by Thomas Messiner and the heirs of John Milligan.

### ROBERT (1) GIBSON

b. Tyrone County Ireland; d. before 1755 Lancaster Co. Pa.; m. Mary McClellan, killed by the Indians July 1756 at Robinsons Fort, Shermans Valley

#### Children of Robert and Mary (McClellan) Gibson

1. Israel (2) Gibson
2. Hugh (2) Gibson b. abt 1741/2
3. Mary (2) Gibson

### HUGH (2) GIBSON

b. 1741/2 Lancaster Co. Pa.; d. 30 July 1826, Crawford Co. Pa.; m. June 1762, Mary White, of Derry Twsp. Lancaster Co. Pa., b. 1741; d. 1825, Crawford Co. Pa.

#### Children of Hugh and Mary (White) Gibson -- (Family Bible Records)

1. David (3) Gibson, b. 18 Mar. 1763; d. 1785
2. Elizabeth (3) Gibson, b. 29 May 1765
3. Andrew (3) Gibson, b. 5 Aug. 1767
4. Israel (3) Gibson, b. 4 Feb. 1770
5. Mary (3) Gibson, b. 5 June 1772
6. William (3) Gibson, b. 20 Dec. 1774; died before a year old
7. Sarah (3) Gibson, b. 5 Feb. 1787; m. Thomas McClelland

### References -

- Notes and Queries Hist. and Geneal. Third Series, by Wm. Henry Egle, Vol 1 p 224 (Lancaster Hist. Soc.)  
Biog. Annals Lancaster Co. Pa. 1903 p 199 (Lancaster Hist. Soc.)  
History of the Susquehanna and Juniata Valleys; Mifflin, Janiata, Perry, Union and Snyder Counties, by Everts, Peck, and Richards 1886 - Vol 2 pages 1010-1012-1023  
Biographical and Portrait Cyclopedia 19th Congressional District Penna. by Samuel T. Wiley, 1897 p 240  
Bible Records of the Gibson Family in possession of Sara Elizabeth NORCROSS (Mrs. Will K. Jones), Wichita, Kansas  
Duncan-Gibson Families by Hugh Welch Duncan 1905 (Lan. Hist. Soc.)

Data for Sara Elizabeth NORCROSS Jones  
for Daughters American Colonists Supplementals

FOUNDER OF NORCROSS FAMILY - WM. NORCROSS  
IN PA. AND N.J.

b. Alston, Ribchester Parish, Lancaster Co. England  
d. Either at sea or shortly after arriving at Philadelphia  
Pa. on the ship Britannia 29 Aug. 1699. He made his  
will on ship board.  
wife Elizabeth — (a Friend)  
she remarried 8-9-1701 Stephen Sands  
she was alive 15 Feb. 1732 when the will of Stephen  
Sands was probated Bucks Co. Pa.

References -

Penna. Archives 2nd Series Vol 19 Minute Book G p 400  
Petition of Elizabeth Sands for the land given to her  
husband by Leonard Fell. Granted 27 July 1703  
In this petition the will of William NORCROSS is  
quoted.

Penna. Archives 2nd Series Vol 9 p 225  
Elizabeth NORCROSS marries Stephen Sands. 8-9-1701

Will of Stephen Sands Will No 333 Filed Bucks Co Pa.  
at Doylestown, Pa.

Probated Feb. 15, 1732

Will made Jan. 25, 1730

My son Richard Sands is to pay to my beloved wife  
Elizabeth Sands 8 pounds yearly during her life. - son  
John Sands 200 pounds, daughter Elinor Hough 5 pounds,  
son Wm. Sands 10 pounds, son Edward Sands 5 pounds,  
all these to be paid one year after his death. My sons  
Richard and John Sands to be executors.

Witnesses - John Stackhouse                      Stephen Sands  
                  Wm. Atkinson  
                  Margaret Eastbourn

Inventory of Stephen Sands estate - Bensalem Twsp.  
7 Feb. 1732      L59, 15, 2                      Bucks Co Pa.

Deed Book 6 p 65 Bucks Co Pa. (Doylestown Pa.)  
(Deed of Land to William NORCROSS)

Leonard Fell of Beackcliff, in Furness, in the county of Lancaster, yeoman, "In consideration of the tender love and affection that I have to my trusty and well beloved friend William NORCROSS, of Alston, in the county of Lancaster, I give him 500 acres of land (in Bensalem Twsp. Bucks Co Pa.)"

Leonard Fell

April 11, 1699

Witnesses - Christopher Atkinson  
Elijah Salthouse  
Elizabeth Holme

In Deed Book 6 p 63 Bucks Co Pa. William Penn deeds this land on Nov. 9, 1681 to Leonard Fell - land bounded by the E. by the Delaware R. 12 mile north of Newcastle to the 43rd Lat. in the Province of Penna.

Witnesses - J. S. Swinton William Penn  
Thos. Cox  
Benj. Griffith

## 2nd Supplemental Paper

### FOUNDER - WILLIAM PETTY

b. Cirencester, Gloucester Co Eng.

d. before 15 Aug. 1747 when his estate was administered by Richard Blackington.

wife Jane —

Wm. bought land New Jersey 24 June 1682 from Roger Townsend

### References -

Hinshaw Ency. American Quaker Gen. Vol 2 p 249

William Petty Sr. received certificate from Norwich Monthly meeting England dated 8 Feb. 1700

In 1704 - 4 July, William and wife Jane were given a certificate from the Philadelphia M. M. (Monthly Meeting)

Deeds at State House, Trenton New Jersey -  
Liber B.B. p 320 and 321

William Petty of Burlington, Springfield Twsp. N.J. sold land to his son John Petty, 200 acres in one deed for which he paid 70 pounds and a small plat for 5 shillings in the other deed.

Dec. 15 and Dec. 16, 1714

Witnesses - Thomas Scattergood                      William Petty  
                 Samuel Kimble  
                 Thomas Kimble

Liber B p 679

June 24, 1682      William Petty bought land from Roger  
                         Townsend in New Jersey

Liber B B p 306 William Petty sold land to Richard  
                         Smith Jr. Burlington N.J. July 20, 1724

Trenton N.J. Administration of Wills    Vol 5 p 434

Richard Blackington Administrator of the Estate of  
William Petty 15 Aug. 1747

Letters of Administration were granted by Jonathan  
Belcher Esq. Capt. and Gov. of New Jersey unto Rich-  
ard Blackington of Philadelphia to administer the es-  
tate of the late William Petty of Burlington, deceased.

Burlington Court Book West New Jersey    1680-1707  
Record of the Quaker Jurisprudence in West N.J. by  
Geo. J. Miller Am. Hist. Assm. 1944

p 287 William Petty Sr. (Quaker) signed as juror  
10 Oct. 1702 in inquiry case of damages.

p. 265 William Petty Sr. on petty jury 2 Feb. 1701-2

References for Rebecca Petty daughter of William -

Burlington Records R.S. 55 p 57 (Friends Records)  
William NORCROSS of Burlington and Rebecca Petty,  
the daughter of William Petty, both of ye town and  
County of Burlington, in the west division of New Jer-  
sey ----- accomplished their said intentions of mar-  
riage this Thirtieth day of the fourth month, in the year  
of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and twenty,  
at a public meeting at Burlington.

Witnesses - John NORCROSS      Mary Petty  
                 Mary NORCROSS      Stephen Sands  
                 Wm Petty                   Elizabeth Sands

also Ency. Am. Quaker Gen. Vol 2 p 621 marriage of  
Rebecca and Wm NORCROSS

Trenton N.J.

Deeds Liber A.N. p 535

Deed dated April 20, 1763

Rebecca NORCROSS of the city of Burlington, Burlington  
Co N.J. (widow) sold to Wm. Smith 164 acres of land  
which was formerly owned by her father Wm Petty and  
was conveyed to her brother John Petty - who is now the  
sole heir of her father and she is to receive 15 pounds  
for parcels or land which she now sells to Wm Smith  
Witnesses - Robert Smith Rebecca NORCROSS  
Thomas Adams

This proves that her husband William NORCROSS died  
before 20 April 1763 because the deed mentions her as  
Rebecca NORCROSS, widow

It also proves she died after this date.

### 3rd Supplemental Paper

#### FOUNDER - AARON MATTISON

b. 1681 Scotland

d. Freehold N.J. 4-26-1672 aged 82 (Tombstone record)  
buried churchyard Old Tennent Presb. Church near  
Freehold N.J.

wife Elizabeth

b. 1682 Scotland

d. 2-3-1773 in her 91st year (Tombstone reading)  
buried churchyard Old Tennent Presb. church near  
Freehold N.J.

Martha Mattison daughter of Aaron married William NOR-  
CROSS dec. 1745

#### References for Aaron Mattison -

Sutton Rittenhouse Families Hunterdon Co N.J. has  
chart with dates of Aaron Mattison and his family p 94  
History Hunterdon Co N.J. p 315  
N.J. Archives Vol 33 1st Series p 278 has Aaron Mat-  
tison's will



Memorial Hist. N.J. Vol 1 p 106 (has data on Joseph Hankinson)

N.J. Archives Vol 30 1st Series p 327 (will of son Joseph Mattison)

Hist. and Genealog. Misc. Vol 2 p 320 by Stillwell has the gravestone records from the Old Tennent churchyard (also on p 331)

Pioneers N.W. N.J.

Aaron's name appears 1708 in the record of the building Old Tennent church - he was one of the Trustees

Wills Book H P p 119 Court House Trenton N.J.

Aaron Mattison will recorded 26 May 1762

Will made Feb 2, 1762 - Aaron Mattison of Freehold, Monmouth Co N.J. yeoman - will of

To my daughter Mary Hukan 50 pounds - to my wife Elizabeth 1/2 the profits of the farm and the use of moveable estate and after her marriage or death to be sold and money given as follows - To my son Jacob, to Aaron Jacob and James Mattison, sons of my son Joseph deceased, to my son Aaron, my daughter Catherine wife of Samuel Ker, to my daughter Rachel wife of Joseph Hankinson, daughter Mary, wife of Wm. Hukan, daughter Martha wife of Wm. NORCROSS the last 8th part of my estate.

Executors - Son Jacob, my son-in-law Sam. Ker and my friend John Henderson

proved May 3, 1762

Witnesses - James Herbert

Dan Ketchem

Michael Henderson

Inventory May 1, 1762 L.736, 5, 6

#### 4th Supplemental Paper

FOUNDER - ROBERT GIBSON

b. Tyrone Co Ireland

d. before 1755 Derry Twsp. Lancaster Co Pa.

m. Mary McClellan - killed by the Indians in Shermans Valley Pa. July 1756

son

Hugh Gibson b. 1741 Lancaster Co Pa.

d. 7-30-1826 Crawford Co Pa.

m. June 1762 at Lancaster Co Pa.

Mary White b. 1741 Lancaster Co Pa.

d. 1825

daughter of Hugh Gibson

Sarah Gibson b. 2-5-1787

d. 18 April 1864

m. Thomas McClelland b. 1787 Lancaster Co. Pa.

m. 9 June 1819

Thomas died 11 Dec. 1811

daughter Elizabeth McClelland m. Hiram NORCROSS

References - Gen 1 above - Robert Gibson

Notes and Queries 3rd Series - Historical and Gen. relating to the Interior Penna. by Wm. Henry Egle

Vol 1 p 244 - Robert and Geo. Gibson brothers, emigrants from near Stewartstown in the N. of Ireland came to Penna. prior to 1740. Robert located in Derry Township, and George in the town of Lancaster Pa. Robert died prior to 1755 in Derry Township, and his widow Mary McClellan surviving him by only two years being murdered by the Indians in Shermans Valley

Gen 2

Hugh Gibson was captured by the Indians at the same time his mother was murdered by them.

See history of his capture - Collections of the Mass.

Hist Soc. Vol 6 p 140 account given by Rev. Timothy Allen

Also for capture see Hist. of that part of the Susquehanna and Juniata Valleys Vol 2. 1886 p 1011 Madison Twsp Perry Co Pa. gives date as July 1756 mentions capture of Hugh Gibson and Betsy Henry p 1023 "The land now owned by John Mulligans heirs and Thomas Messiner, and lying south of Cissna Run was taken up in the years 1763, 1767 and 1792 by Hugh Gibson, who

was taken prisoner by the Indians in 1756 at the time of the attack on Robisons Fort, etc.

Historical Soc. Lancaster Pa. History Lancaster Pa.  
Biog Sketches Ellis Evans 1883 p 854 Fulton Twsp  
Lancaster Co Pa. - Hugh Porter 27 Nov. 1750 bought  
180 acres of land by warrant - with one warrant for  
George Gibson of 23 Mar. 1743 together with 339 acres.

Rev John Culbertson p 87 Brandywine, bapt. David son  
of Hugh Gibson Pequea Soc. 6-29-1755

#### 5th Supplemental Paper

#### FOUNDER - ANDREW FLEMING

b. County Tyrone Ireland (belonged to church Cookstown,  
Ireland)

d. 1777 between 1 Sept 1777 when he wrote his will and  
3 Oct. 1777 when the will was proved. (Hardwick Twsp  
Sussex Co N.J.)

wife not mentioned in will perhaps she was dead by then.

daughter Agnes (Nancy) Fleming named in will as wife  
of Abraham NORCROSS

#### References -

N.W. New Jersey Vol 2 p 710 -

The first of the Fleming family to come to what is now  
Warren Co N.J. (and was then Sussex Co) was Andrew  
Fleming who bought 200 acres of land in the Pequest  
Valley in 1768 and settled on it before 1771.

Thomas Fleming and Andrew brothers, born in County  
Tyrone Ireland came to Bethlehem, Hunterdon Co with  
his brother in 1751 and Thomas moved to Cummings-  
town now Vienna in 1783 with his 3 children, Thomas,  
James, and Margaret and settled on a tract of land of  
1400 acres. Thomas b 1753 d 1829 a soldier in the  
Rev War

The Jerseyman Vol 3 1895 - 1897 p 5

Tenants between Peirces Road and the S. branch of the  
Raritan R. Andrew and Thomas Fleming

Early Germans North New Jersey by Chambers p 371  
Andrew, William, and Thomas Fleming from Tyrone  
Ireland in 1751 brought certificates membership in  
Presbyterian church of Cookstown Ireland, and joined  
the Bethlehem Presbyterian church near Clinton Hun-  
terdon Co N.J.

Will of Andrew Fleming Trenton N.J.

Liber 18 p 659

dated Newton Oct. 3, 1777

My son John to take care of his sisters until they marry,  
and they to have the use of my negro James for them  
selves

mentions his plantation

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brown coat, which I give and bequeath to my son-in-law  
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ham NORCROSS 4 ewes, and 1 ram, and 15 pounds of  
money in the currency of the province, and to her son  
William a year old heifer.

Names son John and daughters Martha, Jane, and Eliza-  
beth

To my daughter Sarah a feather bed.

Names as executors - son John and daughters Martha  
and Jane

Witnesses - Thomas Fleming  
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