



A MODERN VIEW OF SCOTFORD.

Drawn in 1897 by Sara Atkinson (now Mrs. Engle). The village appeared to have altered little since Christopher and John Atkinson left it nearly 200 years before.

## ATKINSON FAMILIES OF BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

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(Continued from page 175.)

12. WILLIAM ATKINSON, born 1 mo. [March] 31, 1687,<sup>1</sup> at Scotforth, Lancashire, England, died 1754,<sup>2</sup> in Upper Dublin Township, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, eldest son of John and Susanna (Hynde) Atkinson, came to Pennsylvania with his parents in the ship *Britannia* in 1699. Their parents having died on the voyage, William and his brother and sister, were taken by their aunts, Alice and Mary Hynde, to live with them in Bucks County, somewhere within the compass of Middletown Monthly Meeting, which (as stated above in the account of their father) took the supervision of

<sup>1</sup> Register of Lancaster Mo. Mtg.

<sup>2</sup> His will proved Jan. 1, 1755.

their rearing and education. Just where they first lived is uncertain, though probably not in Buckingham, where their father's land was laid out in 1700 or 1701. In 1703, Alice Hynde married William Stockdale, and took the three children to live on his plantation in Warminster Township. The latter, under the Meeting, acted as their guardian. At the Middletown Monthly Meeting held 3 mo. 6, 1708, William Atkinson, being of age, requested his share of his patrimony, and his uncle [by marriage], William Stockdale, informed the meeting that the money was ready. On 4 mo. 3, 1708, John Cutler and William Hayhurst, who had been appointed to settle the accounts between William Stockdale and William Atkinson, reported themselves well satisfied. Within a few months of coming of age William Atkinson removed to a plantation he had just bought (see below), adjoining Stockdale's in Warminster Township. He stayed here until 1727, when he removed to Upper Dublin Township, Philadelphia (now Montgomery) County. According to Mr. Jenkins he bought 198 acres in the northeast end of the township, but as the deed or deeds are not just now available, and apparently not of record, it is uncertain if he bought it all at once. He probably purchased several separate adjoining tracts at different periods, for in a list of landholders in Philadelphia County for 1734, made "according to the uncertain Returns of the Constables,"<sup>1</sup> he is assessed in Upper Dublin for 50 acres only. It is more probable that he did not own as much as 198 acres, but that his son-in-law, William Walton, having acquired William Atkinson's plantation, made it up to that amount by later purchases; (see footnote below).

On 2 mo. 6, 1727, he being then recently removed, Middletown Mo. Mtg. granted him a certificate which he presented to Abington Mo. Mtg. 8 mo. 30, 1727. On 5 mo. 30, 1739, William Atkinson was appointed a representative from Abington Mo. Mtg. to the Quarterly Mtg. (also named

<sup>1</sup> Publications of the Genealogical Society of Penna., vol. 1, p. 169.

Abington). This seems to have been his sole official service in the meeting.

As mentioned in sketch of his father above, William Atkinson, then of Warminster Tp., joined his sister Mary and brother John, in a deed<sup>1</sup> April 1, 1713, to Christopher Topham, for their father's 500 acres laid out in Buckingham Tp., Bucks Co.

By deed<sup>2</sup> of 4 mo. 15, 1708, he bought of John Swift, of Southampton Tp., 170 acres in Warminster Tp., Bucks Co., adjoining William Stockdale, William Bayley, Peter Chamberlain, John Rush and James Bond; this was part of 500 acres sold by William Penn to William Bingley and conveyed by him to Swift in 1699. On Jan. 22, 1731/2, William Atkinson, then of Upper Dublin Tp., Phila. Co., and "Lora" his wife, sold this to Anthony Skout<sup>3</sup>.

As above stated the deed or deeds for the 198 acres in Upper Dublin have not been found on record. The Jenkins MS. continues the history of this tract, which as it also tells something of William Atkinson's descendants (not otherwise within the scope of this article) is quoted as follows: "William Atkinson sold his farm in<sup>4</sup> to his son-in-law

<sup>1</sup> Phila. Co. Deed Book F 6, p. 154. In the mention of this deed above, under 4. JOHN ATKINSON, page 173, line 4, *amount* should read *warrant*.

<sup>2</sup> Bucks Co. Deed Book 4, p. 7; recorded Oct. 16, 1708.

<sup>3</sup> Bucks Co. Deed Book 18 (old book F vol. 3), p. 555.

<sup>4</sup> This date could not be determined. The Philadelphia County deed book index mentions a deed from William Atkinson to William Walton as being recorded in Book D 14, page 284, and as having been copied thereinto from the older Book A vol. 3, but it is not in Book D 14 at all. The A and B series of Phila. Co. deed books were, many years ago, taken by the Provincial Land Office, as they contained the original patents for all the counties, and partial abstracts of them were retained by Philadelphia County as part of the series called Exemplification Records. But these abstracts were of patents only (with some letters of attorney and commissions), it being apparently the intention to copy the ordinary deeds into the current deed books; which, however, was not systematically carried out, so that many of them are no longer of record in this county. The original books, now in Harrisburg, are said to be too dilapidated for general use.

The present owner of the Cherry Lane place has a deed showing that William Walton added at least 78 acres 40 perches to what his father-in-law conveyed him, for he purchased that amount from Richard McCurdy, May 27, 1760. Indeed Walton probably added all there was of the plantation beyond the 50 acres William Atkinson was assessed for on the tax-roll mentioned.

William Walton, but probably continued to live there until his death, which was prior to Jany. 1, 1755. It will be observed that he left no sons, so that with his death another line of the Atkinson name became extinct. It was only through John Atkinson, the youngest brother, that the name of the Scotforth immigrants was perpetuated in Pennsylvania.

William and Phebe (Atkinson) Walton lived at Cherry Lane (the name is of recent origin) the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of nine children, only three of whom, Hannah b. 10, 21, 1745, and Phebe and John, who were much younger, survived. William Walton died in 4th month 1770 leaving the homestead to his only son John, and an adjoining farm to the west which he had bought, to Hannah, while Phebe had a tract of 50 acres off the south corner which had also been added to the original purchase. The son John died unmarried so that a new division was made of the original tract of 198 acres, Phebe getting 78 acres including the homestead.

Hannah Walton married John Cleaver in 1785. He died in 1804 and she in 1807, leaving no issue and the whole estate then passed to the surviving sister Phebe.

Phebe Walton had married 6th mo. 1, 1781, James Shoemaker, the son of Isaac and Hannah Shoemaker, of Upper Dublin. It was not many years after their marriage, that finding the home too small, the east end, an addition larger than the original house, was built. Its date stone bears the inscription:’ [blank in MS.<sup>1</sup>] “Nearly the whole west wall was taken up by the massive chimney within the ample space of which a row of modern closets has been built. In 1814, Phebe Shoemaker, then a widow, added the western end. The middle house, with its ceiling but a few inches above the head of a medium sized man and its doorways troublesome for one above average height, betokens its age in its construction and arrangement. Without doubt it was the first stone house built on the property and from the fact that in the seven years that William Atkinson owned the farm it increased in value from £170 to £600, it seems likely that he built it. The next year after making the first addition James Shoemaker built the barn which bears the date of 1794.

James Shoemaker died \_\_\_\_\_, his widow surviving him \_\_\_\_\_ years. In 1814 Phebe Shoemaker gave to the Society of Friends ground for the Upper Dublin Meeting House which stands on the Jarrettown road on the western boundary of the farm. The meeting house was erected in that year. On her death the farm was divided among her four children, John, Hannah, Jesse and Jonathan. Jonathan Shoemaker’s share was 78 acres including the homestead. He held it until \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> It was some arrangement of the letters J, P, S, and date 1793.

1849 when it was bought by Thomas Atkinson of Bucks County, a descendant of John Atkinson, the younger brother of William.”

The Cherry Lane property is on the Limekiln Pike, about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile from the present village of Three Tuns, or about half way between Three Tuns and Jarrettown.

By his will,<sup>1</sup> dated 8 mo. 15, 1754, proved Jan. 1, 1755, William Atkinson, of “uper Dubling” bequeathed £200 to each of his daughters, Susanna wife of Samuel Davis, Phebe wife of William Walton, and Hannah wife of Ellis Hughs, and the residue of his estate equally between them; to his son-in-law Ellis Ellis he left five shillings, he having already received his share. The executors were Samuel David, and Ellis Hughs. He did not bequeath any land.

William Atkinson married first, about June, 1716, Phebe Taylor, daughter of Richard Taylor, of Cheltenham Township, Philadelphia County. At Middletown Mo. Mtg. held 3 mo. 3, 1716, William Atkinson declared his intention of marriage with Phebe Taylor, a member of Abington Mo. Mtg.; but for some unknown reason the marriage was not performed under the care of the meeting and on 5 mo. 5, the overseers reported that William Atkinson and Phebe Taylor had been married contrary to the order of Friends; on 10 mo. 6, 1716, he presented the meeting a writte satisfaction for the manner of his marriage and was retained in membership.<sup>2</sup>

Her father, Richard Taylor was a considerable landowner in Cheltenham and nearby townships; having purchased in 1795 from Thomas Fairman 300 acres; in 1697 from Silas Crispin, 519 acres (Lower Dublin); in 1698 from Edward Shippen and wife Rebecca, executors of her former husband Francis Richardson, 200 acres, (in or near Cheltenham); and in 1713 from Robert and Richard Whitto . 250 acres, (Upper Dublin).

Afterwards Taylor lived in the city of Phila. His will<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Phila. Co. Will Book K, p. 240.

<sup>2</sup> Minutes of Middletown Mo. Mtg,

<sup>3</sup> Phila. Co. Will Book E, p. 199.

signed Oct. 21, 1732, proved Dec. 12, 1732, mentioned his wife (name not given) and children Martha and Mary; sons-in-law Wm. Morgan, John Riale, of New Britain, Bucks Co., (husb. of Martha) & Wm. Adkinson; grandchildren Hannah Morgan, Susanna, Pheby, Mary & Hannah Adkinson; friend Humphrey Murray; John Riale was made executor.

William and Phebe (Taylor) Atkinson had issue, (and perhaps others who died young, unmarried, as there seems to have been no record made in any meeting of their births, and this list is made up from their father's will and the marriage register of Abington Mo. Mtg.):

16. SUSANNA ATKINSON, b. ——.
  - Mar. 1st, —, 1743, Thomas Hughs.
  - 2d, —, —, Samuel Davis.
17. PHEBE ATKINSON, b. 9 mo. 10, 1720, (Jenkins MS.).
  - Mar. —, 1741, William Walton.
18. MARY ATKINSON, b. —, d. before 1754.
  - Mar. —, 1746, Ellis Ellis, of Gwynedd.
19. HANNAH ATKINSON, b. ——.
  - Mar. —, 1745, Ellis Hughs.

William Atkinson married second, Sept. 26, 1728, at Christ Church, Philadelphia, Mary Hugh.<sup>1</sup> No particulars of her family connection are at hand; she may have been either spinster or widow. The name was often written Hughes or Hughs, but whether she was a relative of the brothers Thomas and Ellis Hughs, (sons of Rowland Hugh) who married her step-daughters, Susanna and Hannah, is now unknown. As they were not married under care of Friends, William Atkinson sent to Abington Mo. Mtg. 5 mo. 28, 1729, a paper signifying his sorrow at offending Friends by his marriage, and on 7 mo. 29 appeared personally and made acknowledgement for marrying out of unity.

He married third, in August, 1730, Lowry Evans. They "passed second meeting" on 5 mo. 27, 1730, and the marriage was reported as accomplished to the Abington Mo.

<sup>1</sup> Register of Christ Church, Phila.

Mtg. held 6 mo. 31.<sup>1</sup> They had no issue. It has not been ascertained to which of the numerous Evans families living within the compass of Abington Mo. Mtg. she belonged.

On the 32nd page of volume 6 of the Martindale MSS in the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, this William Atkinson, born 1687, son of John, is said to be of Middletown, instead of, as he was, of Warminster, and is made to marry Margaret, daughter of Henry Baker, and to die 7 mo, 29, 1749; this marriage and date of death are those of 5. William Atkinson, of Bristol, son of Thomas, of the other family, and the children given on this 32nd page (Martindale), are really those of William, of Bristol, and Margaret (Baker) as noted in Part I of this article.

15. JOHN ATKINSON, born 9 mo. [Nov.] 25, 1695,<sup>2</sup> at Scotforth, in Lancashire, came to Pennsylvania in 1699 with his parents, John and Susanna (Hynde) Atkinson, and died in Bucks Co., early in January, 1751/2.<sup>3</sup> His parents having died on the voyage, John, with his brother and sister, was taken by his aunts Mary and Alice Hynde to Bucks County, where, after Alice's marriage in 1703, to William Stockdale, they lived on the latter's plantation in Warminster Township. Middletown Mo. Mtg., which exercised a care over orphaned children of Friends within its compass, supervised the rearing and education of John Atkinson, conducted by his aunts and William Stockdale. At the meeting held 8 mo, 4, 1705, four Friends were appointed to attend to John Atkinson's education, etc., and on 4 mo. 6, 1706 they reported that they had agreed with William Stockdale that he was to take care of John until he was 14 years old. After reaching that age, in 1710 he went to live with his brother William, whose plantation adjoined Stockdale's in Warminster. On 11 mo. 3, 1716, John Stackhouse and John Cutler reported to the meeting that they had seen the accounts settled between William

<sup>1</sup> Minutes of Abington Mo. Mtg.

<sup>2</sup> Register of Lancaster Mo. Mtg.

<sup>3</sup> Probate of his will.

Stockdale and John Atkinson, and that John had received his portion, he being of age. At the time of his marriage, in 1717, he was living temporarily in Newtown Township. The following year, having bought land in the former Manor of Highlands, (see below), he removed to that place, which continued to be his home the rest of his life. These lands within the Manor, which about 1700 had been purchased by the "London Company," and by it sold to settlers, were at that time popularly, though not officially, considered to be part of Wrightstown Township, and the register of Wrightstown Mo. Mtg. in recording the births of John Atkinson's children, designates him as of Wrightstown; but after 1737 they were known to be part of Upper Makefield Township,<sup>1</sup> which he gives as his residence in his will, 1751.<sup>2</sup>

In 1718, though still a minor, he joined his brother and sister in the deed to Christopher Topham, already mentioned twice above.

On Feb. 20, 1718, he bought<sup>3</sup> from Tobias Collett, Daniel Quare and Henry Goldney, of London, (known as "Goldney and Company" or "The London Company"), 200 acres of their tract in the Manor of Highlands. Mr. Jenkins writes of this place as follows: "In 1718 John and Mary Atkinson settled in what is now the extreme northern corner of Upper Makefield township, then called the Manor of Highlands. The farm of 200 acres which John bought of the London company for £50 adjoined on the east the Windy Bush farm where lived his brother-in-law, William Smith. Tradition says that the whole country around was a wilderness and that there were but two white families in the neighborhood, but many Indians. The farm was a parallelogram having 134 rods along what is now the line of Buckingham township, and 240 rods along what is now the public road leading to Buckmanville. The latter village now occupies a portion of the southeast corner of the farm.

Here John Atkinson built his house and barn, planted out an orchard, of which one lone pear tree is still standing." ("Aunt Polly, who was 87

<sup>1</sup> See Davis's *History of Bucks County*, (1st ed., 1876), pages 473-474.

<sup>2</sup> The Martindale MS, vol. 6, 34th page, erroneously styles him "of Middletown" instead of Makefield; the rest of the page is correct, except a slight error in the date of his son Ezekiel's birth, which will be mentioned below.

<sup>3</sup> Phila. Co. Deed Book H 14, p. 382.



years old when she died in 1886, was frequently told when she was a girl going to school that the pear tree was one hundred years old.") "From the site where the original home stood one looks across the intervening farms to the wooded Jericho Hills, while away to the north-east is the sugar loaf Bowman's hill; from the hill top back of the house the eye reaches across to Buckingham mountain. A little water course, now dry except in rainy times ran near the house to the east, while the spring near which our ancestors always sought to build was a hundred yards away."

"Just when the original house that John Atkinson had built was torn down is not known, but William Atkinson, John's son, built the present building using the old stones and axe hewn beams in its construction. The new house was placed nearer the spring and William is said to have planted the buttonwood tree at the corner of the house, which now, 1901, is one of the giants of its race. In the basement kitchen are to be seen the blackened joists, taken from the original John Atkinson's house. Where the latter was built is still to be seen a depression in the ground, now choked with weeds and brambles.

The portion of the farm which fell to William's share has remained in the Atkinson family to this day, the generations being 1st John; 2nd William; 3rd John; 4th John; 5th John L. and since his death, his widow."<sup>1</sup>

John Atkinson, by his will,<sup>2</sup> dated 10 mo. 10, 1751, proved January 15, 1752, bequeathed 120 acres of his plantation, including the dwelling-house and barn, to his son William, and the remaining 80 acres to his son Thomas. To William was also given "my black mare Saddle and Bridle and also my great Bible." To the daughter, Mary, the "best bed and furniture thereunto belonging one new chest of drawers, all my Pewter and also my Roan Horse." To son Ezekiel £12 and a loom. The remainder of the personal estate was to be divided between Mary, Christopher and Cephas, and to Cephas was also given "one Bay Horse Colt now in possession of my brother William." The sons William and Thomas were appointed executors. In this will he styled himself "weaver," and a note to the will mentioned "looms and gears" which his sons Christopher and

<sup>1</sup> In 1887 over two-thirds of John Atkinson's original 200 acres were still in possession of his descendants.

<sup>2</sup> Bucks Co. Will Book 2, p. 241.

Cephas were to have, besides the loom left to Ezekiel; he also mentioned an apprentice who was to finish his term with Cephas; so it would appear that John Atkinson and sons carried on this industry as extensively as the primitive condition of all manufacturing at this period in Pennsylvania permitted.

John Atkinson married 8 mo. 30, 1717, at the house of Stephen Twining, in Newtown Township, Mary Smith, (b. 2 mo. 9, 1696, d.           ), daughter of William and Mary (Croasdale) Smith, of Wrightstown Township. Both the Smith and Croasdale families were among the earliest settlers in the vicinity, where their descendants were large landowners, and occupied prominent positions among the county families, but lack of space forbids any detailed account of them here.

John and Mary (Smith) Atkinson had issue; (births from register of Wrightstown Mo. Mtg.<sup>2</sup>):

20. JOHN ATKINSON, b. 6 mo. 18, 1718, died young.
21. WILLIAM ATKINSON, b. 2 mo. 17, 1721, d. —, 1800.<sup>3</sup> Mar. 7 mo. 1, 1742, Mary Tomlinson.
22. THOMAS ATKINSON, b. 3 mo. 5, 1722, d. —, 1760. Mar. 8 mo. 18, 1744, Mary Wildman.
23. CHRISTOPHER ATKINSON, b. 12 mo. 18, 1723/4, d. —, 1795.<sup>1b</sup> Mar. 6 mo. 15, 1763, Lydia Canby.
24. MARY ATKINSON, b. 8 mo. 20, 1725, d. 3 mo. 22, 1789.<sup>4</sup> Mar. —, John Stockdale.
25. EZEKIEL ATKINSON, b. 10 mo. 10, 1728. Mar. —, Rachel Gilbert.
26. CEPHAS ATKINSON, b. 5 mo. 7, 1730. Mar. —, Hannah Naylor.
27. ELIZABETH ATKINSON, b. 4 mo. 12, 1732, died young.

<sup>1</sup> Register of Middletown Mo. Mtg.

<sup>2</sup> The copy of the Wrightstown register in the Historical Society of Pennsylvania's library omits Cephas and makes Ezekiel born 5 mo. 7, 1730; but Mr. Jenkins's MS, presumably taken from the original, gives their births as in the text. The Martindale MS, while giving Ezekiel's year as 1728, gives him the same month and day as Cephas, 5 mo. 7.

<sup>3</sup> Martindale MS.

<sup>4</sup> Register of Wrightstown Mo. Mtg.

NOTE A.

There was a Christopher Atkinson, of Kendal, County Westmoreland, more prominent among Friends than Christopher, of Scotforth, and who flourished at a somewhat earlier period. Joseph Smith, in his *Catalogue of Friends' Books*, gives him as author of five pamphlets, three of them in co-laboration with others, all published between 1653 and 1655. Smith indicates him as one who had left Friends and was not known to have returned. These pamphlets were:

—The Standard of the Lord Lifted up Against the Kingdom of Satan, or, An Answer to A BOOK Entituled, "The Quakers Shaken," Written by one *John Gilpin*, with the help of the Priest of *Kendal*: . . . By *Christopher Atkinson*, a friend to the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. London, 1653.

—The Sword of the Lord DRAWN, and furbished against the man of Sin: . . . By one whose Name in the flesh is Christopher Atkinson, who am one that the world doth scornfully call a Quaker. London, 1654.

—David's Enemies discovered. . . . by us who suffer for the Truth, whose names according to the flesh are Christopher Atkinson, George Whitehead. London, 1655.

—The Testimony of the everlasting Gospel witnessed through sufferings, by Christopher Atkinson, Richard Hubberthorne, and James Lancaster. No printer's name, nor date. The part written by Atkinson is entitled: "An Epistle written in the bonds of the Gospel, to be published abroad amongst the inhabitants of England, Rulers, Magistrates and People." Dated "From the Gaol of Norwich, 13th of 10th mo. [1654]."

—ISHMAEL, and his MOTHER, cast out into the WILDERNESS, amongst the Wild Beasts of the same nature: . . . Given forth from the Spirit of the Lord in us that do suffer in Gaol of Norwich for the truth's sake. . . . Whose names in the flesh is, Christopher Atkinson, George Whitehead, James Lancaster, Thomas Simonds. London, 1655.

*First Publishers of Truth*, (supplement to the *Journal of the Friends' Historical Society*), page 306, in the account of Friends' beginnings at Bolland, a branch of Settle Mo. Mtg. in Yorkshire, says: "In ye year 1653, about ye 6th mo., there came two friends out of ye North, whose names were Thomas Vears and Christopher Atkinson, to a Little Town called Newton, not far from Slaidburne in Bolland, on a 7th Day at night, & was Received by James Bond, a Poor Man, & had a meeting in ye Day following, where severall People were convinced; and ye 2d Day of ye weeke had another meeting, att Cuthert Hayhurst, in Essington, where they were well received."

On page 260 of the same work, under the heading of his own meeting,

Kendal, is an account of him as follows: "Christopher Atkinson, of Kendall, was opened in a liveing Testemony, and laboured zeallously for a time in the service of truth, and suffered Imprisonmt Chearfully for the same in Kendall, and allso travelled into the south & east of England, and for a time had a service in many places. But in process of time, for want of watchfullness, run out into things Inconsistant with the profession of truth, and persisting therein was denied of ffrinds. Let this and the like runing out be a Caution to all to keepe in Humilley & watchfullness, under ye Conduct of Gods power, that keeps stable & out of all Satans Temptations."

[Some account of C. A. also appears in "Life and Correspondence of William and Alice Ellis of Airton," by James Backhouse, pp. 315-316.]

#### NOTE B.

Thomas Stackhouse, Senior, of Bolland, in Yorkshire, was one of those who accompanied William Penn, in the ship *Welcome*, on his first voyage to his Province of Pennsylvania, arriving at New Castle, 10 mo. 27, 1682. Bolland Particular Meeting, to which he belonged, was a constituent of Settle Monthly Meeting, of the Society of Friends, in Yorkshire. A number of members of this monthly meeting obtained a certificate therefrom dated 4 mo. 7, 1682, in order to move to Pennsylvania, which they did on the *Welcome*. "The Settle Certificate" (as this document is familiarly known among Pennsylvania genealogists, by whom it is generally considered to be the most important single certificate issued by any English meeting in connection with the settlement of Pennsylvania) was granted to the following—most or all of them related by blood or marriage: Cuthbert Hayhurst, wife and family; Nicholas Waln, wife and three children; Thomas Wigglesworth and wife Alice; Thomas Walmsley and wife Elizabeth; Thomas Croasdale, wife Agnes and six children; Thomas Stackhouse and wife; Ellin Cowgill (widow), and children; and William Hayhurst. No names of wives, other than the three named, and no names at all of children, are mentioned, nor the number of children other than Waln's and Croasdale's. These families all settled in Buck county.

Thomas Stackhouse had married in the same year, 1682, and probably in the same (4th) month, Margery Hayhurst, their declarations of intention having been made to Settle Mo. Mtg. in 2nd and 3rd months. She was undoubtedly a sister to Cuthbert Hayhurst whose name heads the certificate. Alice, wife of Thomas Wigglesworth, also in the certificate, was another sister; her marriage 7 mo. 2, 1665, is on the register of Settle Mo. Mtg. These were children of Cuthbert (the elder) and Alice Hayhurst, of Essington, Yorkshire. Nicholas Waln was a nephew of Cuthbert Hayhurst's wife, who was Mary Rudd, her sister Jane being

Waln's mother. Cuthbert Hayhurst had a brother William who married his wife's sister, Dorothy Rudd, who died in 1676. This was doubtless the William Hayhurst of the certificate. The relationship, if any, of the Walmsleys and Croasdales (Agnes Croasdale's maiden name being Hathornthwaite, and Elizabeth Walmsley's unknown to the writer) is not so clear, but Ellen (or Ellin) Cowgill's probable relationship will be spoken of below. Margery (Hayhurst) Stackhouse died without issue 11 mo. 5, 1682, [Feb., 1682/3],<sup>1</sup> and was one of the first persons buried in the graveyard of Middletown (then Neshamina) meeting-house.

Thomas Stackhouse on arriving in the Province went to Bucks County and took up a tract of 312 acres in Middletown Township, on Neshaminy Creek, running back to about where Langhorne now is. This is shown on Holme's Map in the name of "Thomas Stackhouse Sr." Here he lived a number of years, but having no wife nor children, (though his nephew John is presumed to have lived with him), and getting well on to 65 years old, he no doubt felt the need of a woman's care, and so, about 1701 went to board with Margaret (Fell) Atkinson, at "Bellemont," as mentioned in the text above; (where their marriage in 1702/3 and her subsequent marriage to John Frost, are fully covered).

Thomas Stackhouse, Sr., had no issue by either wife. He died in 1706, in his 71st year. His will<sup>2</sup> mentioned his wife Margaret, brother John, sisters Jennet and Ellin, nephews Thomas and John, but no children. The nephew John inherited the 312 acre plantation in Middletown. The brother John appears not to have come to America, and whether the sister Jennet did is uncertain, but the sister Ellin was probably the Ellin Cowgill, widow, included in the same certificate from Settle Mo. Mtg. with Thomas Stackhouse and wife; the fact that Ellin Cowgill had a daughter Jennet (no doubt named for her sister) strengthens this theory. (See remarks on Cowgill family in Part I. under 14. JOSEPH ATKINSON, who married another Jennet Cowgill, granddaughter of this Ellen.)

Thomas Stackhouse Senior's brother John is supposed to have been the father of the two nephew's mentioned in the former's will:

Thomas Stackhouse, Jr., came to Pennsylvania as early as 1682 probably with his uncle. He obtained 507 acres of land in Middletown Township (marked "Thomas Stackhouse" on Holme's Map) and lived there all his life. He represented Bucks County in the Provincial Assembly in 1711, 1713 and 1715, and was elected for 1716 but declined to serve. He married first Grace Heaton, second Ann widow of Edward Mayos, and third Dorothy widow of Zebulon Heston.

<sup>1</sup> Register of Middletown Mo. Mtg.

<sup>2</sup> Phila. Co. Will Book C, p. 40.

John Stackhouse, Jr. was in Pennsylvania by 1685 in which year his name is signed to a paper, and probably he came with his uncle in 1682. He was a minister of the Society of Friends. John Fothergill in his *Journal* mentions lodging 12 mo. 23, 1721, at the house of J. Stackhouse, near Neshaminy; this was the 312 acres he had inherited from his uncle. He married Elizabeth Pearson. From these two nephews of Thomas Stackhouse, Sr. descended the well-known Bucks County family of that name, branches of which are now found in Philadelphia, Chester and Delaware Counties, Pennsylvania, Burlington, Camden and Gloucester Counties, New Jersey, and in Maryland.

## NOTE C.

Shortly after the year 1700 there were two William Stockdales in Bucks County, and sometime before that there was another in New Castle County, but who died in Philadelphia. What relation, if any, these three men were to one another, is very uncertain at present. Of the one who was connected by marriage with both the Bucks County Atkinson families we have the following particulars:

The first mention of him found so far appears to be his declaration of intention of marriage with Alice Hynde in 1702/3. The reports to the meeting for a number of years thereafter, as to his care for and accounts with the Atkinson children have been noticed in the text.

By deed<sup>1</sup> of 3 mo. 18, 1707, William Stockdale bought from John Swift, of Southampton Township, 151 acres in Warminster Township, bounded by Abel Noble (on several sides) and by John Rush, part of 500 acres which William Penn by deeds of lease and release dated Sept. 6 & 7, 1681, had conveyed to William Bingley. Stockdale had probably resided on and rented this place from Swift for a number of years before he bought it, as the deed designates him as of Warminster.

By deed dated March 6, 1723, William Stockdale bought<sup>2</sup> from Thomas Chalkley and Martha his wife, 250 acres in Warminster Township, part of 500 acres originally granted to John Jones of London and laid out to his agents or attorneys in 1684. This was on the southwest branch of Neshaminy Creek. On August 16, 1734, William Stockdale and Phebe his wife conveyed<sup>3</sup> 97 $\frac{3}{4}$  acres of this (on the branch and adjoining Samuel Gilbert's land) to her sons James and John Radcliffe, of Warminster Tp. The balance, 152 $\frac{1}{4}$  acres, William Stockdale by will, May 17, 1738, left to his wife for life and then to his brother Ralph

<sup>1</sup> Bucks Co. Deed Book 3, p. 323.

<sup>2</sup> Deed apparently not on record in Bucks County, but fact recited in deeds recorded in Bucks Co. Deed Books 11, p. 72; 20, p. 39; and 28, p. 410.

<sup>3</sup> Bucks Co. Deed Book 20, p. 39.

Stockdale's son and the children of his sisters Isabel and Ann;<sup>1</sup> on March 7, 1744, these heirs, Thomas Beatham; of Settle, William Stockdale of "Suazom" or "Suazan," and Ralph Dinsdale, of Camm's Houses, all in Yorkshire, England, sold<sup>2</sup> this 152½ acres to Charles Beatty, of Warminster Township.

William Stockdale's will<sup>3</sup> dated May 17, 1738, proved Oct. 30, 1738, gave to his wife Phebe Stockdale the best bed and all furniture thereunto belonging. She was to have the whole benefit of his land and plantation where he then lived, during her life, and after her death it was to go to the testator's brother Ralph Stockdale's son, and testator's sisters Isabel's and Amy's children, to be equally divided between them. To his "cousins" William Atkinson, John Atkinson and Mary Child, and to his "brother" William Atkinson, £5 each. The residue of his estate to his wife Phebe, she, with his "brother" William Atkinson, being appointed executors. His connection with the two separate Atkinson families is well exemplified by the will: the "cousins" William, John and Mary being nephews and niece of his first wife Alice Hynde, and belonging to the CHRISTOPHER AND JOHN ATKINSON FAMILY; while the "brother" William Atkinson, was the brother-in-law to his second wife Phebe (Baker) Radcliffe, and was of the THOMAS ATKINSON FAMILY.

William Stockdale married first, in 1703, as stated above, Alice Hynde. Middletown Mo. Mtg. register records the death (though not the birth) of one, and probably their only, child:

ISABEL STOCKDALE, b. —, d. 11 mo. 22, 1720.

Alice (Hynde) Stockdale had died before her daughter, in the same year, 1720, and was buried 10 mo. 20.<sup>4</sup> If she had any other children they must also have died young, or at least without issue, as William Stockdale's will gives evidence of his leaving no direct heirs.

He married second, in 1722, Phebe (Baker) Radcliffe, daughter of Henry Baker, and widow of Edward Radcliffe; see Notes D and E to Part I. William Stockdale at Middletown Mo. Mtg. held 5 mo. 5, 1722, declared his intention of marriage with Phebe Radcliffe, a member of Falls Mo. Mtg., and a certificate was granted him for that purpose 6 mo. 2. On 8 mo. 3, 1728, Middletown Mo. Mtg. gave William Stockdale "and family" a certificate to Abington Mo. Mtg.; he and his wife

<sup>1</sup> Called "Ann" in the deed record, but "Amy" in his will.

<sup>2</sup> Deed recorded May 3, 1796 in Bucks Co. Deed Book 28, p. 410; it had previously been recorded July 11, 1763 in Book 11, p. 72; this first record omitting "County of York" in the heirs' residence, and having some names misspelt.

<sup>3</sup> Bucks Co. Will Book 1, p. 257.

<sup>4</sup> Register of Middletown Mo. Mtg.

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Phebe (who was all the "family") presented it there 8 mo. 28. This does not mean a change of residence, but only a transfer of membership for convenience of attending meeting; Horsham, the particular meeting belonging to Abington Mo. Mtg., to which they attached themselves, being readier of access to their Warminster home.

Phebe Stockdale died only a few months after her husband. By her will,<sup>1</sup> dated Dec. 27, 1738, she left £10 to Horsham Meeting for fires in and sweeping out the meeting house, the money to be put at interest and Friends appointed by the meeting to see it employed as directed. To her sister Margaret Atkinson, her side saddle; to son James Radcliffe, a riding horse; and to son John Radcliffe, a mare and colt. Residue to sons James and John Radcliffe, who with her brother-in-law William Atkinson, were named as executors. By a codicil of the same date she divided wearing apparel between her cousin Rebecca Smith and sister Margaret Atkinson, and gave her brother-in-law, William Atkinson, her deceased husband's best riding saddle. The whole was probated Jan. 24, 1738/9.

A William Stockdale was a Member of Assembly from Bucks County in 1713, 1714, 1717 and 1719, but it is uncertain whether this was the above-mentioned or the following.

The other William Stockdale, contemporary in Bucks County with the husband of Alice Hynde, first appears in Middletown Township as a party to a deed<sup>2</sup> of the date of Sept. 11, 1711, by which he bought of Joseph Wildman 60 acres in Middletown Tp., bounded by Thomas Musgrove's, Thomas Constable's, John Croasdale's and other of Joseph Wildman's lands. Either just before or just after this (on Feb. 12, 171-) he bought from Henry Nelson (deed not found on record) 90 acres adjoining and on Neshaminy Creek. On March 6, 1713, William Stockdale and Dorothy his wife sold<sup>3</sup> the whole 150 acres to Thomas Stackhouse, Jr. In this last deed his residence is given as Southampton.

At the date of his will,<sup>4</sup> 3 mo. [May] 12, 1727, he was of Northampton Township. He made his wife Dorothy sole executrix with full power to dispose of all his goods, lands, etc., as she saw fit, but with the advice of the monthly meeting. There were no specific bequests; it was probated Jan. 30, 1732/3. At Middletown Mo, Mtg. 1 mo. 7, 1733/4, William Stockdale, lately deceased, having left all disposing of his effects to his wife, she requested assistance from the meeting in doing the same.

This William Stockdale married first, Grace ———; they had one

<sup>1</sup> Bucks Co. Will Book 1, p. 259.

<sup>2</sup> Bucks Co. Deed Book 4, p. 168.

<sup>3</sup> Bucks Co. Deed Book 5, p. 34.

<sup>4</sup> Bucks Co. Will Book 1, p. 181.



child, whose death, but not her birth, is on the register of Middletown Mo. Mtg.:

GRACE STOCKDALE, b. —, d. 5 mo. 27, 1722.

He married second, in 1710, Dorothy Iden. He declared his intentions to Middletown Mo. Mtg. 2 mo. 6, and she being a member of Falls Mo. Mtg. he was given a certificate thereto 4 mo. 1. They had certainly the following three children, (births from register Middletown Mo. Mtg):

ROBERT STOCKDALE, born 6 mo. 8, 1711. The will of Robert Stockdale, of Northampton,<sup>1</sup> dated Jan. 24, 1769, proved Aug. 10, 1772, mentioned his wife Mary, son Robert (who was to have the plantation when 21 years old), sons William, George and David, and "little daughter" Mercy; and made his wife and John Plumly executors.

ELIZABETH STOCKDALE, born 8 mo. 14, 1713, died 6 mo. 23, 1721.<sup>2</sup>

MARY STOCKDALE, born 7 mo. 1, 1716.

William and Dorothy (Iden) Stockdale are supposed to have been also the parents of these:

HANNAH STOCKDALE, of Falls Township, married 9 mo. 19, 1740, at Falls Mtg., Samuel Bunting, of Bristol Township, son of Samuel and Priscilla (Burgess) Bunting.

WILLIAM STOCKDALE, of Middletown Township, married 2 mo. 17, 1746, at Middletown Mtg., Sarah Field, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah, of Middletown Tp. On May 19, 1749, he bought  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre, and on May 16, 1750, one acre adjoining, in Middletown Tp.;<sup>3</sup> his executors (widow Sarah and brother John) sold<sup>4</sup> these  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres Jan. 19, 1757. The last deed calls him "late of Wrightstown," but his will has him "of Buckingham." This will<sup>5</sup> dated Jan. 29, 1755, directs his executors to sell his house and lot in Middletown Tp. (the  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres above); leaves one-third of his estate, real and personal, to his wife, and the other two-thirds to his three children, Hannah, William and Thomas; and appoints his wife and his brother, John Stockdale, executors. It was probated July 26, 1755, and letters were granted to Sarah Stockdale and John Stockdale, the executors named.

JOHN STOCKDALE, mentioned in will of his brother, William, 1755. This was probably the John Stockdale who married 24. MARY ATKINSON, daughter of John and Mary (Smith) Atkinson.

Dorothy (Iden) Stockdale, married second, in 5th or 6th month, 1734, Daniel Burgess, widower, of Falls Township.

<sup>1</sup> Bucks Co. Will Book 3, p. 207.

<sup>2</sup> Register of Middletown Mo. Mtg.

<sup>3</sup> Bucks Co. Deed Book 16, pp. 343 and 350.

<sup>4</sup> Bucks Co. Deed Book 16, p. 351.

<sup>5</sup> Bucks Co. Will Book 2, p. 283.

The third William Stockdale mentioned at the beginning of this note, was of somewhat earlier date than either of the above, and not, so far as known, ever a resident of Bucks County. He was an eminent minister of the Society of Friends, came to Pennsylvania from Ireland in 1684/5, and lived in New Castle County (now in Delaware), where he was a Justice of the County Court. In 1689 he became a Provincial Councillor, after which date he appears to have lived in Philadelphia, where he died in 7 mo. 1693. He was a member of Newark Mo. Mtg., the register of which records the deaths of his daughter Ruth 6 mo. 30, 1687 and wife Jane 7 mo. 8, 1688. He married again in 1689, Hannah Druett. No other particulars of his family appear there, nor is there any will or administration of his on record in Philadelphia, where he died. An extended account of him is given in Albert Cook Myers's *Immigration of the Irish Quakers into Pennsylvania* (Swarthmore, 1902), pp. 267-271. As he came from Ireland it is unlikely that he was any near relative of the William Stockdale who married Alice Hynde, for the latter's relatives, as shown by the deed from his heirs, March 7, 1744, lived in England. But he might have been father of the William Stockdale who married Grace —— and Dorothy Iden, though our lack of knowledge of any children, (except Ruth) leaves this an open question.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE PAPERS OF GENERAL  
PERSIFOR FRAZER.

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MY DE POLLY

CAMP WHITE PLAINS Sept 2nd, 78

Your letter dated 22nd, Augt came to my hands last Evening It gives me the highest satisfaction to hear of your and the Childrens health. I receiv'd a letter the other day directed in your hand Writing, inclosing one from Nancy and Joshua of the 1st, Augt but not a line from you only a Postscript mention'd you having seen Mrs Wayne at Dilworths, the letter was tore to pieces, so that I imagin'd what you had wrote was lost and it had past through so many hands I cannot find who brought it to Camp—My last to you was P Mr. North of our Regiment. I directed him to leave it with Colo Archd Thomson or wth Mrs Jenkins—I have been very poorly this 3 weeks past but am now pretty well recovered, though I still Lodge out of Camp—

I mention'd in a former Letter to you that a Mare I had got from the Quarter Master Generals had stray'd from me, and that I had heard by Doctor Jones that she was at his House. I enclos'd a letter to Mrs Jones, desiring she would deliver her to you. As you do not mention any thing of this in your Letter am afraid it has not come to hand—it will be impossible to procure a Horse here for Mr. Johnston. I am Sorry he should suffer by the misfortune but must do the best We can, either in procuring him another Horse or pay him the Value—I hope We shall weather all these misfortunes—I have directed the Bearer who is an officer in our Regiment to Call upon you he can possibly put you in a way to forward some things to me as it is at present very uncertain when I can get home—Please to send me the Blue Cloath for a Coat with the White and Lining and Trimmings—if you could send me 2 yards of white Lining besides for a Light Blue piece of Broad Cloath wch I have procur'd for a Coat it would oblige me, also Mohair and white mettal Buttons and other necessaries for it—There was a pair new Shoes left at Mrs. Jenkins's you may remember I now want them much—I got only a pair Blanketts a Coverlid and set of Camp Stools from Mrs. Rivers's by Colo Johnston so that I have left my matrass, Pillow, Coat, Jacket a pair new draws pair Boots, 1 pair Shoes, pair Spurs and a Vallice to carry my Bed in, I should be glad to know what became of them—the Vallice Matrass, spurs, and Shoes were left at Mrs Rivers's by me and Understood the other things were to have been sent there—the Value I do not mind, but they are very necessary and not to be pro-