

WINDERS OF AMERICA

JOHN WINDER, OF NEW YORK
1674-1675

THOMAS WINDER, OF NEW JERSEY
1703-1734

JOHN WINDER, OF MARYLAND
1665-1698

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PREFACE

THE result of a number of years of pleasant work is here presented, in the hope that it may prove of interest to those related to the families herein referred to, and also induce others to continue researches. No evidence has yet been obtained proving relationship between these different branches of the Winder family, nor have their places of origin in England been ascertained; but it is hoped this information may in time be secured.

The earliest American record of the name is found with a slightly different spelling in Hotten's "List of Emigrants" (pages 181, 193), where, among those living in Virginia on February 16, 1623, at Marlin's Hundred, was Ann Windor, while in another list of the same date, of those who had died since April last, was Edward Windor, killed at Marlin's Hundred.

In the present monograph, the well-known Maryland family, descended from John Winder,

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of Somerset County, Maryland, has received but slight mention, for the reason that a family chart and several articles relating to this branch have already appeared in print.

The compiler wishes gratefully to acknowledge his indebtedness to all who have kindly assisted in furnishing information, among whom are F. A. Winder, Esq., of East Cowes, England; Philip D. Laird, Esq., of Rockville, Maryland; Miss Mary Winder Garrett, of Williamsburg, Virginia; Thomas T. Upshur, Esq., of Nassawadox, Virginia, and many others.

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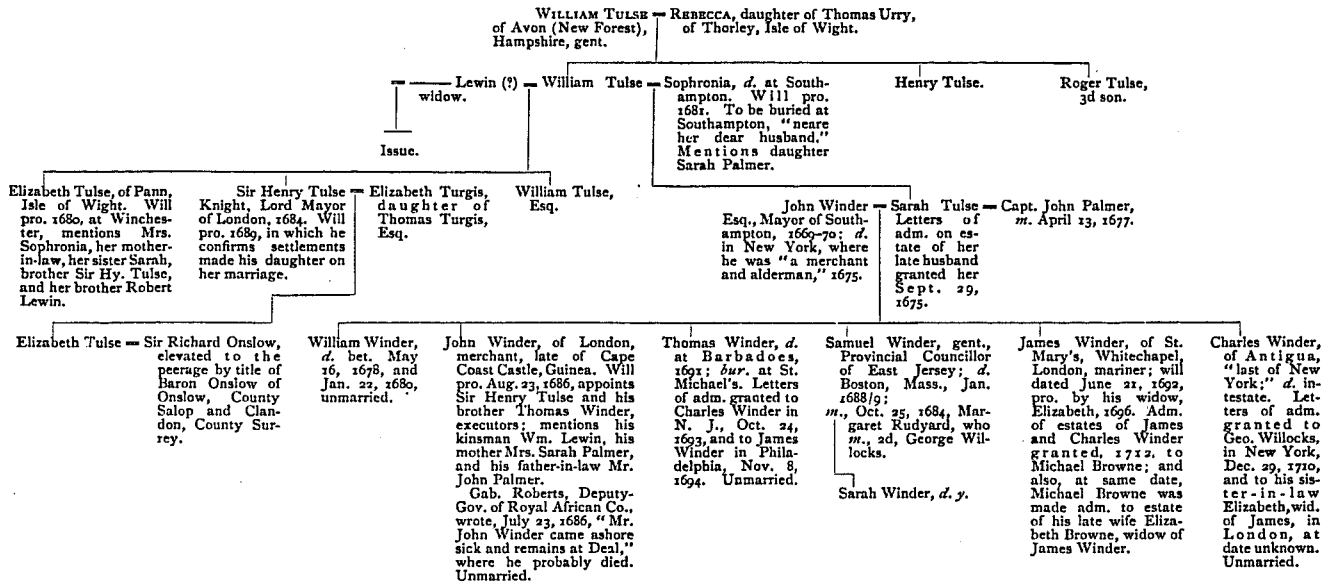
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Chart I

John Winder, of New York



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ROBERT GIBBS, fishmonger, John Winder, grocer, and William Dickonson, draper, all of London, England, desiring to take advantage of the opportunities offered by trade with the American colonies, on March 15, 1657, signed an agreement, by which they entered upon a seven years' partnership, and in accordance with which Gibbs and Dickonson went to New England.

Dickonson shortly left for Barbadoes, where there was at that time a thriving colony, and where before long he died. Administrators were appointed, and the surviving partners sent out attorneys to look after their interests.

John Winder, on December 3, 1659, drew up papers naming James Whetcomb, of London, as his agent, in which papers the above facts are stated.*

These letters of attorney were recorded in Barbadoes on May 21, 1661.

* Recopied Deeds, vol. iii. p. 173, Barbadoes.

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It was not long before business difficulties brought Mr. Winder himself to America. Colonel George Cartwright, writing to Colonel Nicholls from Boston, Massachusetts, under date of January 30, 1665, says, "To-morrow is a court here at which Mr. Winder hath a great trial, who pretends he and his partners were probably cheated by some churchwardens of £400, five years ago, which he undertakes to prove."*

Again, on February 4, he writes, "Here is now a court sitting in Boston and Mr. Winder hath had a great triall gone against him; he had many substantiall men and merchants that gave evidence for him upon their oathes. The other party had but one witness sworn, yet himself being a church member carryed the cause."†

Mr. Winder had arrived but a short time before the trial, and probably returned to England soon after.

We next find him in Southampton, England, in 1669. The date of his removal from London has not been ascertained. His wife belonged

* Colonial Papers, vol. xix., No. 11, "America and West Indies," London, England.

† Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New York, vol. iii. p. 87.

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to a notable Southampton family, which fact, together with the facilities to trade offered by a residence at this port, doubtless attracted him thither.

He had evidently been successful in business, and now, on September 29, 1669, "Mr. John Winder, Mayor-elect of the Towne," gave bond of three hundred pounds for the safe return of the plate kept by the city of Southampton for the use of its chief officer.

The various pieces are enumerated, showing the plate to have consisted of—

1 Bason and Ewer, of silver "p'cell" gilt, weighing 118 oz., valued at 5/ per oz.

2 flaggons, of silver "p'cell" gilt, weighing 142 oz., valued at 5/ per oz.

2 standing p'sent Potts of silver, and all gilt, weighing 37 oz., valued at 7/ per oz.

2 Salts with cover, all gilt, weighing 56 oz., valued at 7/ 7^d per oz.

3 Bowles of silver, with one cover, all gilt, weighing 120 oz., valued at 6/ 8^d per oz.

1 standing cup of silver, with a cover, all double gilt, weighing 28 oz., valued at 7/ per oz.

1 sugar-box with a spoon, weighing 23 oz., valued at 5/ per oz.

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At the end of the year it is noted that the plate had been returned, and on October 3, 1670, it was passed on to Mr. Robert Richbell, the new mayor-elect.

Another ceremony in connection with the position was the receipt of five pounds, the gift of Mr. Andrew Mayoⁿ, of Millbroke, to be given yearly to the new mayor at his election, and to be disposed of as to him should "seeme meete." It was handed over by Mr. Bracebridge, John Winder's predecessor, who was then retiring from office.

It was not until 1674 that John Winder removed with his family to New York, where he appears to have been appointed to office after a very short interval.

He died the next year. Letters of administration were granted to his widow, Sarah Winder, on the estate of her late husband, "John Winder, merchant and alderman, of the City of New York," on September 29, 1675.* His will being a nuncupative one, proved by those who had "heard it declared," would indicate an unexpected and perhaps sudden death.

The inventory which is on record is a long

* New York Wills, Book I, p. 214.

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one, occupying eleven pages in the Will Book and including about five hundred and twenty items. The total amount is not given.

The items indicate a stock of miscellaneous merchandise.

In the account of debts due are the names of three hundred and twenty-five persons. Governor Andros was on the list for twenty-six pounds, eighteen shillings, five pence. Mr. John Palmer, who afterwards married the widow, owed eight pounds, one shilling, six pence. Of the fifty-six to whom were owing various sums, the largest amount was to Mr. John Robinson, for one hundred and four pounds, six shillings. The plate, a large amount for those days, was valued at one hundred and eleven pounds, fifteen shillings.

Children of John and Sarah Winder :

1. William Winder, d. before Jan. 22, 1680, unnm.
2. John Winder, d. 1686 (late of Guinea, Africa), unnm.
3. Thomas Winder, d. in Barbadoes, in 1691, unnm.
4. Samuel Winder, d. Jan. 1688/9 ; m. Margaret Rudyard.
5. James Winder, d. abt. 1696 ; m. Elizabeth——.
6. Charles Winder, d. abt. 1710, unnm.

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Sarah Winder, widow of John, married by license dated April 13, 1677, Captain John Palmer.*

* Captain John Palmer, who married the widow Sarah Winder, was probably Ranger of Staten Island at the time of his marriage ; at any rate, he held the position shortly after that date. He appears to have had interests in Barbadoes, for on December 11, 1677, only a few months after his marriage, he appointed John Smith as his attorney to look after his interests there, to collect any debts due him either in his own right or in that of his wife Sarah, as relict and administrator of John Winder, his "predecessor."

He became a large land-owner both on Staten Island and in East Jersey. In the latter place he, with others, in 1681, made a purchase from the Indians of lands on the Raritan River. He removed thither in 1682, and there remained until 1684.

In the last-named year he and his wife sold to Governor Thomas Dongan six thousand one hundred and twenty-six acres, including a mansion and plantation in the north part of Staten Island, for twelve hundred pounds. It was during his residence at Cheesquakes, on the Raritan River, in Monmouth County, that he became a member of the governor's Council of East Jersey, serving from February 28 until December 4, 1683, when he resigned on account of his appointment as sheriff of Richmond County, New York. All members of the Council were justices of the peace, and served as judges, hence we at times find him referred to as Judge Palmer.

In 1686 he was sent from New York to Maine on official

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There is in London the record of a suit brought by John Ward, of London, against John and Sarah Palmer, of New York, by which it appears that John Winder, of London, merchant, before removing himself and family to New York, had made a contract with the said Ward for certain ironware. The contract was signed July 17, 1674. The bond given at the same time was made payable April 17, 1675.

Shortly after his arrival, by letter dated from New York, December 1, 1674, Winder asked that part of the order be sent to him. Before the arrival of the vessel he had died, and the goods came into the hands of his widow, who by letter of July 10, 1676, acknowledged their receipt.

Mrs. Winder sold for her own account and at a high price this merchandise, which should have been accounted as part of her husband's estate, and, writing to Colonel Thornborough

business, and in 1687 was sent to England by Governor Dongan as bearer of the intelligence of the French invasion. In 1688 he was a member of Governor Andros's Council, and at the time of the overthrow of Andros's government, in 1689, was confined with Andros in the "Castle," near Boston. It is from there that we have the latest information concerning him.

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and John Lewyne, Esq., ordered that the agreed price should be paid for the goods received. Before payment was made, she had married the defendant, John Palmer, who when the bond fell due refused to pay it. After the decision that the matter should be tried in England, Palmer wrote there, to his friend Colonel Thornborough, confessing the fraud and begging him to persuade the appellant not to proceed, promising to pay if given a little time.

John and Sarah Palmer were released as administrators of the estate of John Winder by quietus dated March 17, 1683, and signed by Governor Thomas Dongan, at Fort James, November 8, 1683.*

Sarah, wife of John Winder, was daughter of William Tulse, Jr., and granddaughter of William Tulse, of Avon (New Forest), Hampshire, England, and his wife Rebecca, daughter of Thomas Urry, of Thorley, Isle of Wight.

William Tulse, Jr., was twice married. Sarah appears to have been the only child of the second marriage. (See Chart I.)

The family name of Sophronia, mother of Sarah Winder, and also the date of the death of

* Surrogate's Office, New York City, Book 1, p. 272.

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Sarah's father, are unknown. The will of Sophronia Tulse, of Southampton, widow, was dated May 16, 1678, but was not proved until November 24, 1681.* In it Mrs. Tulse desires to be buried at Southampton, near her husband. To her grandsons William and John Winder she leaves all the money due on the bond of their father, John Winder, to be divided between them as Sir Henry Tulse, of London, shall think fit. Her wedding-ring is left to her daughter Sarah Palmer, and twenty shillings to Sarah's husband to buy a ring. The residue of her estate is left to her grandson Thomas Winder. A codicil makes a bequest to her grandson Samuel Winder. In addition there is attached to the will a "Memorandum," not originally written, but proved by the testimony of those who on January 22, 1680, heard it declared, which begins thus, "I have made my will, which is in London, and the same shall stand, and I have by said will given part of my estate to my grandson William Winder, who is since dead, therefore I do give that part to my grandson Thomas, his, the said William's, brother," etc.

* See Appendix for fuller abstract.

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Sarah Winder's half-brother, Sir Henry Tulse, was educated at Christchurch, near Winchester, not far from Southampton. He was matriculated at Wadham College, June 24, 1653; student of the Middle Temple, 1653; of Gray's Inn, 1674, and was then a knight; was alderman and sheriff of London, 1673; and lord mayor, 1683-84.

His daughter and only child, Elizabeth, married Richard (afterwards Sir Richard) Onslow. As will be seen, Sir Henry Tulse was made executor under the will of John Winder, one of the sons of his half-sister Sarah, in 1686.

His own will, in which he is styled Sir Henry Tulse, of the city of London, Knt., was dated October 2, 1688, and proved September 26, 1689. Included in it is the following: "Whereas John Winder, Merchant, some time since deceased, made me his Executor in trust for his brother Thomas Winder, and by his will gave me one hundred pounds—Now I do hereby give and bequeath to the said Thomas Winder four score pounds of the said one hundred pounds (having laid out the other twenty pounds for mourning). And whereas there is

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come to my hands of the said John Winder's estate more than was delivered to the said Thomas Winder, vizt. a small silver handle sword, an old silver watch, with a Sea chest and a few books, and some odd things all of small value. In consideration of which, but more of my affection to him I bequeath to the said Thomas Winder fifty pounds and a desire that care may be taken of his estate in my hands and that interest for the same be allowed as in equity and conscience it ought to be."*

Sir Henry's own sister, Elizabeth Tulse, of Pann, Isle of Wight, whose will was proved at Winchester, August 19, 1680, mentions both her mother-in-law (*i.e.*, step-mother) and her sister Sarah.†

Of the children of John and Sarah Winder, William Winder (1) died before January 22, 1680, as is shown by the will of his grandmother Tulse. John Winder (2) was one of the incorporators of "The New Royal African Company," the charter for which was dated at Westminster, September 27, 1672.

This company was formed for trade with

* See Appendix for fuller abstract.

† Ibid.

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certain provinces which had been granted to the Duke of York, described as "the regions called Guinea, Binney, Angola, and South Barbary in Africa." The time at which John Winder went out to look after the interests of the company is not known ; but before July 6, 1686, news of his ill health had reached London. This was followed almost immediately by his return to England. In a letter dated July 23, 1686, sent out to the company in Africa, and signed by Gabriel Roberts for himself and other directors of the company in London (amongst whom was Sir Henry Tulse), it was noted that "Mr. John Winder came ashore sick and remains at Deale." It is probable that he was never able to go farther, and that he died there.

In his will, which was dated July 29, 1686, and proved August 22 following, John Winder is styled "of London, merchant, late of Cape Coast Castle, Guinea." The will was proved by Sir Henry Tulse, alderman, of London, one of the executors. Power was reserved to the other executor, Thomas Winder, brother of the deceased, who proved, after the death of Sir Henry Tulse, on October 8, 1690. In this will John Winder left Sir Henry Tulse one hundred

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pounds for his care of the estate, which estate was to be held for the benefit of his brother, Thomas Winder. Bequests were also made "to Sir Henry Tulse's lady;" to Richard Onslow, Esq., of Clandon, County Surrey, and his wife; to his kinsman Mr. William Lewen; to Mr. John Palmer, his "father-in-law;" and to Mrs. Sarah Palmer, his mother. His brother Thomas was made residuary legatee.

Thomas Winder (3) inherited under the wills of his grandmother, his brother John, and Sir Henry Tulse. The old parish register of St. Michael's, Barbadoes, much defaced by time, gives the record of the death of Thomas Win—, 17 October, 1691. This was doubtless Thomas Winder.

Letters of administration were granted on October 24, 1693, by the governor, Andrew Hamilton, and the proprietors of East New Jersey, to Charles Winder, gent., of the Island of Antigua, as administrator of his brother Thomas Winder, who had lately died intestate. Charles was probably appointed to administer to such part of the estate as lay in New Jersey.

On November 8, 1694, Governor Markham, of Pennsylvania, granted letters of administra-

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tion to James Winder, as brother and next of kin to Thomas Winder, of Barbadoes, who had lately died intestate, and who in his lifetime had acquired "goods, rights, and credits in diverse places within the Province of Pennsylvania and the County of New Castle."

Samuel Winder (4), alone of the sons of John and Sarah Winder, seems not to have been possessed with or at least not to have given way to the spirit of unrest which carried his brothers to distant parts. As early as 1678 he received appointment, under John Fenwick, as register of the Province of East Jersey.

On May 12, 1681, he was one of three who purchased of the Indians a tract of land on the Raritan River, called by them Pepametapoke.

James Graham and John White, both of New York, Cornelius Courson and Samuel Winder, both of Staten Island, had confirmed to them by patent from the Lords Proprietors of East Jersey, on February 28, 1683/4,* nineteen hundred and four acres on the south side of the Raritan River.

To this was added, on April 16, 1686, one thousand acres of land at Cheesquakes, by deed

* New Jersey Archives, vol. xxii. p. 61.

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from John Palmer and Sarah his wife, of New York City. In this deed Samuel Winder is styled "late of New York City, now of Chees-quakes." *

By license dated October 25, 1684, he married Margaret, daughter of Deputy Governor Thomas Rudyard.† The latter, on November 5, 1685,

* New Jersey Archives, vol. xxii. p. 78.

† Thomas Rudyard, chosen in September, 1682, as deputy governor of East Jersey, was originally from Rudyard, in Staffordshire, England, but at the time of his appointment was a resident of London. His legal attainments are stated to have been such as insured him an elevated rank in his profession. He took an active interest in the preliminary measures for the advancement of the province of New Jersey after its transfer to the twenty-four proprietaries. The Concessions, the plan for the foundation of the capital, Perth Amboy, a map of the country, and other documents were deposited at his house in George-yard, Lombard Street, for inspection. He arrived in this country on November 13, 1683, bringing with him his two daughters Margaret and Anne. Thomas Rudyard administered the affairs of the province from the time of his arrival until the beginning of 1684, when he was succeeded by Gowan Lawrie.

In 1684 and 1685 he acted as attorney-general for the province of New York.

In 1684 Thomas Rudyard claimed head lands for himself, two daughters, and six servants, and received a warrant for

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deeded to his daughters Margaret and Ann one-half his one-twenty-fourth part of a proprietary in East Jersey. Samuel and Margaret Winder sold, on June 17, 1686, one thousand and thirty-eight acres (part of the land deeded to them by her father) to Andrew Bowne, of New York City.

Samuel Winder had early made himself conspicuous by the part he took in an affair which

two hundred and thirty acres to be surveyed to him on South River.

In addition he had three thousand acres surveyed to him the same year, as one of the proprietors of East Jersey.

In 1685 he went to Barbadoes, and died abroad in 1692. Before leaving in 1685 he gave to his daughters one-half his proprietary right in the province, excepting a few specified lots, and left written instructions with his sons-in-law for the management of his and their estates. His son John Rudyard, who inherited his father's estates in East Jersey, appears to have come to this country only after his father's death. The other son, Benjamin, never came here.

Margaret Rudyard married, first, Samuel Winder, and after his death became the wife of George Willocks. Her only child, Sarah Winder, died young.

Her sister Anne married, first, in October, 1684, John West, merchant, who was a passenger on the ship "Blossom," which arrived August 7, 1678. She married, second, Robert Wharton. Her third husband was Andrew Hamilton, deputy-governor of Pennsylvania.

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deeply stirred his fellow-citizens, the records of which are found among the archives of New York, as well as in those of London, of which the following is a brief account.

The Duke of York, having levied upon the colonists for the space of three years certain duties on goods brought to this country, which levy had expired by limitation in November, 1680, the merchants of the city of New York had then discharged their cargoes without giving any attention to the custom-house officers. The legality of the customs being thus denied, on May 31, 1681, suits were instigated against Colonel Dyer, who was collector of the port, mayor of the city, and a member of the council, accusing him of treason because of his collecting taxes without authority of the law. Samuel Winder, who brought suit, was evidently acting in the interest of his fellow-citizens and supported by them. Dyer, who questioned the authority of the court here to try him, was shipped to England for trial, Winder entering into a recognizance of five thousand pounds to prosecute him. As Winder did not appear against him, although in England at or shortly before the time appointed for trying

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the case, Colonel Dyer was discharged. His opponents gained their point by getting rid of him.

"This spirited measure," says Chalmers, "however irregular it may now appear, had the greatest effect in laying in ruins that system of despotism which had so long affected the people of New York." The resistance offered thus early by the merchants of New York to taxation without representation led to the introduction soon after of a representative form of government into the province.*

On February 9, 1684, Samuel Winder was appointed clerk of Richmond County. At a council held at Perth Amboy, in East New Jersey, October 29, 1686, it was ordered that a commission be granted to Mr. Samuel Winder as king's attorney-general of the province.

On April 14, 1687, he was one of the commissioners appointed by the proprietors of East Jersey to confer with the governor of West Jersey relative to running the line between the two provinces.

From October 20, 1686, until June 19, 1688,

* Documents Relating to the Colonial History of New York, vol. iii. p. 289.

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his name appears as a member of the governor's council, in the affairs of which he seems to have taken an active part.

Immediately after this time Sir Edmund Andros assumed the government of the colonies of East and West Jersey in conjunction with those of New England, and the council was dissolved.

The seat of Andros's government was in Boston, and it was possibly with a view to looking after the interest of the colony of East Jersey that Samuel Winder decided to remove with his family to that place. An additional inducement may have been the fact that his step-father, John Palmer, was a member of Sir Edmund Andros's council.

In preparation for this change of residence, on November 6, 1688, Samuel Winder leased his plantation at Cheesquakes to William Richardson, and on the 14th of the same month mortgaged the same property to Abraham de Peyster. The Raritan plantation on the 30th of November was mortgaged to Johannes de Byrnes. Samuel Winder died early in the next year, in Boston, his will being dated January 7, 1688/9, and proved February 14 following.

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His wife Margaret was made sole executrix, and to her was bequeathed for life the plantation in Cheesquakes, which at her death was to descend to their daughter Sarah, or, in the event of Sarah's death, to James, brother of Samuel Winder. The Raritan tract was to be sold and the money used for payment of all debts. John Palmer was one of the witnesses to the will.

On May 24, 1690, confirmation was made to Margaret, widow of Samuel Winder, of his rights in one-fourth of a propriety consisting of a tract of five hundred acres on Raritan River, a description of which is given; another tract of one thousand acres on the north branch of the Raritan, and three hundred acres on Barnegat beach; eighteen hundred English acres in all.

Margaret Winder married, second, George Willocks,* of Perth Amboy; and on March

* George Willocks, originally of Scotland, having inherited the proprietary right of his brother James Willocks, "Doctor of Medicine in Kennay," came to New Jersey in 1684, bringing with him two servants. After a few years he returned to England, and nothing is heard of him until he came again, clothed with the authority vested in him by his commission from the proprietors of both East and West Jersey to receive quit-rents, and in charge of a vessel and cargo to be disposed of for the benefit of the proprietors. Soon after his

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23, 1694/5, James Winder, brother of Samuel Winder, late of Boston, deceased, for love and

arrival he was appointed chief ranger, the duties of which office are not definitely known, and also one of the commissioners for the Court of Small Causes. He made Amboy at first his place of residence, but afterwards removed to Monmouth County, where he married the daughter of Deputy Governor Rudyard and widow of Samuel Winder.

In 1701, having been appointed deputy surveyor under John Reid, he again made Amboy his place of residence, and with some intermissions (being styled of "Elizabethtown" in 1711, of Philadelphia in 1724, and of London in 1726) he continued to reside there until his death in 1729. The possession of considerable business ability may account for the various stations to which he was appointed, but there is nothing to indicate that any very exalted opinion of him was entertained by his fellow-citizens. Influenced by his wife, he left considerable property to St. Peter's Church, Perth Amboy, and a tablet to their joint memories was erected in the church some years since. Mr. Willocks left no children. The bulk of his property went to a nephew and niece, George Leslie and Anna, wife of John Ritchie, who removed to East Jersey in consequence.* His will, dated January 3, 1728, and proved February 13, 1728/9, recorded at Trenton, makes bequests to James and Andrew Hamilton, sons of Andrew Hamilton, of Philadelphia; while to their sister, Margaret Hamilton, was left a messuage and lot of ground

* New Jersey Archives, vol. ii. 186.

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affection and a competent sum of money, gave quit claim to his sister-in-law Margaret, "now wife of George Willocks," of all his right and title to his deceased brother's plantation at Cheesquacks.*

Sarah, only child of Samuel and Margaret Winder, probably died before the above releases were signed.

On October 7, 1695, George Willocks, of Perth Amboy, and wife Margaret deeded to John Johnston, of Monmouth County, one-fourth of one-twenty-fourth of all the land conveyed by Thomas Rudyard to Samuel Winder and his wife Margaret; also one-half of all the lands in Woodbridge purchased of Samuel Bacon; one-half the plantation in Elizabeth Township; one-half the land at Wickatunck, Monmouth County; a farm in Cheesquaks; a tract in Somerset County formerly belonging to Samuel Winder; one thousand acres on both sides of the north branch of Raritan River; and

on the north side of Chestnut Street, which was to be put in order for her at the expense of the estate.

* The spelling is sometimes Cheesquakes, at others Cheesquacks and Cheesquaks.

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five hundred acres adjoining the farm on the said river formerly belonging to Samuel Winder, both in Somerset County ; and six hundred acres in Monmouth County.* This was probably to make title, for in the following year the whole was reconveyed to them by Johnston.

Confirmation was made to George Willocks, as husband of Margaret, formerly widow of Samuel Winder, on September 30, 1697, of the tract called Rudyard, in Monmouth County between Cheesquacks or Willocks and Margaret's Creeks, which the deed states was derived by Margaret under the last will of her late husband, to which James Winder, of London, brother of Samuel, relinquished his claim, March 23, 1694, and that the said Willocks and wife sold the tract to John Johnston, October 7, 1695, and bought it from Johnston again for one thousand acres, whereas it was only three hundred acres.

James Winder (5) appears to have lived in London, as in his will, which was dated there, June 21, 1692, but not proved until 1696, he is styled "James Winder, mariner, of St. Mary's, White Chapple, County Middlesex." In the will

* New Jersey Archives, vol. xxii. p. 250.

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his wife Elizabeth is made his attorney, to receive pay, prize-money, etc., and is named sole executrix.

There are but two records proving the presence of James Winder in America. The first of these was November 8, 1694, when he was granted letters of administration on the estate of Thomas Winder, and here he is called "brother and next of kin to Thomas Winder, late at Barbadoes, deceased." For the faithful performance of his duties as administrator of the said estate in the "diverse places in the Province of Pennsylvania and County of New Castle, &c.," James Trowell and Robert Webb gave bond for four hundred pounds. The next record was after an interval of several months, when, on March 23, 1695, he resigned to Margaret Willocks all his rights to the plantation at Cheesquakes which should have come to him at her death under the will of his brother Samuel.

Elizabeth Winder, widow of James, married Michael Browne, who at her death was appointed to administer to her estate; and in this document she is called "Elizabeth Browne, alias Winder, late of the Parish of St. John's Wapping, co. Middlesex." Michael Browne

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was also appointed to succeed his wife as administrator of the estate of her late husband James Winder, as well as that of "Charles Winder, late of New York, batchelor." These appointments all bore date November 21, 1720, and are recorded in London.

From this it would appear that the settlement of the various Winder estates came into the hands of Michael Browne.

James and Elizabeth Winder may have left children, but no record of them has been found.

Charles Winder (6) was the last survivor of the children of John and Sarah Winder.

On October 24, 1693, letters of administration were granted in the province of East New Jersey to Charles Winder, of the Island of "Antego" (Antigua), on the estate of his brother Thomas Winder.

On the following day, October 25, 1693, John Royse mortgaged to Charles Winder, for two hundred and six pounds, nine shillings, and two pence, for one thousand years, with a right of redemption within three years, the tract called Royston on the Raritan River, in East Jersey. No amount of land is mentioned, but the first

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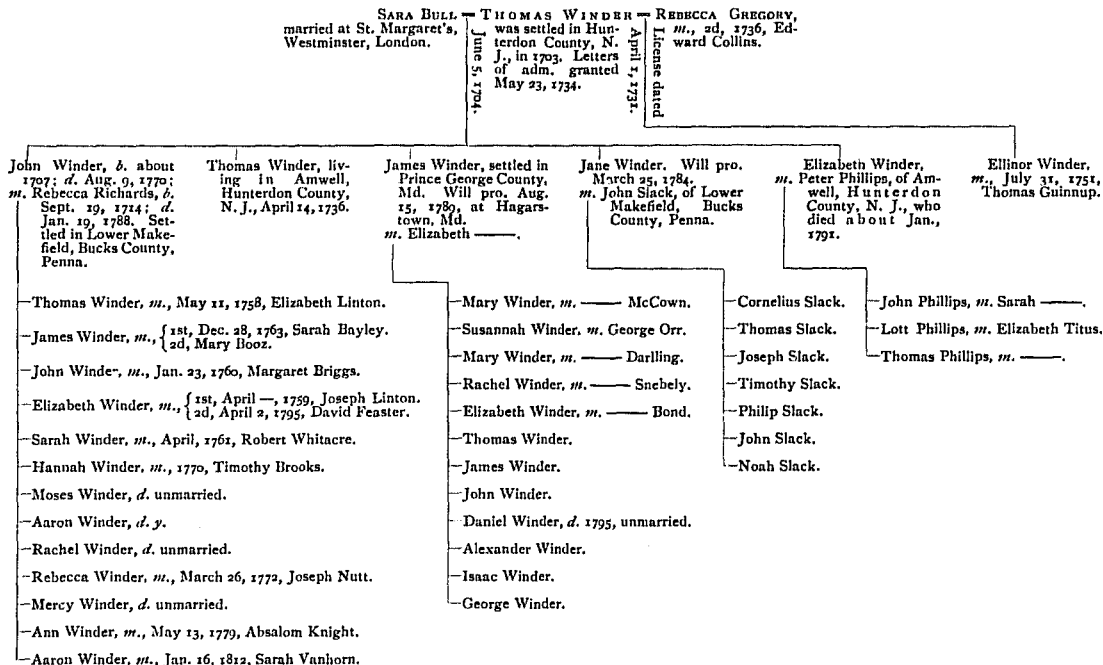
course was three miles long to the head of "peace brook," then down the brook and Milston River, three and a half or four miles to Raritan River, and up the same about six and a half miles to the beginning. No redemption of this tract appears on the record, but for portions of it which Royse subsequently sold the administrator of Charles Winder afterwards signed releases, from which it may be inferred that Winder eventually came into full possession.

Charles Winder died intestate and unmarried in the province of New York. Governor Hunter of New Jersey granted letters of administration on his estate, December 29, 1710, to George Willocks, who had previously married the widow of Samuel Winder.

On November 21, 1712, letters of administration on the estate of "Charles Winder, late of New York, batchelor, were granted in London to Michael Browne, husband and administrator of the goods of Elizabeth Browne, alias Winder, late relict and universal legatee of James Winder the brother" of Charles Winder.

Chart II

Thomas Winder, of New Jersey



THOMAS WINDER

OF NEW JERSEY

NOTHING is known of Thomas Winder (1), of New Jersey, prior to his appearance at the following recorded meeting of the property-owners of Maiden and Hopewell townships,* in what was then called "the Western Division of New Jersey."

The object of the meeting may be gathered from the contents of the paper then drawn up as follows:

"The 26th August, 1703. We underwritten having the day of the date above att the house of Ralph Hunt in Maiden Townshipp heard

* These are now comprised in Ewing, Hopewell, and Lawrence townships, and at that time formed part of Burlington County. On March 15, 1713/14, Hunterdon County was set off by an act of the Provincial Assembly, making the Assanpink Creek, which flows through the city of Trenton, its southern boundary. Hunterdon County, therefore, included these two adjoining townships of Hopewell and Maidenhead. When Mercer County was erected in 1838, they were included within the bounds of the new county.

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read the agreement made the 20th April, 1703
betweene Doctor Daniell Coxe, Esq. and Thomas
Revell on the behalfe of the Purchasers of the
land within Maiden and Hopewell do hereby
declare & signifie our full & free assent &
Consent to the same & in testimony thereof
have hereto sett our hands The day & year
above written." *

This was signed by :

John Bainbridge.	Ralph Hunt.
Theophilus Philips.	Samuel Hunt.
Joshua Anderson.	Benjamin Harder.
Jonas Lawrence.	Jasper Smith.
Hezekiah Bonham.	Thomas Rugmon.
Henery Mershon.	Jonathan Davis.
Philip Philips.	Benjamin Maple.
William Akers.	Richard Rounsevall.
his	
Henry (H) Bell.	Peter Hoff.
marke.	
George Ely.	Robert Lanning.
	his
John Lanning.	Lamb (A) Allen.
	marke.

* Deed Book A, A, A, pp. 8, 9, office of the Secretary
of State at Trenton, New Jersey.

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	mark.
John (V.) Hofton.	Powell (H) Hof.
Derick (E) Hoff.	John (7) Borries.
William Green.	Isack Reeder.
Edward Hunt.	Joell Jones.
Joseph Reeder.	John Hart.
his	his
James (I) Price.	Elnathan (E) Davis.
mark.	mark.
Samuell Davis.	Thomas Winder.
Robert Lanning.	Joseph Sackett.

The agreement between Daniel Coxe and Thomas Revell in behalf of himself and the several purchasers of land in Maidenhead and Hopewell provided that the latter should pay at the rate of twelve pounds per hundred acres in the fifteen-thousand-acre tract, and ten pounds per hundred in the thirty-thousand-acre tract, with interest from the time of their bargains. The purchasers having failed to comply with the terms, Coxe, on September 14, 1703, appointed Revell his attorney to execute deeds to those who should pay for their lands.*

* Deed Book A, A, A, p. 60, office of the Secretary of State, Trenton, New Jersey.

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The titles of many property-holders were disputed by Colonel Coxe; those in possession were in many cases ejected by force; suits were brought, the long and bitter dissensions extending through many years.

In 1731 a number of those who held the disputed lands entered into the following compact to uphold one another in the struggle :

“Whereas the subscribers whose names are hereunto affixed having purchased several considerable Tracts of land of one Thomas Revell, an agent of ye honorouable Society of West Jersey (and other the residents therein) being part of the tract known by ye name of ye Thirty thousand above ye falls of Delaware Lying in ye Township of Hopewell county of Hunterdon and Western Division of New Jersey and of him received such conveyance as by virtue of the commission of agency in the behalf of the Honorouable Society are deemed and esteemed in Law effectual till a more fesable title can be made appear and whereas there is now claim laid to our severall Tracts aforesaid by Colonel Coxe under a pretense of being chief Proprietor thereof whose right to us has not been made appear. Therefore not thinking ourselves in ye

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least obligated to surrender up our respective lands to the use of the said Coxe till more legal proprietorship can be made apparently by him appear, we think it requisit on such a claim to stand a Tryal as ye Law Tantely shall direct In order to which proceeding ye sd Cox by his attory. has ejected of us from our p̄rmises obliging us to an Issue and we subscribers thinking it a hardship to carry on this suit by one p̄rticular person wherein so many is concerned, we draw this instrument obliging each of us the subscribers our heirs executors and administrators to ye each other in ye penal sum of fifteen pounds currt. money of this province to be paid by the defaulter if he stand not to and abide by every of ye clauses abovesaid and well and truly perform this covenant. That is to say each of the subscribers oblige themselves to each other when in the Penalty exprest equivalent to the land in ye possess [he possesses] to emburse so much money toward ye carrying of this suite as the whole complement shall be found sufficient to defray the contingent charge of Trying this Title. In testimony whereof we have hereunto set the hand this twenty second of Aprill Annoque Dominy."

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Signed :

Isaac Herrin.	Jno. ffield.
Nathaniel Moore.	John Fidler.
Joseph Stout.	Bartholom. Anderson.
Thomas Winder.	Thomas Reed.
Thomas Houghton.	Jno. Blew.
John Parke.	George Woolsey.
Tho. Curtis.	Jonathan Stout.
John Hixon.	Joseph Price.
John Parke Junr.	William Cornell.
his	
Jno. (/) Hendrickson.	Richard Smith.
mark.	
Henry Oxley.	James Melvin.
Ralph Hunt.	Joseph Houghton.
William Crickfeld.	Ralph Smith.
John Titus.	Elnathan Baldwin.
Roger Parke Junr.	Daniel Gano.
Benj. Drake.	Jose. Parke.
Robert Blackwell.	Francis Gano.
Jonathan Furman.	John Houghton.
John Hunt.	John Merrill.
John Everitt.	Roger Parke.
his	
Thos. (†) Evans.	Thos. Smith.
mark.	
David Laroe.	Ephrain Titus.

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his John (/) Reed. mark.	Nehemiah Bonham.
Andrew Parke.	Benj. Merell.
Jacob Knowles.	Andrew Mershon.

These cases of ejectment were all removed by a rule of the Supreme Court from the County of Hunterdon to the County of Burlington because of the alleged prejudice in favor of the defendants in Hunterdon.

The jury of twelve Quakers tried the case and gave their verdict for the plaintiff. Murray was the attorney for Colonel Coxe * and Kinsey the attorney for the defendants. One of the latter, George Woolsey, carried the case to the Court of Errors, but it was of no avail. The archives of the Supreme Court of New Jersey furnish a true history of this formidable trial, which was the great event of that period to the early settlers and kept the minds of the people in a state of agitation and distressing embarrassment.

But the majority of them remained on the farms which they had originally settled and in

* Colonel Daniel Coxe was the son of Dr. Daniel Coxe, mentioned in the Agreement of 1703.

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part improved, and some of these lands are today in possession of their lineal descendants.*

It is probable that the tract of Thomas Winder in dispute was one of those which the holders were obliged to relinquish. At the time of his death the matter was still unsettled. On June 24, 1735, there were several cases carried up from the lower court and argued at Elizabethtown before the governor and Council.† The plaintiffs in these cases were James Melvin, George Woolsey, Rebecca and Thomas Winder, Thomas Curtis, William Cornwall, John Hendrickson, and Nathaniel Moore, all of whom were signers of the agreement in 1731, excepting, of course, Rebecca Winder and her step-son, who represented Thomas Winder, Sr., who was one of the signers.

The defendants were backed by Daniel Coxe. The Winder case was against James Vanhorn, who had been put into possession of their land by Coxe. The cases were continued at several of the meetings of the Council held at Perth Amboy in the following August, with the

* History of the Old Presbyterian Congregations of Maidenhead and Hopewell, by Rev. Geo. Hale, D.D., pp. 10, 11.

† New Jersey Archives, vol. xiv. pp. 508, 518, 520.

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result that the former judgment of the court was sustained. This was unquestionably against the Winders and others who had brought their suits before the Council. At the meeting at which the decision was made there was reported a "Notorious Riot lately Committed by some persons Disguised and their faces besmeared with Black, in the County of Hunterdon, upon persons putt by Daniel Coxe, Esq^r., in possession of two Plantations by him lately recovered, and violently turning the said persons out of possession."

To return to Thomas Winder, Sr., the second record of him in point of time is in 1706, when he appears as a juror at a meeting of the Supreme Court held at Burlington, New Jersey, in a case against John Hollingshead, a Quaker, who was indicted for speaking disrespectfully of Lord Cornbury, saying in substance that as Cornbury had dissolved the Assembly, they would elect the same again, and if he did not like it he might go about his business. The jury brought the defendant in not guilty.*

By deeds of lease and release dated September 7 and 8, 1710, John Wilkinson, Esq., of

* See Supreme Court Records of New Jersey.

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Amwell, in the county of Burlington, Western Division of the Province of New Jersey, conveyed to Thomas Winder, yeoman, of the same county, division, and province, for two hundred and thirty-five pounds, three hundred and twenty acres of land at a place called by the Indians Minga Senega, in Amwell township.

The deed recites that this was a portion of one "Ninetyeth part of ninety full equal and undivided one hundred parts of all that tract of land in America then known by ye name of ye Province of West New Jarsie, but now called ye Western Division of ye Province of New Jarsie, or which is the same, one full and whole proprietary of land within ye Division and Province aforesaid," which Edward "Byleying" * (Bylling), of London, and his trustees, by

* Edward Byllynge, or Bylling, was associated with John Fenwick in the purchase of a large tract of land in New Jersey, embracing in general terms all the province north of a line drawn from Barnegat to Burlington. The partners were Quakers, but had a falling out regarding the division of the property ; and William Penn, being called upon to arbitrate, assigned nine-tenths of the tract to Byllynge. But the latter shortly afterwards found himself in financial straits, and was obliged to make an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. The trustees effected sales of land to two com-

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their indentures, dated the last day of February and the first day of March, 1676, conveyed to Andrew Robeson, then of London. On the death of Andrew Robeson this descended to his only surviving son and heir, Samuel Robeson, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who sold it by deeds of September 1 and 2, 1696, to John Reading, of Gloucester, Gloucester County, New Jersey. John Reading sold four hundred acres of this same land to John Clark, of Hope-well. Two hundred and seventy of the four hundred acres were sold by John Clark on May 10, 1701, to John Wilkinson and Benjamin Wiggins.

On April 23, 1706, Wiggins sold his share of the purchase to John Wilkinson, who thus be-

panies of Friends, one of which founded Burlington in 1677. The estate in its divisions was long known as "The Byllynge tenths." In 1681 Byllynge was among the twenty-four proprietaries to whom the Duke of York confirmed the sale of the province; and in 1677 he was elected by the land-owners governor of the province of West Jersey; but, after the manner of such officials, named deputies and never visited his domain in person. He was never in harmony with his people, who vainly sought to have him removed from office shortly before his death, which occurred in 1686. —Appleton's Cyclopædia.

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came sole owner; and on April 4 and 5 added by purchase from John Reading fifty adjoining acres, which were part of an eighth of a propriety conveyed to Reading by William Bal—, then of Bucks County, Pennsylvania. There exists still another old deed, much mutilated, dated November 23, 1747, which conveyed to Peter Phillips, from his brother-in-law, John Winder, son and heir of Thomas Winder, three hundred and twenty acres, called Minga Senega.

These two deeds were until lately held by the Phillips family. The property has been divided and sold from time to time in small tracts, until to-day a farm owned by Israel Phillips, with the old family burying-ground on top of a hill, is the only portion still owned by a descendant of the name..

An old mill which once formed a part of the improvements of the plantation was destroyed by fire some years since.

By deeds dated November 6 and 7, 1721, Thomas Winder, of Amwell, Hunterdon County, West Jersey, purchased of John Walley, of Newtown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, six hundred acres of land in Newtown for two hundred and forty pounds. The witnesses to this

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conveyance were Stophel Vansand, Christian Barnson Vanhorne, and Jeremiah Langhorne.*

Gilbert Cope said in 1894 that Reuben P. Ely had several years before collected information from the secretary's office at Trenton and from deeds in the vicinity of Lambertville. From Mr. Ely's notes and from the index to a map of the vicinity of Lambertville, made from these notes by Walter F. Hayhurst, was taken the following brief of title :

“ William Crouch and James West, of London, to John Clark of Bucks County, Pa., for $\frac{7}{8}$ of a propriety, Dec. 5 & 6, 1700.

“ John Clark to Francis Hague.

“ Francis Hague, son of Francis, Jan. 23 & 24, 1726 to Thomas Winder.

“ Thomas Winder to eldest son, John Winder.

“ John Winder to his brother James Winder.

“ James Winder and Sarah † his wife, March 6, 1764, conveyed to John Coryell 290 acres, reserving ten acres previously sold to Benjamin Smith ; all described in a deed in possession of Samuel D. Stryker,—Beginning at a white oak stump standing on the bank of the Delaware

* Bucks County Deeds, Book 5, p. 178.

† Probably a mistake for Elizabeth.

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River, being a corner of the 30,000 acre Tract ; thence South 69° 30' East 42 chains along one of the lines of said tract," etc.

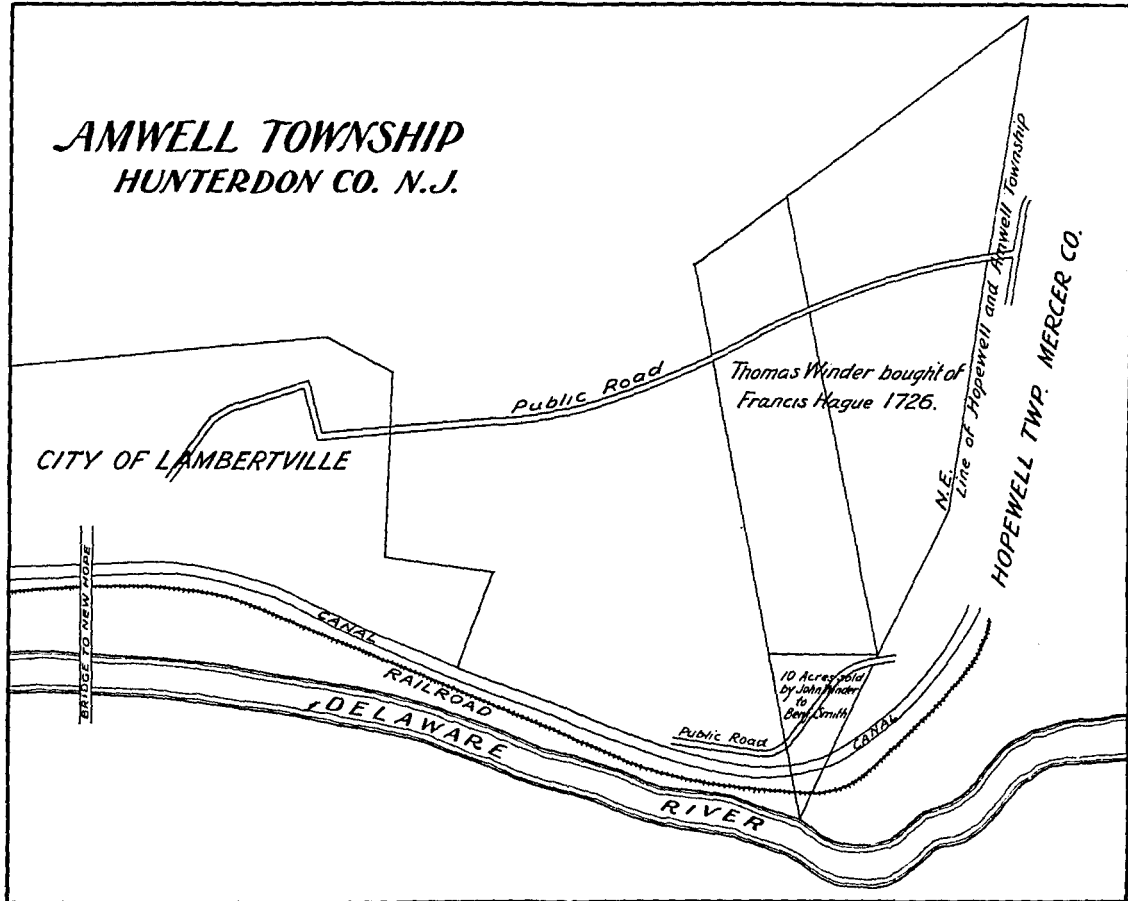
"John Winder sold to Benjamin Smith, Jan. 1st, 1744, 10 acres. Benjamin Smith, by will, March 31, 1747, devised to Robert Smith and his male heirs, the same with other lands, 12½ acres with grist mill thereon," etc.

"Samuel Green conveyed to Charles Woolverton, Dec. 31, 1733, 12½ acres ; Beginning at a white oak standing on the bank of the Delaware River, and is a corner of a tract commonly called the 'Thirty Thousand Acre Tract,' and also corner of a tract of land belonging to Thomas Winder ; thence by his line N. 66 E. 35 chains to a post, &c. Charles Woolverton conveyed this to Benjamin Smith, Sept. 23, 1734, who devised the same with other ten acres to Robert Smith."

Thomas Winder leased a part of his land in Amwell Township, Hunterdon County, to Daniel Harkutt for a term of years, as appears from a suit brought in 1739 by John Winder, son and heir of Thomas Winder, against Daniel Harkutt for damage done to the property.*

* Supreme Court Records of New Jersey.

*AMWELL TOWNSHIP
HUNTERDON CO. N.J.*



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No deed for the land owned by Thomas Winder before August 26, 1703, has been found. The tract purchased January 23, 1726, is shown in the accompanying sketch.

June 13, 1727, Thomas Winder of Hopewell, Hunterdon County, West Jersey, purchased for three hundred and sixty pounds, at sheriff's sale, three messuages or tenements and three hundred and forty-one acres of land in Makefield township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, joining lands of Nathaniel Hairs, Thomas Janney, and John Clowes, the property of Ralph Brock.*

Thus it appears that Thomas Winder was in 1703 in possession of certain lands in West Jersey, the amount not known, all or part of which he or his heirs may have been forced to relinquish in consequence of the claim of Daniel Coxe.

In 1710 he purchased of John Wilkinson three hundred and twenty acres in Amwell township, West Jersey. This his son John Winder afterwards sold to Peter Phillips.

In 1721 he purchased of John Walley six hundred acres of land in Newtown, Bucks

* Bucks County Deeds, Book B 2, p. 39.

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County, Pennsylvania. It does not appear what became of this tract.

In 1726 from Francis Hague was purchased all or part of seven-eighths of a propriety in Hunterdon County, West Jersey, which descended to his son John and was by him sold to his brother James.

In 1727, at sheriff's sale, three hundred and forty-one acres were purchased in Makefield township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, which land, together with two hundred and eleven acres bought at an unknown date from John and Thomas Clowes, was afterwards owned by his son John Winder.

Thomas Winder continued to live in New Jersey, but much of his business was transacted in Newtown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, at which place many of his money loans were made. Although perhaps not generally interesting, something of the extent of these business transactions may be gathered from the following abstracts of cases from the records of the courts held on either side of the river, in which he had difficulty in collecting money due for sums previously loaned or other debts.

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New Jersey Court Records.

July, 1726, Thomas Winder *vs.* Thomas Finney. Case, £4.1. Agreed.

December, 1726, Francis Hage *vs.* Thomas Winder.

May, 1728, Thomas Winder *vs.* Robert Lanning. Debt, £24.

May, 1729, Thomas Winder *vs.* John Coats.

October, 1732, Thomas Winder *vs.* George Foxe. £14.

October, 1732, Thomas Winder *vs.* Thomas Hamlen. £6.

October, 1732, Thomas Winder *vs.* Joseph Preis. £18.

February, 1732/3, Thomas Winder *vs.* Joseph Preis.

October, 1733, Thomas Winder *vs.* Stephen Pidcock. £17.

February, 1733/4, Thomas Winder *vs.* Thomas Hamlen. £8.3.10; new costs, £1.3.6.

From Bucks County Court Records.

1726, Thomas Winder *vs.* John Millnor.
Debt, £120.

1727, Thomas Winder *vs.* Francis Hague.

—, Thomas Winder *vs.* James Jolly.

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- , Thomas Winder *vs.* John Hough.
1728, Thomas Winder *vs.* Samuel Baker.
1728, Thomas Winder *vs.* Peter Lyian. Debt,
£11.
1730, Thomas Winder *vs.* Thomas Janney.
Debt, 14.
March, 1730, Thomas Winder *vs.* Francis
Hague. Debt, 120. Loaned January
14, 1726.
1730, Thomas Winder *vs.* John Milnor. £30,
promissory note of June 12, 1730.
March, 1730, Thomas Winder *vs.* Daniel
Brock, administrator of John Grigory, of
Southampton. Debt, 16, loaned August
1, 1725.
March, 1730, Thomas Winder *vs.* Thomas
Janney. Debt, £40, loaned March 21,
1726.
March, 1730, Thomas Winder *vs.* Thomas
Janney. £28, loaned July 10, 1729.
December, 1731, Thomas Winder *vs.* Timothy
Smith, late sheriff. Debt, £123.3, being
the amount recovered against John Milnor
by judgment of the March Court, 1730,
£120 debt and 63 shillings damages.
Milnor had been arrested and imprisoned,

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but was allowed by Smith to escape.
Winder holds Smith liable for the debt.

June, 1732, Thomas Winder *vs.* John Hough.
Debt, £98.14, loaned April 9, 1731.

June, 1732, Thomas Winder *vs.* Thomas
Clowes. Debt, £38.16, loaned February
21, 1730.

June 1733, Thomas Winder *vs.* George Fox.
Debt, £7.15, for goods and merchandise
delivered May 1, 1733.

Thomas Winder and David Howell were appointed commissioners of highways for Amwell Township in June, 1723.

Letters of administration on the estate of Thomas Winder were granted May 23, 1734, to his widow Rebecca Winder, of Hopewell township, Hunterdon County. The sureties were Joseph Peace, of Trenton, yeoman, and John Dee, of same place, gentleman, the amount of the bond being twelve hundred pounds.

In the inventory filed at Trenton, dated May 21, 1735, are mentioned "Two Great Bibles and three small ones by the consent of all ye Children & ye Widdow divided amongst them."

Among the items in the account, filed March 10, 1746, was money paid for the recovery

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of the body of the deceased, he having been drowned; and one pound paid for the funeral sermon.* In the latter fact we have proof that he was not a member of the Society of Friends, while the former accords with family tradition that Thomas Winder was drowned in the Delaware River while on his way in a small boat to take a ship for England, whither he intended going for the last time to settle some business affairs.

Rebecca Winder, widow of Thomas, married before May, 1736, Edward Collins (or Collings), of Philadelphia County. His name is associated with hers in many of the papers relating to the settlement of the estate of her first husband, which settlement was complicated by the fact that the property lay partly in West Jersey and partly in Pennsylvania. From the March term of the Bucks County Orphans' Court, 1743/4, to that of June, 1747, there appear various petitions from Rebecca Collins in regard to this business. In the earliest of these the statement is made that John Winder, as heir-at-law, had inherited his father's real estate in West Jersey. In that presented to the December court, 1744, Rebecca

* Hunterdon County Will Files, Trenton, New Jersey.

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Collins says the personal property, which was considerable, had been divided between herself and the six children, and prays that such division shall be made of the Bucks County property as shall be in accordance with the laws of the province. The court upon examination finding one of the children to be a minor, appointed Thomas Yardley, John Palmer, and Thomas Harvey to make an estimate of the clear yearly value of the property. Their report, made to the March court following, not proving satisfactory, was set aside. A new appointment was made, and the return to the June court, 1746, was to the effect that the property was worth ten pounds per year rent.

On June 10, 1747, Rebecca Collins petitioned that the court order a dividend of the yearly profit of the real estate that was situated in Bucks County.* This property consisted of the three hundred and forty-one acres purchased at sheriff's sale in 1727, and two hundred and eleven acres purchased later of John and Thomas Clowes,—five hundred and fifty-two acres in all.

On this Bucks County tract John Winder was living at the time of his father's death, and

* Bucks County Orphans' Court Records.

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to him the other heirs at intervals sold their shares. The earliest of these was the conveyance of Thomas Winder,* of Amwell, Hunterdon County, yeoman, on April 14, 1736, of his portion for eighty pounds.

In 1747 Peter Phillips, of Amwell, and wife Elizabeth sold Elizabeth's share for one hundred pounds.† In April, 1756, to Thomas Guinnup and Ellinor, of Lower Makefield, was paid one hundred and nine pounds, sixteen shillings, and eleven and one-half pence for Ellinor's portion.‡ In January, 1758, John and Jane Slack, of Lower Makefield, resigned their rights for five shillings; § and at last, on March 10, 1761, James Winder, of Prince George County, Maryland, and wife Elizabeth completed the sale to John Winder by accepting thirty-nine pounds in settlement for their share.|| These deeds were all recorded at Doylestown August 23, 1790.

On June 15, 1753, Rebecca Collins, widow of Thomas Winder, deceased, sued John Winder for her dower in the Makefield property,

* Bucks County Deeds, Book 25, p. 424.

† Ibid., p. 425.

‡ Ibid., p. 427.

§ Ibid., p. 428.

|| Ibid., p. 429.

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The statement made in the text (page 57) as to the date and place of marriage of Thomas Winder is an error.

The compiler some years ago offered a reward for the discovery of the record and a copy of the marriage certificate, and in reply received notice from the Parish Clerk of St. Margaret's, Westminster, London, that the desired record had been found in the Parish Register of that Church for 1704. A professional genealogist of London was then employed to examine the Register and reported the same as satisfactory, adding that the name "Winder" showed signs of having been altered a long time before and appeared to have been originally written as "Windher." Nothing was known of the bride, except that she had been a Miss Bull.

In due time a certificate was received, signed by the Curate of the Parish of St. Margaret's, Westminster, and dated December 10, 1894, certifying to the entry in the Register for 1704, p. 39, as follows:- "June 5, 1704, Thomas Winder married Sara Bull at St. Margaret's, Westminster, London."

The record having been examined by a searcher and also attested by the church authorities, not a shadow of doubt rested upon the matter, until the compiler inspected the Parish Register in July, 1905, when he became convinced that the original entry had been tampered with. Through a manuscript copy of the Register, made some years previously, which was in the possession of the College of Arms in London, it was discovered that the original record had been as follows- "1705, June 5th, Thomas Wenham and Sara Bull." In the certified copy the year had been incorrectly given, and in the Register a few strokes of the pen had changed the name "Wenham" into "Winder."

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which she complained he had withheld from her.

1. THOMAS WINDER, married Sara Bull* on June 5, 1704, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, London. Tradition tells that he was accustomed to paying occasional visits to the mother-country. It was during one of these visits that the marriage took place. Unfortunately, the names of the witnesses are not recorded. The tracings of the signatures from the register show that of the bride to be such as would even in this day be considered a beautiful, clear, round hand. The date of her death is not known. Thomas Winder's second marriage, by license dated April 1, 1731, was to Rebecca Gregory, of Hunterdon County, New Jersey.†

Children of Thomas and Sara (Bull) Winder :

2. John Winder, b. abt. 1707 ; d. Aug. 9, 1770 ; m.
abt. 1732, Rebecca Richards, b. Sept. 19, 1714 ;
d. Jan. 19, 1788.

* Copied on December 10, 1894, by John Darlington, Curate of the Parish of St. Margaret's, from the Marriage Register for 1704, p. 39.

† New Jersey Marriage Licenses, Trenton.

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3. Thomas Winder, living in Amwell, Hunterdon Co., N. J., April 14, 1736.*
4. James Winder, m. Elizabeth ——. James Winder and his wife Elizabeth were living in Prince George Co., Md., March 10, 1761.† According to the New Jersey Supreme Court Records, he was in Amwell, Hunterdon Co., on March 10, 1762, when he leased to "John Styles" for seven years a messuage and tenement with fourteen hundred acres of land in New Jersey. The tenant took possession, but was ousted by "Richard Fenn."‡ This brought about a case for trespass and ejectment, which was decided in favor of Winder's tenant, and order was given that he be put into possession of the property. The will of James Winder was dated March 15, 1785, and proved Aug. 15, 1789.§ It names children :

- I. Mary Winder, m. —— McCown.
- II. Susannah Winder, m. George Orr.
- III. Mary Winder, m. —— Darlling.
- IV. Rachel Winder, m. —— Snebely.
- V. Elizabeth Winder, m. —— Bond.
- VI. Thomas Winder.

* Bucks County Deeds, Book 25, p. 424.

† Ibid., p. 429.

‡ In accordance with a now obsolete custom in law instead of the real names of the parties litigant, those of John Styles and Richard Fenn are given in the record.

§ Wills, Hagarstown, Maryland, Book A, p. 212.

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- VII. James Winder.
- VIII. John Winder.
- IX. Daniel Winder ; d. 1795, unm.
- X. Alexander Winder.
- XI. Isaac Winder.
- XII. George Winder.
- 5. Jane Winder, of Lower Makefield, Bucks Co., Pa. ;
will dated Mar. 8, 1784 ; proved Mar. 25, 1784 ; *
m. John Slack ; will dated Aug. 12, 1785 ; proved
Oct. 1, 1785.† Children :
 - I. Cornelius Slack.
 - II. Thomas Slack.
 - III. Joseph Slack.
 - IV. Timothy Slack.
 - V. Philip Slack.
 - VI. John Slack.
 - VII. Noah Slack.
- 6. Elizabeth Winder married Peter Phillips, of Amwell
township, Hunterdon Co., who died intestate about
Jan., 1791. It will be remembered that Peter Phil-
lips purchased of his brother-in-law, John Winder,
the three hundred and twenty acres known as the
Minga Senega tract, which Thomas Winder, Sr.,
had in 1710 bought of John Wilkinson, and on
which the Phillips family continued to live many
years. Children :
 - I. John Phillips, b. Dec. 7, 1738 ; m. Sarah

* Bucks County Wills, Book D, p. 326.

† Ibid., p. 406.

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——; b. Oct. 9, 1739; d. Oct. 24, 1814. Issue, nine children. John Phillips was commissioned captain of the Third Regiment Hunterdon County Militia, Nov. 14, 1777, and was at the battle of Monmouth, June 28, 1778.

II. Lott Phillips, b. abt. 1754; d. Dec. 20, 1820; m. Elizabeth Titus, b. abt. 1755; d. April 11, 1830. Issue, six children.

III. Thomas Phillips, m. ———. Issue, three children.

Child of Thomas and Rebecca (Gregory) Winder:

7. Ellinor Winder, m. July 31, 1751, Thomas Guinnup.*

2. JOHN WINDER² (Thomas¹), born about 1707; died August 9, 1770; married about 1732, Rebecca Richards, who was born September 19, 1714; died January 19, 1788.

Deeds of lease and release from Thomas Winder, Sr., to John Winder, bearing date December 18 and 19, 1732, for the tract of three hundred and forty-one acres in Makefield township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, which the father had purchased in 1727 at sheriff's sale,

* Record of Swedes' Church, Philadelphia. Pennsylvania Archives, 2d series, vol. viii. p. 388.



HOUSE IN LOWER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
IN WHICH JOHN AND REBECCA (RICHARDS) WINDER LIVED
FROM 1732 UNTIL THEY DIED

Taken in 1893

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made out in due form, but never signed, are still in existence. On this plantation John Winder probably settled at the time of his marriage, and here he continued to live until his death.

This and the other tract in the same township, of which his father had died possessed, John Winder gradually acquired by purchase from the rest of the heirs, as has been shown.

As heir-at-law John Winder inherited his father's real estate in West Jersey. At what date he conveyed this to his brother James is unknown (see Brief of Title cited by Mr. Cope, p. 47), but it was probably after James made the conveyance of his share of the Bucks County property to John.

On June 18, 1737, John Winder made his "trusty and loving friend," Benjamin Canby, of Solebury, merchant, his attorney to collect all debts and dues which were owing him in West New Jersey.*

John Winder, on Fourth month 5, 1747, applied for membership to the Society of Friends, at Falls Meeting, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The committee appointed to inquire into the

* Recorded in clerk's office, at Flemington, New Jersey, vol. F'd. Estates, Sheriff's Bonds, etc., p. 96.

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matter reported favorably, and he was admitted Fifth month 1, 1747. In this same month Rebecca Winder also applied, being one month later than her husband in doing so. John Winder was one of the representatives from Makefield to Falls Monthly Meeting, First month 12, 1756.

In 1757 a difficulty between John Winder and Timothy Smith was settled by the Meeting. The nature of the difficulty is not noted.*

Living in turbulent times, but belonging to a religious society upholding the principles of peace, warfare of any kind, even the defence of home and country, not being permitted, John Winder and members of his family were a number of times in difficulties with the Meeting.

Benjamin Palmer and John Winder made acknowledgment to the Meeting, Second month 6, 1760, for wrong-doing in "contributing towards the getting of carriages to go on the last expedition to the Westward." John Winder again offended in like manner, for Makefield Meeting reported, Fourth month 4, 1764, to the Monthly Meeting at Falls, that William Yeardley and John Winder "had been con-

* Falls Monthly Meeting records.

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cerned in carrying soldiers and their effects." They had been remonstrated with by friends appointed from that Meeting, but were not convinced that they had done amiss. The Monthly Meeting records the appointment of Joseph White, James Moon and Joseph Nutt "to treat further with them, in order that they may be brought," as was said, "to see the inconsistency of such conduct with the Principles of Truth which we possess" and to report to the next Meeting. At the Meeting held Fifth month 2, a report was made to the effect that "tho' they did not see any harm in what they had done under the circumstances of the present affairs, yet William signified he took the care of the Friends and the Meeting kind."

This was not considered satisfactory, in view of the seriousness of the question, and the matter was in the Eighth month referred from the Monthly to the Quarterly Meeting for settlement.

A number of Friends were appointed at the Quarterly Meeting who attended the Monthly Meeting, held Ninth month 5, at which time "William Yeardley and some other Friends who were in like manner concerned in carrying

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soldiers expressed their sorrow that their conduct had given their Brethren uneasiness. Here the Meeting let the matter drop, with the caution that Friends in future be careful in acting in such manner." John Winder was not of those included in this report; and it was not until the Meeting held in the Eleventh month that we find it noted that he, being present, said he was sorry for having given his friends uneasiness, and hoped for the future he should not do the like, which acknowledgment they concluded to accept.

On March 1, 1765, John Winder rented to "John Styles" a messuage and tenement house, barn, stable, garden, orchard, and ninety acres of land in Hopewell, Hunterdon County, "late in possession of John Phillips." The tenant took possession and lived on the premises until the tenth of the same month, at which time he was compelled to leave by "Richard Fenn."

The case was brought up at the May term of the Supreme Court, when "Styles" was awarded two hundred pounds damages.*

The will of John Winder, of Lower Makefield township, Bucks County, yeoman, dated

* Here again the fictitious law names, John Styles and Richard Fenn, appear. See foot-note, p. 58.

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August 6, 1770, proved September 5, 1770, left to his wife Rebecca for life the plantation on which he lived.

To son Thomas was left the plantation on which the said Thomas was living, he paying to Aaron fifty pounds, with interest, when Aaron should reach the age of twenty-one years.

To James and Moses the home plantation after their mother's death.

To son John ten pounds.

To daughters Elizabeth Linton, Sarah Whitacre, and Hannah Brooks, each five pounds.

To daughters Rebecca, "Marcy," and Ann, each twenty pounds.*

The executors were his wife Rebecca and his son John, who presented their account to the Orphans' Court, December 11, 1771.

One of the items of this account was, "paid John White for schooling Aaron, twelve shillings."

Rebecca Winder's will was made First month 11, 1788, and proved February 15 following. She named her son Aaron as executor and made him her residuary legatee.† Aaron lived with

* Bucks County Wills, Book 1, p. 215.

† Ibid., Book 5, p. 75.

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his mother and cared for her interests during the time of her widowhood.

Children of John and Rebecca (Richards) Winder :

8. Thomas Winder, b. Feb. 25, 1733 ; d. Dec. 16, 1785 ; will dated Dec. 6, 1785 ; proved Jan. 12, 1786 ;* m. May 11, 1758, Elizabeth Linton, b. abt. 1732 ; d. Sept. 24, 1795 ; daughter of Joseph and Mary Linton. Children :

I. Joseph Winder, b. March 8, 1764 ; d. Nov. 30, 1821 ; m. April 12, 1792, Ruth Buckman, daughter of John and Eleanor. Issue, eight children.

II. Mary Winder, b. March, 1760 ; d. July 28, 1818, unm.

III. Thomas Winder, b. July, 1767 ; d. Jan. 14, 1820, unm.

IV. Rebecca Winder, b. abt. 1768, d. Nov. 5, 1860, unm.

9. James Winder, b. Nov. 24, 1735 ; d. Jan. 21, 1804 ; m. 1st, Dec. 28, 1763, Sarah Bayley, who died without issue ; m. 2d, Mary Booz, b. about 1775 ; d. Nov. 21, 1838, daughter of Jacob and Barbarra Booz. She married, 2d, William Force. Children :

I. Sarah Winder, b. Feb. 25, 1794 ; d.

* Bucks County Wills, Book D 1, p. 423.

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- Oct. 17, 1839; m. Jan. 16, 1812, Abram Knight, b. Oct. 16, 1786; d. July 8, 1872; son of Abraham and Anna Knight. Issue, six children.
- II. Thomas Winder, b. Nov. 12, 1796; d. July 12, 1836; m. Susan Vansant, d. May 19, 1840. Issue, five children.
- III. Mercy Winder, b. June 26, 1798; m. Jonathan Clayton, who d. March 10, 1871.
- IV. John Brown Winder, b. March 14, 1799; m. Dec. 18, 1823, Rebecca Johnson, b. April 18, 1793; d. April 24, 1875; daughter of Peter and Martha Johnson. Issue, five daughters.
- V. Ann Winder, b. Oct. 27, 1800; m. Isaac Wynkoop.
- VI. Harman Winder, b. Dec. 27, 1802; d. May 11, 1879; m. Anna Eliza Hogeland, b. Jan. 24, 1809; d. Nov. 18, 1853; daughter of Daniel and Cornelia Hogeland. Issue, three daughters.
10. John Winder, b. Sept. 22, 1736; d. April 5, 1819; m. Jan. 23, 1760, Margaret Briggs, b. Oct. 26, 1740; d. June 24, 1812. Children:
I. John Winder, b. Jan. 14, 1761; d. Feb. 17, 1763.

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- II. Edmund Winder, b. Dec. 2, 1762 ;
d. July 20, 1777.
- III. James Winder, b. Aug. 19, 1764 ; d.
Feb. 29, 1816 ; m. 1795, Deborah Allen, b. 1772 ; d. May 12, 1818 ; daughter of Joseph Allen. Issue, five children.
- IV. Hannah Winder, b. Oct. 11, 1766 ; d.
near Chillicothe, Ohio, Oct. 13, 1803 ; m. William Chandler.
- V. Sarah Winder, b. Oct. 5, 1768 ; m.
Benjamin Kirns.
- VI. John Winder, b. Jan. 1, 1771 ; d.
Aug. 1, 1777.
- VII. Rebecca Winder, b. Oct. 24, 1772 ; d.
July 26, 1777.
- VIII. Mary Winder, b. Aug. 12, 1775 ; d.
April 20, 1811 ; m. Oct. 21, 1795, Isaac Warner, of Wilmington, Del., at Hockessin Meeting.
- IX. Ann Winder, b. July 7, 1778 ; m.
Israel England.
- X. Abner Winder, b. Sept. 14, 1780 ; d.
July 23, 1846 ; m. April 15, 1802, Hope Ballinger, b. April 5, 1786 ; d. Jan. 3, 1864 ; daughter of Joshua and Sarah Ballinger. Issue, thirteen children.
- XI. Massey Winder, b. June 5, 1783 ; d.
Dec. 1, 1821 ; m. Levi Warner.

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- XII. Elizabeth Winder, b. Dec. 6, 1785 ;
d. April 8, 1844 ; m. 1st, Levi
Warner ; m. 2d, John Webster.
11. Elizabeth Winder, b. Aug. 4, 1738 ; m. 1st, April
—, 1759, Joseph Linton ; m. 2d, April 2, 1795,
David Feaster. Children :
- I. Aaron Linton, b. April 20, 1771 ; d. Aug.
7, 1826 ; m. April 10, 1802, Eunice
Greenlaw, b. Jan. 14, 1781 ; d. Sept.
16, 1863. Issue, eight children.
- II. Sarah Linton, m. James Martin.
- III., IV. Two other daughters.
12. Sarah Winder, b. Aug. 18, 1740 ; m. April, 1761,
Robert Whitacre, b. Dec. 28, 1739 ; d. Jan. 6,
1796 ; son of Robert Whitacre. Sarah Whit-
acre, 9 mo. 4, 1799, requested a certificate of
removal from Falls to Catawissa Monthly Meet-
ing. Children :
- I. Rebecca Whitacre, b. March 12, 1762 ;
m. William Wilson.
- II. John Whitacre, b. March 19, 1764.
- III. Hannah Whitacre, b. June 27, 1766 ;
m. Benjamin Corson.
- IV. Robert Whitacre, b. June 27, 1769.
- V. Joseph Whitacre, b. Dec. 28, 1772 ; d.
1844 ; m. —.
- VI. John Whitacre, b. Jan. 12, 1783 ; m.
Abigail Carpenter.
13. Hannah Winder, b. Oct. 23, 1742 ; m. 1770,
Timothy Brooks, son of Ananias Brooks. For

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“marrying out of meeting” she was disowned,
11 mo. 7, 1770. Children :

I. John Brooks, m. Sarah Hubbard. Issue,
two children.

II. Sarah Brooks, unm.

III. Mercy Brooks, m. Jacob Subers. Issue,
nine children.

14. Moses Winder, b. Nov. 19, 1745 ; d. unm.

15. Aaron Winder, b. Oct. 3, 1747 ; d. y.

16. Rachel Winder, b. Feb. 12, 1750 ; d. unm.

17. Rebecca Winder, b. Jan. 13, 175—. m. March 26,
1772, Joseph Nutt, son of Edmund and Eliza-
beth Nutt. Children :

I. Joseph Nutt, m. —.

II. Elizabeth Nutt.

III. Thomas Nutt, m. —.

IV. Rebecca Nutt, m. — Ashford.

18. Mercy, or Mary, Winder, b. Jan. 18, 1753 ; d. unm.

19. Ann Winder, b. Jan. 4, 1756 ; d. Aug. 30, 1824 ;
m. May 13, 1779, Absalom Knight, b. Sept. 17,
1754 ; d. July 23, 1818. Both are buried in the
old graveyard in Byberry. He was son of Jona-
than and Grace (Croasdale) Knight. Children :

I. Amos Knight, b. Nov. 7, 1779 ; d. May
13, 1849 ; m. April 18, 1802, Mary
Clayton, b. March 23, 1782 ; d. June
10, 1863 ; daughter of Jonathan and
Mary Clayton. Issue, eight children.

II. Aaron Knight, b. Aug. 29, 1781 ; d.
Sept. 16, 1835 ; m. Catharine Larza-

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- lere, b. Jan. 14, 1786 ; d. Sept. 14, 1868. Issue, five children.
- III. Grace Knight, b. Dec. 30, 1782 ; d. Sept. 13, 1869 ; m. 1822, Joshua Paul. Issue, one child.
- IV. Benjamin Knight, b. April 16, 1785 ; d. July 9, 1862 ; m. Aug. 25, 1825, Mercy Martindale, b. May 14, 1806 ; daughter of Amos and Martha Martindale. Issue, seven children.
- V. John Knight, b. March 13, 1792 ; d. Dec. 9, 1847 ; m. Esther Knight. No issue.
- VI. Moses Knight, b. Aug. 13, 1796 ; d. June 30, 1823 ; m. 1819, Rhoda Tomlinson. Issue, one child.
20. Aaron Winder, b. Sept. 14, 1759 ; d. July 2, 1824 ; m. Jan. 16, 1812, Sarah Vanhorn, b. Feb. 29, 1796 ; d. Jan. 27, 1838 ; daughter of Isaiah and Catherine Vanhorn. Issue, five children. She married, 2d, Aug. 24, 1825, Abner Morris. Issue, four children.

Many of the dates in the above table are copied from the Winder family Bible.

While it is proposed to fully carry out but one line, it may be interesting to note a few items relating to some other members of the above family.

On Seventh month 4, 1781, Thomas and

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Moses Winder were dealt with by Falls Monthly Meeting for "having paid several fines for not associating to learn the Art of War and going out as soldiers." As they were not prepared to make the required acknowledgment at the next Monthly Meeting, the cases were carried over. Thomas Winder acknowledged his "wrong-doing," Twelfth month 5, 1781, which acknowledgment the Meeting accepted.

With James Winder the Society of Friends had great trouble, beginning Third month 2, 1763, when it was reported to the Monthly Meeting that he had bought or hired a negro slave. For a long time he refused to give satisfaction to those who were sent to reason with him on the subject, and it was not until Eighth month 3, 1763, that he was finally prevailed upon to make acknowledgment for his wrong-doing in this particular. The matter, however, was not forgotten,—for when he requested a certificate of removal to Buckingham Meeting on Eighth month 1, 1764, it was refused on account of his evasive conduct concerning the slave he had purchased and because of other irregularities, which resulted finally in his being disowned, Ninth month 4, 1765.

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James and John Winder, on Second month 16, 1782, purchased three hundred acres of land in Ridley township, in what was then Chester, but is now Delaware County, Pennsylvania. The land was sold again on September 13, 1783. In the mean time John Winder had applied for a certificate of removal for himself and family from Falls to Chester Monthly Meeting. This was granted, Fourth month 2, 1783. They again received a certificate of removal on Ninth month 23, 1785, from Chester to Kennett Monthly Meeting, and settled for a time in Mill Creek Hundred, Delaware. Here they probably stayed until about the time that James and Hannah Winder (son and daughter of John and Margaret) obtained a certificate from Kennett to Redstone Monthly Meeting, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. The certificate of the parents to the same Meeting, with their other children, Ann, Abner, Massey, and Elizabeth, was dated Eleventh month 12, 1795.

They settled within the limits of Westland Meeting, five or six miles southwest from Redstone. Both Meetings belonged to the Brownsville Quarterly Meeting, Pennsylvania. The date of their further removal to Ross

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County, Ohio, has not been ascertained, but there they finally settled, and from his home in Union township in that county John Winder wrote to his brother Aaron a letter, dated Ninth month 24, 1815, which is still extant.

It was reported to Makefield Meeting, on Sixth month 12, 1775, that Moses Winder had joined the Associators (militia) "to learn the Military Art." He admitted that he had been in the practice, but had given it up from a dislike he had to some of the members. He finally expressed his sorrow for what he had done, and his acknowledgment was accepted.

We have seen that on Seventh month 4, 1781, Thomas and Moses Winder were dealt with by the Meeting for having paid fines, in lieu of military service. Moses Winder informed the committee of Friends who visited him that he had accepted an office to collect a tax for war purposes, and not appearing sorry either for this or the other matters which they discussed with him, he was disowned, Seventh month 11, 1781. He eventually went to New Brunswick to live, where his nephew Aaron Linton joined him. Among the family papers is a letter dated October 29, 1798, from County of Charlotte,

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New Brunswick, written by Moses to his brother Aaron Winder.

Moses Winder sold his half-interest in the plantation left him by his father's will to his brother Thomas in 1782, and afterwards gave quit-claim for the same to his brother Aaron,* who had purchased it of Thomas's widow. The witnesses to the deed were John Brown and Timothy and Cornelius Slack, all of them Bucks County men, which, together with the date, December 5, 1788, would indicate that Moses Winder had not left Bucks County at that time, notwithstanding the family tradition to the contrary.†

Joseph Nutt was disowned by the Falls Meeting, Tenth month 2, 1782, for attending "with

* Full reference is given to this deed under Aaron Winder's record.

† According to tradition, Moses Winder sympathized with the English during the war of the Revolution, and became so obnoxious to the American party that at one time soldiers were sent to arrest him. His escape was due to his having been hidden by his brother Aaron in a cask in the cellar. The soldiers tapped upon the cask, but judged from the sound that it was empty, and made no further examination. The story runs that because of his Tory principles he was compelled to leave the country.

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the militia at a place appointed to exercise to learn the Art of War," and for paying fines in lieu of military service, which payment he declined to discontinue.

Rebecca Nutt in 1794 received a certificate to remove with her husband and four children to within the compass of Fairfax Monthly Meeting, Virginia.

The Fairfax Meeting records note the receipt of this certificate and also that neither she nor her children had attended their Meeting while living near it. At a Meeting held in the Sixth month, 1801, they were reported to have been settled for a considerable length of time within the verge of Goose Creek Monthly Meeting, from which place they expected shortly to remove.

Joseph Nutt, Jr., was disowned Eighth month 1, 1810, by Fairfax Meeting, for "marrying out."

Complaint was made, Third month 28, 1810, that Thomas Nutt had married one not a member of Meeting. He was reported to have removed to Ohio, within the verge of Middletown Meeting; but not being able to learn anything regarding him from that Meeting, he was disowned by the Fairfax Meeting, Eleventh month 28, 1810.

Chart III

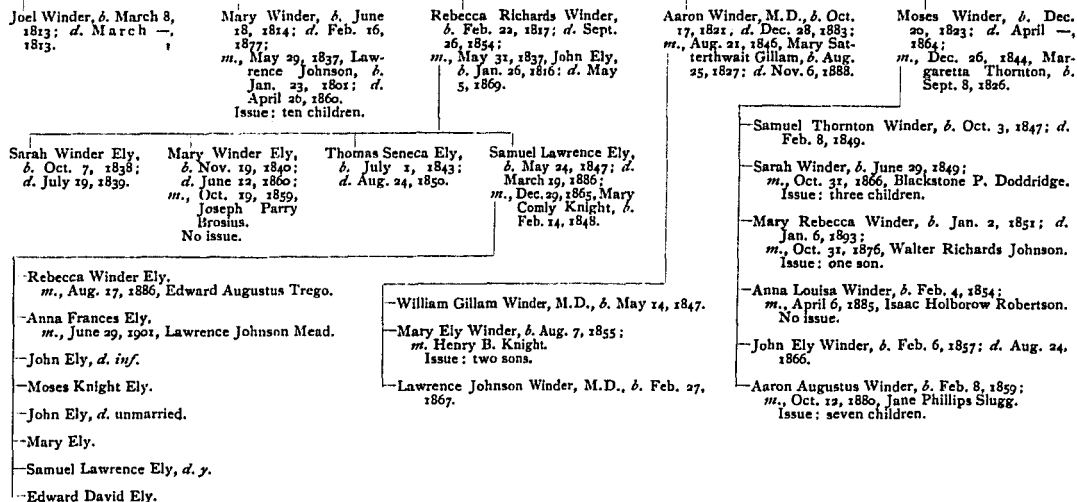
Descendants of Aaron and Sarah Winder



AARON WINDER — SARAH VANHORN, daughter of Isaiah
b. Sept. 14, 1759; *d.* July 2, 1824; of Lower
 Makefield, Bucks
 County, Penna. Jan. 27, 1838.

Sarah Winder, *m.*, 2d, Aug. 24, 1825.
 Abner Morris, a widower, and had
 issue: four children.

June 16, 1812.





"LANSDOWNE," BRISTOL TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
THE SUMMER HOME OF LAWRENCE AND MARY WINDER JOHNSON

South View

Taken in 1883

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20. AARON WINDER³ (John², Thomas¹), born September 14, 1759; died July 2, 1824; married, January 16, 1812, before Harman Vansant, justice of the peace of Bucks County, Sarah Vanhorn, daughter of Isaiah and Catherine (Subers) Vanhorn, born February 29, 1796; died January 27, 1838.

The love of Aaron Winder's youth was Catherine Subers, who, however, married Isaiah Vanhorn. This does not appear to have interfered with the friendly relations between these individuals. It was on returning one night from a visit to his friend Winder that Isaiah Vanhorn met his death by falling from his horse. After parting from his guest, Aaron Winder paced for a time outside his door, listening to the more and more distant sound of hoof-beats borne to him on the frosty air. He noticed that after a considerable interval these appeared suddenly to cease. The next morning Isaiah Vanhorn was found about a mile away, at the top of the hill overlooking Yardleyville, lying across a stump, with his neck broken. His faithful horse, which still watched by his side, had during the night worn a path about the spot where his master lay.

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While Sarah, the only child of Isaiah and Catherine Vanhorn, was still an infant in the cradle, Aaron Winder had laughingly remarked that he intended to wait until she was old enough to marry him. After the father's death, Aaron Winder was appointed guardian in the child's twelfth year, and in time the marriage did take place.

This marriage not being accomplished in accordance with the order of the Society of Friends, of which he was a member, Aaron Winder was dealt with by the Meeting; and, having refused to express sorrow for what he had done, was disowned Twelfth month 11, 1812.*

By deed of July 9, 1782, Moses Winder, of Lower Makefield township, Bucks County, sold to his brother Thomas Winder, for six hundred and seventy-five pounds, all his half of the plantation of about two hundred acres, whereon Moses was then living, on the great road leading from Yardley's Ferry to Newtown, which was devised by their father John Winder to be equally divided between James and Moses Winder after the death of their mother Rebecca Winder.

* Records of Falls Monthly Meeting, Bucks County.



HOUSE BUILT BY AARON WINDER IN 1790 ON LAND PURCHASED BY HIS GRANDFATHER
IN LOWER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Taken in 1893

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The same half-interest in the above plantation was sold for the same sum on September 6, 1788, to Aaron Winder by Elizabeth, widow of Thomas Winder, and her children.* The sale between Moses and Thomas Winder having been made in the lifetime of their mother, Moses, on December 5, 1788, made quit-claim of the property to his brother Aaron.†

On this tract Aaron Winder built a house, in which he lived the rest of his life. The house still stands, and on a stone in the wall is cut "A. W. 1790."

Aaron Winder was one of the executors under the will of his brother Thomas, which will was dated December 6, 1785, and proved January 12, 1786.‡

Letters of attorney were granted by Aaron Linton, of Northampton township, on April 11, 1795, to his uncle Aaron Winder, of Lower Makefield, Bucks County.§

Aaron Winder died of measles, of which he

* Bucks County Deeds, Book 25, p. 100.

† Ibid., p. 96.

‡ Bucks County Wills, Book D 1, p. 423.

§ Letters of Attorney, Book 2, p. 124, Doylestown.

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had always had a great dread, and which disease he contracted while visiting a friend.

This friend, aware of the fear he entertained, on seeing Aaron Winder driving towards the house, held a family council, at which it was hastily decided to admit him, but not to inform him of the facts until dinner was over. When the meal was ended, he was told of the condition of affairs, upon which he pushed back his plate, saying, "I am a dead man." He was buried in the old stone graveyard on the hill near Yardleyville. The disease violently attacked several others of the family, who were for this reason unable to attend the funeral.

Letters of administration on his estate were granted, August 12, 1824, to Lamb. Torbert and Sarah Winder, who made their final settlement August 17, 1826.*

On February 23, 1825, Sarah Winder, widow of Aaron, petitioned that guardians be appointed for her children, Mary, Rebecca, Aaron, and Moses Winder. The court appointed Thomas Yardley to act in that capacity.†

* Administration Book C, p. 76, Doylestown.

† Orphans' Court Records, Doylestown, Book 6, p. 266 ; Book 7, p. 71.

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Sarah (Vanhorn) Winder married, second, on August 24, 1825, Abner Morris, a widower, son of Morris and Elizabeth Morris. He was born August 25, 1787, and died July 5, 1864.*

On April 28, 1828, Abner Morris and wife Sarah, late Sarah Winder, widow and relict of Aaron Winder, petitioned that, Thomas Yardley having died, another guardian be appointed for her children. Edward Yardley, son of Thomas, was appointed.

On September 15, 1836, Sarah Morris and her daughter Mary Winder (above the age of twenty years), with Rebecca, Aaron, and Moses

* Children of Abner and Sarah (Vanhorn, Winder) Morris :

- I. Catherine Morris, b. Dec. 3, 1826 ; d. Aug. 15, 1830.
- II. Caroline Matilda Thayer Morris, b. Nov. 6, 1828 ; d. Aug. 13, 1830.
- III. Oliver Goldsmith Morris, b. Jan. 13, 1831 ; d. Sept. 14, 1848.
- IV. Marie Antoinette Morris, b. Sept. 12, 1833 ; d. March 24, 1877 ; m. Nov. 13, 1856, John Ely, whose first wife was Rebecca Richards Winder, half-sister to the second wife. Child : John Seneca Ely, b. Aug. 17, 1857 ; m. June 1, 1880, Mary E. Negus. Issue, one son.

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Winder, by their guardian Edward Yardley, petitioned that the estate of the late Aaron Winder be valued for partition.

The estate was in three lots, the first of which contained one hundred and sixteen acres, sixty-eight perches; the second thirty-seven acres, one hundred and thirty-nine perches; the third eight acres, twenty-three perches. Those appointed made their report that division could not be made to accommodate more than three of the heirs, and therefore put a valuation upon them.

Mary Winder, as eldest daughter, petitioned that lot number two, valued at the sum of three thousand three hundred and thirty-two dollars and forty-five cents, be adjudged to her, which was done. The rest of the real estate was ordered to be sold and distribution made.*

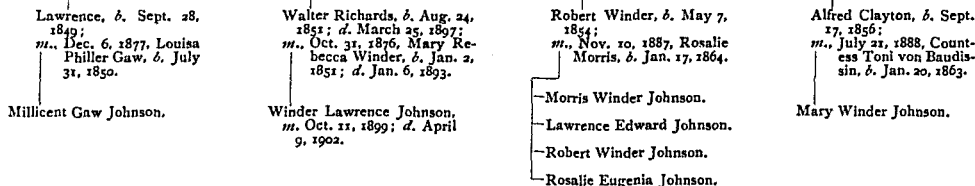
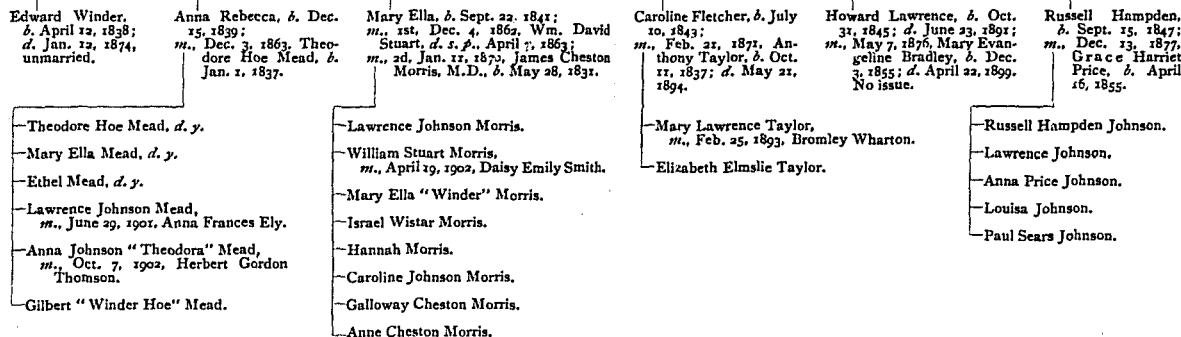
At the December term of the Orphans' Court, in 1836, Edward Yardley made report that he had, on December 3, 1836, sold at public sale part of the estate of Aaron Winder to Joseph Howell for eight thousand seven hundred and thirty-one dollars and eighty-seven and one-half cents. On January 25, 1837, he

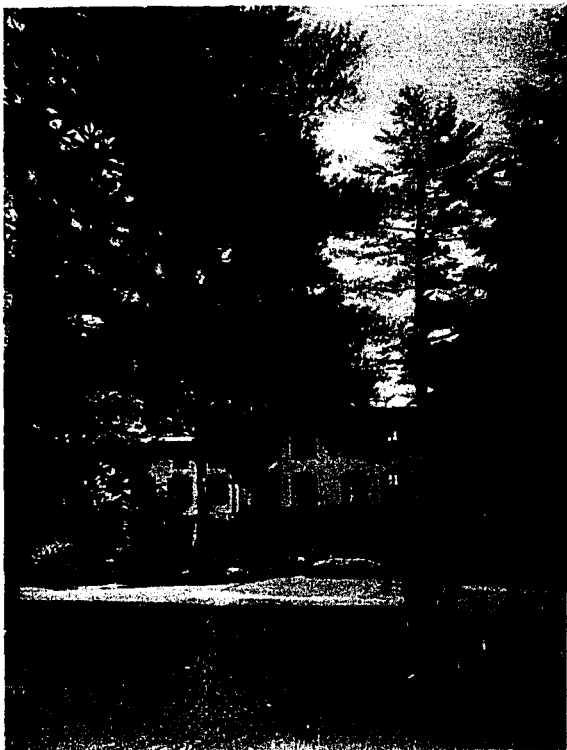
* Orphans' Court Records, Book 9, pp. 36, 60, 61.

Chart IV

Family of Lawrence and Mary Winder Johnson

LAWRENCE JOHNSON — MARY WINDER, daughter of
 son of Edward and Ann (Clayton) Johnson, *b.* Jan. 23, 1801; *d.* April 26, 1860. May 29, 1837.
 Aaron and Sarah (Vanhorn) Winder, *b.* June 18, 1814; *d.* Feb. 16, 1877.





"LANSDOWNE," BRISTOL TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
THE SUMMER HOME OF LAWRENCE AND MARY WINDER JOHNSON

North View

Taken in 1881

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made another sale of eight acres, twenty-three perches to Courtland Yardley for six hundred and ninety-two dollars and twenty cents.*

Children of Aaron and Sarah (Vanhorn) Winder:

21. Joel Winder, b. March 8, 1813; d. March —, 1813.

22. Mary Winder, b. June 18, 1814; d. Feb. 16, 1877; m. May 29, 1837, Lawrence Johnson, b. Jan. 23, 1801; d. April 26, 1860; son of Edward and Ann (Clayton) Johnson. Children:

I. Edward Winder Johnson, b. April 12, 1838; d. Jan. 12, 1874, unm.

II. Anna Rebecca Johnson, b. Dec. 15, 1839; m. Dec. 3, 1863, Theodore Hoe Mead, b. Jan. 1, 1837.

III. Mary Ella Johnson, b. Sept. 22, 1841; m. 1st, Dec. 4, 1862, William David Stuart, b. Aug. 10, 1840; d. April 7, 1863; no issue; m. 2d, Jan. 11, 1870, James Cheston Morris, M.D., b. May 28, 1831.

IV. Caroline Fletcher Johnson, b. July 10, 1843; m. Feb. 21, 1871, Anthony Taylor, b. Oct. 11, 1837; d. May 21, 1894.

* Bucks County Deeds, Book 62, p. 133; Book 63, p. 381; and Orphans' Court Records, Book 9, pp. 82, 95, 244.

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- V. Howard Lawrence Johnson, b. Oct. 31, 1845; d. June 23, 1891; m. May 7, 1876, Mary Evangeline Bradley, b. Dec. 3, 1855; d. April 22, 1899. No issue.
- VI. Russell Hampden Johnson, b. Sept. 15, 1847; m. Dec. 13, 1877, Grace Harriet Price, b. April 16, 1855.
- VII. Lawrence Johnson, b. Sept. 28, 1849; m. Dec. 6, 1877, Louisa Philler Gaw, b. July 31, 1850.
- VIII. Walter Richards Johnson, b. Aug. 24, 1851; d. Mar. 25, 1897; m. Oct. 31, 1876, Mary Rebecca Winder, b. Jan. 2, 1851; d. Jan. 6, 1893.
- IX. Robert Winder Johnson, b. May 7, 1854; m. Nov. 10, 1887, Rosalie Morris, b. Jan. 17, 1864.
- X. Alfred Clayton Johnson, b. Sept. 17, 1856; m. July 21, 1888, Countess Toni von Baudissin, b. Jan. 20, 1863.
23. Rebecca Richards Winder, b. Feb. 22, 1817; d. Sept. 26, 1854; m. May 31, 1837, John Ely, b. Jan. 26, 1816; d. May 5, 1869 (who afterwards married her half-sister, Marie Antoinette Morris). Children:
- I. Sarah Winder Ely, b. Oct. 7, 1838; d. July 19, 1839.
- II. Mary Winder Ely, b. Nov. 19, 1840; d. June 12, 1860; m. Oct. 19, 1859, Joseph Parry Brosius. No issue.

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- III. Thomas Seneca Ely, b. July 1, 1843 ; d. Aug. 24, 1850.
- IV. Samuel Lawrence Ely, b. May 24, 1847 ; d. March 19, 1886 ; m. Dec. 29, 1865, Mary Comly Knight, b. Feb. 14, 1848, daughter of Moses and Anna F. Knight. Issue, eight children.
24. Aaron Winder, b. Oct. 17, 1821 ; d. Dec. 28, 1883 ; m. Aug. 21, 1846, Mary Satterthwait Gillam, b. Aug. 25, 1827 ; d. Nov. 6, 1888 ; daughter of William and Susanna W. Gillam. Children :
- I. William Gillam Winder, b. May 14, 1847.
- II. Mary Ely Winder, b. Aug. 7, 1855 ; m. Henry B. Knight. Issue, two sons.
- III. Lawrence Johnson Winder, b. Feb. 27, 1867.
25. Moses Winder, b. Dec. 20, 1823 ; d. April —, 1864 ; m. Dec. 26, 1844, Margaretta Thornton, b. Sept. 8, 1826 ; daughter of Samuel Yardley and Sarah Ann Thornton. Children :
- I. Samuel Thornton Winder, b. Oct. 3, 1847 ; d. Feb. 8, 1849.
- II. Sarah Winder, b. June 29, 1849 ; m. Oct. 31, 1866, Blackstone Philip Doddridge, b. Dec. 19, 1846. Issue, three children.
- III. Mary Rebecca Winder, b. Jan. 2, 1851 ; d. Jan. 6, 1893 ; m. Oct. 31, 1876, Walter Richards Johnson, b. Aug. 24,

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1851; d. March 25, 1897. Issue,
one son.

IV. Anna Louisa Winder, b. Feb. 4, 1854;
m. April 6, 1885, Isaac Holborow
Robertson. No issue.

V. John Ely Winder, b. Feb. 6, 1857;
d. Aug. 24, 1866.

VI. Aaron Augustus Winder, b. Feb. 8, 1859;
m. Oct. 12, 1880, Jane Phillips Slugg,
b. July 25, 1856. Issue, seven chil-
dren.

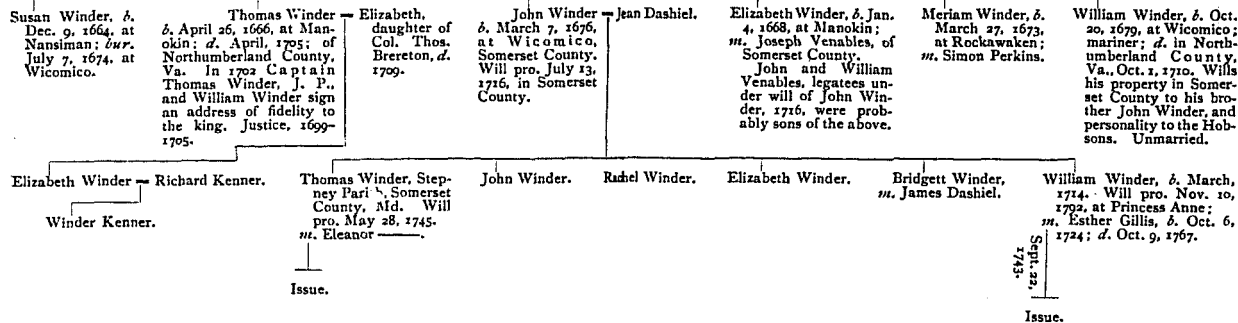


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John Winder, of Maryland



JOHN WINDER — BRIDGETT —
planter, Princess Anne, Somerset
County, Md. Commissioner of
Eastern Shore, Md., 1665; Justice
of Peace, 1665, 1666, 1669; Ser-
geant, 1678; Lieutenant, 1680;
Captain, 1682; Lieutenant-Colonel,
1697. Will pro. Sept. 23, 1698.



JOHN WINDER

OF MARYLAND

It is asserted that John Winder first settled in the Northern Neck of Virginia.* Be that as it may, the earliest authentic records of him are his appointments as justice of peace on August 28, 1665; again for Somerset County, at the time of its erection into a county, on August 22, 1666, and afterwards in 1659. On February 23, 1665, he was made Commissioner of the Eastern Shore of Maryland. As March was at that time the *first* month of the year, this must have been in 1666.

* Mr. Philip D. Laird, of Rockville, Maryland, in a letter of December 10, 1894, quotes from an incomplete family history begun many years ago by his great-uncle Rider Winder, in which Mr. Winder says that while a student at Princeton he wrote home for information as to the early family history. His father, in reply, stated that *his* grandfather, John Winder, had settled first in the Northern Neck of Virginia, and then removed to what is now Somerset County, Maryland.

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A patent for two hundred acres of land on the back creek of Manokin River, to which was given the name of "Winder's Purchase," was granted to John Winder, the warrant for which, dated July 10, 1665, was made in rights of Bridgett Winder, Susan Winder, Daniel Hast, John Oky, Richard Pikes, John Day, and Mary Gray,* all of whom probably belonged to his household or were in his employ. This land was held until June 10, 1672, when it was sold by John Winder and Bridgett his wife to Nicholas Fontaine for four thousand pounds of tobacco.

Other patents were received and purchases made by which John Winder eventually became a very considerable landholder in the Province of Maryland. In addition to this, he received a patent, dated March 25, 1676, for eleven hundred acres of land called "Winder's Neck," in what is now Sussex County, Delaware. The settlements on the Delaware were

* Liber 8, folio, 486, Records at Land Office, Annapolis. Liber 9, folio 450, gives the names differently,—viz., John Winder, Bridgett Winder, Suzanne Winder, Daniel Heast, Martin Moore, John Okey, Richard Price, John Daw, Mary Gore.

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at this time under the government at New York, and the patent was issued from there. By some mistake the papers were made out in the name of *Robert Winder*, as may be seen by the New York records. This was explained and the change of name made when the property was sold to Nathaniel Walker.* The latter died, leaving the land to his "brother" Captain William Dyre, to whom it was confirmed by John Winder through his attorney, Henry Bowman, on March 12, 1686/7. As Bowman was appointed to act in both Kent and Sussex Counties, John Winder may have owned other properties in these counties, of which we have no record.

In an expedition against the Nanticoke Indians, in 1678, he held the position of sergeant. He was lieutenant in 1680, and captain in 1682. In 1689 he is named as "Captaine of a Troop of Horse." He was commissioner of trade in 1683.

In 1687 a meeting for a treaty between Colonel William Stevens and the great men of the Nanticoke Indians was held at the house of

* New York Colonial Documents, vol. xii. p. 544 ; Pennsylvania Archives, 2d series, vol. xvi. p. 197.

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Captain John Winder on the Wicomico River, and he was among those who signed the "Declaration of Submission" to William and Mary on November 29, 1687. In conveyances made in 1697 he is styled lieutenant-colonel.

His will, dated May 24, 1698, was proved September 23, 1698.

Children of John and Bridgett Winder : *

Susan Winder, b. Nansiman, Dec. 9, 1664 ; bur. Wicomico, July 7, 1674.

Thomas Winder, b. Manokin, April 26, 1666 ; d. Northumberland Co., Va., 1705 ; m. Elizabeth Brereton.

Elizabeth Winder, b. Manokin, Jan. 4, 1668 ; m. Joseph Venables.

Meriam Winder, b. Rockawaken, March 27, 1673 ; m. Simon Perkins.

John Winder, b. Wicomico, March 7, 1676 ; will dated April 30, 1716 ; proved July 13, 1716 ; m. Jean Dashiell.

William Winder, b. Wicomico, Oct. 20, 1679 ; d. Northumberland Co., Va., Oct. 1, 1710.

Mr. Rider Winder had it from his father that John Winder left a son Edward in Virginia,

* Liber J, K, L, No. 12, Clerk's Office, Princess Anne, Md., pp. 271, 272, 274, 276, 280.

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who was, or who became, a lieutenant in the British army. Whether he married, or where he died, the family never knew.

There are many descendants of John and Bridgett Winder still living in Maryland, as may be seen by reference to the pedigree chart of this family compiled by Frederick Ainsworth Winder, of Portsmouth, England, from information supplied by members of the family in America.



APPENDIX

Will of Elizabeth Tulse.

“The Bishop’s Court, 2 Sept 1678. I Elizabeth Tulse of Pann, in p’sh of Whippingham in the Isle of Wight, & Co. of Southampton, make my Will, &c.

“I give unto such children as my kinswoman and God-daughter Rebecca Mackrell now wife of Nicholas Mackrell hath living, £100- at age of 21-” (clause as to binding apprentice the said children).

“Unto my kinswoman Frances Plowman wife of Thomas Plowman who hath now £40- the like money. That the sum of £140- parcel of £200- due to me and now in the hands of my brother Sir Henry Tulse, Knight, continue in his hands for payment of the above legacies.

“To my cosen Mr Thomas Urry of Freshwater (I. of W.) and to his wife and two sisters 10/- apiece to buy rings.

“To Cosen Roger Thornes wife 10/- for like use. To brother Sir Henry Tulse and his Lady and daughter; & to my brother Mr. Robert Lewin and his wife, & his two sonnes & 2 daughters & to Cosen Jane Gilbert & cosen & Executor Mr. Thomas Urry of Gatcomb (I. of W.) & his wife; to Cosen Mr. Rich^d Urry & his wife; to Cosen Mr. John Urry & his wife; Cosen David Urry of Pan- & to my Mother in law Mrs. Sophronia Tulse & to my sister Sarah 20/- for rings.

“To Cosen & Ex^{or} Mr. Thomas Urry & Mrs. Jane Gilbert £5- to buy each a piece of plate. To people of

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Newport (l. of W.) 40/- and 40/- for a pulpit cloth for Mr. Mathias Goldsmith minister of Newport. To Mary Henton, servant, 40/- To Cosen Gaines 40/-. To Cosen Mrs. Mary Gilbert my best farringdon Gown and my striped petty-coate. All residue of my property to my S^d Cosen Mr. Thomas Urry of Catcombe & him to be Executor. To my Cosen Mrs. Oglander my best mourning ringe.

“Signed & Sealed in presence of Ralph Masters, Philip Read, Edw^d Hayles.

“Will proved 19 August, 1680.” *

Will of Sophronia Tulse.

“I, Sophronia Tulse of Southampton widdow make my Will.

“To be decently buried at Southampton neare my deare husband.

“To poore of Parish I now live in 20/- To my two Grandsonns William and John Winder, all the monies due upon their father’s John Winder’s Bond to be divided between them as Sir Henry Tulse of London shall see cause to think fit, and to whose care I doe recommend the getting in of the said debt & disposing of it as above.

“To my daughter Sarah Palmer my wedding ring & to her husband 20/- to buy a ring.

“To two Exors. 20/- apiece to buy rings. The remainder of all my other Estate I give to my grandson Tho : Winder, alwayes provided that if it shall happen that the above said £200- be not received, then that my grandsonnes

* Winchester Registry. Copied August 1, 1894.

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William and Jn^o Winder shall have one halfe of my other Estate to be disposed of to them as Sir Henry Tulse shall think fit, or they in his judgement shall deserve. And do make my good friends Mr. Richard Hunt and Mr. Anthony Poole, Executors in trust for uses as above said.

“Witness my hand and seal—dated 16 May, 1678.

“My Will & mynd is and I do hereby give unto my Grand sonn Samuel Winder £10 In monys and my wrought Curteins and Valleins. Witness—Eliz: Tulse, Jeremiah Scott.

“Memorandum, that on the 22 January, 1680. Sophronia Tulse late of Towne & County of Southamptⁿ, widdow, deceased, having intent to add to her Will, did seriously utter & speake these words (viz:)

“I have made my Will which is in London and the same shall stand, and I have by my s^d Will given a part of my Estate to my grandson William Winder who is since dead, therefore, I doe give that part to my grandson Thomas Winder, his, the said William’s brother, and to Dorothy Sledge my best Gowne, & my mantle, lyned with furr.

“Witnesses, Averina Barlow, Elizabeth Vernon & Katherine Sharpe. Proved 24 November, 1681 by Richard Hunt and Anthony Poole.”

*Will of Sir Henry Tulse.**

Sir Henry Tulse, of the City of London, Knt., desires to be buried in the Parish Church of St. Dionis Backchurch, London.

Leaves legacies to the prisoners in Ludgate, Newgate, and

* Somerset House. (P. C. C. North 176.)

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the Compters, London ; poor ministers ; poor and indigent people in the Parish of Sopley, Southampton ; also to other poor people in Southampton, Hatfield, Hertford, and London.

Directs certain money to be paid to his cousin Mrs. Anne Urry, of London, widow.

Legacy to Christ's Hospital, London.

Confirms settlements made to his daughter on her marriage with Richard Onslow, now Sir Richard Onslow.

Legacies to wife Dame Elizabeth Tulse and daughter Dame Elizabeth Onslow.

Speaks of brother William Tulse, Esq.

Legacies to grandsons R^d and Thomas Onslow and granddaughters Elizabeth and Mary Onslow.

Speaks of Thomas Turgis, Esq., late father of his wife, who died at beginning of March, 1650.

Speaks of marriage of his nephew William Lewen* with the daughter of Mr. Richard Taylor when testator settled all the estate he had in Avon and Repley (upon William Lewen) in parish of Sopley.

Speaks of nieces Mary Maynard, Sarah Biggs, Plowman, daughter of Sister Deane and Niece Mackerell.

* The Lewen connection shown in the above wills is uncertain. Miss Tulse speaks of her brother Robert Lewen, his wife, and his two sons and two daughters. Sir Henry Tulse speaks of his nephew William Lewen, while John Winder, "late of Cape Coast, Guinea," names his "kinsman Mr. William Lewen." It has been suggested that the first wife of William Tulse was a widow Lewen, and mother of Robert.

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“ And whereas John Winder, Merchant, some time since deceased made me his Executor in trust for his brother Thomas Winder and by his will gave me one hundred pounds—Now I do hereby give and bequeath to the said Thomas Winder four score pounds of the said one hundred pounds (having laid out the other twenty pounds for mourning) And whereas there is come to my hands of the said John Winder’s estate more than was delivered to the said Thomas Winder, viz^t. a small silver handle sword and old silver watch with a Sea chest and a few books and some odd things all of small value In consideration of which, but more of my affection to him, I give and bequeath to the said Thomas Winder fifty pounds and desire that care may be taken of his estate in my hands and that interest for the same be allowed as in equity and conscience it ought to be.”

Leaves mourning for various persons. Executrix, wife, Dame Elizabeth Tulse. Overseers, brother Thomas Turgis and son Sir Richard Onslow. Dated October 2, 1688. Witnesses, Hen. Traveis, Clary Faireborne, Elizth Swinfen.

Proved, London, 26 September, 1689, by Lady Elizabeth Tulse. 14 February, 1692, commission issued to Lady Elizabeth Onslow to administer goods left unadministered by Lady Elizabeth Tulse, dec^d.*

* P. C. C. London, Ent. 46.

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