

PIECES AND BITS

LONG-LIVED BABB LADIES AT HARDEMAN COUNTY REUNION

In June nearly 60 descendants of the Hardeman County TN BABBs held a picnic reunion at Pinson Mounds State Park. These BABBs descend from DAVID and ELIZABETH P. BABB who were mar. ca 1820. DAVID was son of STEPHEN and SARAH (MORROW) BABB mar. in Greene Co., TN in 1788, and STEPHEN was son of PHILIP and MARY (PERKINS) BABB of VA and TN. This line of BABBs obviously has some long-life genes, because four daughters of DAVID's grandson JAMES WESLEY BABB came to the picnic looking bright and perky as could be, and their ages in 1992 are: FLOSSIE ANN BABB WALTON age 95, NELLIE ORA BABB GRANGER age 93, SADIE ELIZABETH BABB PRUITT age 91, and ALICE ETHEL BABB TAYLOR age 84. Cousin ERNIE BABB of Memphis sent us a lovely photo of the sisters.

ANOTHER LONG-LIVED BABB

HAROLD M. WILSON of Tuscaloosa, AL sent us a note that his uncle CONNIE WYATT BABB, b. 8-12-1891, died at the age of 100 years, one month and 15 days in Sep 1991. He was a retired railway mail clerk, and he had a sense of fun about him. Once when his father BEALY AUSTIN BABB (1862-1927) saw an ad for an attachment for the carburetor of his Model T Ford which would boost mileage by 25%, he asked son CONNIE if he should order it. Uncle CONNIE said "Yes, order four and ride free!"

MAP OF FREDERICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

The Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society has asked us to announce the sale of a new detailed map of the County which displays the historical names of roads and cemeteries, mills, etc., while placing them on current roads so researchers can visit the sites. The map is illustrated, drawn in four colors, and is 26 x 45 inches. It was surveyed and drawn by Eugene Scheel in 1974. The cost is \$5.00, plus postage \$1.00. Checks should be made payable to Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society, and should be ordered from Archives, Handley Library, Box 58, Winchester, VA 22604. Proceeds from sales will go towards providing conservation treatment for material in the Archives.

BABB ENTRY IN THE SUMMER OLYMPICS WINS GOLD

The only BABB entry that we know of in the Summer Olympics at Barcelona came in with sparkling splashes and won the gold medal in individual synchronized swimming. She is KRISTEN BABB-SPRAGUE of Pleasanton, CA, who is now married to Toronto Blue Jays baseball player Ed Sprague. We wrote her up in Vol. 1 #3 when she won her second straight national championship in April 1990, and also won the gold medal in the Goodwill Games in Seattle in July 1990, and won a silver medal at the World Aquatic Championships in Perth, Australia in 1991. All of this despite having a back injury in 1988 which sidelined her for nine months to rebuild her muscle structure. KRISTEN is now retiring from this demanding sport, and I am delighted that I happened to have the TV on when she was performing to win the gold. KRISTEN's father is CLIFTON, AND I have had no response to my letters to try to fit this family into one of the BABB lines.

WE ALL HAVE ONE OF THESE

Quip from an old genealogical publication giving description of a difficult to prove ancestor -- "He may be and probably was, from the best information available, the son of _____; of this, however, there is no certainty."

ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

HISTORY AND TRADITION

Newark-on-Trent in Nottinghamshire, central England, is a site which has been occupied since way back in ancient British and Roman times. It was sacked by the Danes in the 11th Century and then rebuilt, which led to its being named "New Work." It had a castle partly built in the 12th Century by the Bishop of Lincoln, so it is well-known in England, and its name has eased into being called "Newark." Many early immigrants to America came from Lincolnshire and some named towns and places for their English towns and places, such as for example "Boston," "Mansfield," "Nottingham".

In 1684 a survey of 986 acres was made for VALENTINE HOLLINGSWORTH on Shelpot Creek in New Castle County and was called "New Worke" in the surveyor's return. In the old records this was often written "New-Work." HOLLINGSWORTH gave half an acre for a burying-place - 11,7, 1687, "there being some already buried in y^e spot." Perhaps HOLLINGSWORTH chose the name because of his familiarity with "New Work-on-Trent," and this was to be his New Work in the New World. The earliest marked grave appears to be for THOMAS BABB 1788.

In December 1685 a group of Friends living in Brandywine Hundred, DE, was given permission by the Chester Quarterly Quaker Meeting to hold meetings and to build a meeting house. In 1687/8 meetings were held at the house of VALENTINE HOLLINGSWORTH and at the house of MORGAN DREWETT. Shellpot Creek is still shown on maps of Brandywine Valley and runs just a couple of streets away from the cemetery and wanders down to the Cherry Island area, emptying into the Delaware River near where the much larger Brandywine Creek exits into the Christina River and then into the Delaware.

A Meeting House was built presumably of logs, and was known as the New Work Friends Meeting House. For some years the meetings were alternated with those at Centerville, DE, but in the winter the fording of Brandywine Creek became a problem, so each met in their own meeting house. The name eased into being called "New Wark" and then "New Ark". The meeting ceased to be held there after 1754. A Methodist group built a new meeting house on the same spot and held services there until about 20 years ago, and the cemetery became known as the "Newark Union Cemetery." The meeting house still stands.

Since the BABB gravestones in the cemetery are becoming difficult to read, we will list them for everyone:

In Memory of Thomas, son of Peter and Mary Babb, who departed this life
Nov. 26, 1788 -- aged 59 years, 15 days.
Sarah, wife of Thomas Babb, daughter of Joseph and Margaret Bishop, died
Feb. 17, 1807 -- aged 75 years, 3 mo., 25 days.
Thomas Babb departed this life Oct. 16, 1844 -- aged 77 years.
Sarah Babb, wife of Jesse Weldin, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Babb,
died Mar. 16, 1800 -- aged 34 years.
Keziah Beeson, wife of Thomas Beeson, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Babb,
died Aug. 18, 1824 -- aged 54 yrs., 6 mos, 21 days.
Thomas S. Beeson, son of Thomas and Rebecca Beeson, died April 8,
A.D. 1825 -- aged 57 yrs., 9 mos, 29 days.

AMY GUEST LLOYD FARRAND, a BABB descendant and late wife of one of our Reunion attendees HOMER F. FARRAND, is buried in this cemetery, along with members of her GUEST family. HOMER indicated that he will be buried there also. THOMAS BABB, gr-grandson of THOMAS and BATHSHEBA BABB, in his will of 1844 requested that his body be interred in the burying ground formerly called and known as the New Ark burying grounds situate near Joseph Carr's residence.

BIBLE RECORDS

KELLETTs AND KELLETS -- LOTS OF KELLET(T)S

Three sons of JOSEPH and MARY (McCOOL) BABB (1-2-2-4) married KELLETTs, who were probably daughters or granddaughters of JOSEPH KELLETT who was an early settler of the region along with JOSEPH. Son THOMAS b. 1764 mar. MARY KELLETT, brother SAMPSON b. 1766 mar. ANNA KELLETT, and oldest son ABNER b. 1763 married MARTHA "PATTY" KELLETT in 1786. From this ABNER evolved a confusing series of male descendants named KELLETT, and we will try to name most of them.

ABNER and MARTHA had a son KELLETT b. 1791 who mar. REBECCA ABERCROMBIE. They had a son named ABNER, JR., a son named COLVILLE, and a son named JOHN KELLETT b. 1840. ABNER, JR. b. 1813 mar. AMANDA FIELDS and had a son named KELLET b. 1844, who preferred the single "T". JOHN KELLETT b. 1840 married CATHERINE CONKLE and had a son JOHN KELLETT BABB, JR (BUD) b. 1857. He in turn married ARRIE McCULLOUGH and they had a son JOHN KELLETT BABB, 3rd in 1900. COLVILLE (of ABNER, JR.) mar. LOUVIRE ELEVIA BRADBURY and they had a son KELLETT b. 1837 who mar. NANCY ANN COOPER, and they had 14 children, one of whom was named WILLIAM KELLETT b. 1880. They also had a grandson MARVIN KELLETT through son JOHN COLVIN. The KELLETT b. 1837 was the only one of four brothers to survive service in the War Between the States/Civil War.

We have received material from a family Bible of the KELLET b. 1844, son of ABNER, JR., as compiled by Ralph C. Cox in 1986, and we present it in condensed form.

KELLET BABB b. 13 Oct 1844, Henry Co., GA; d. 8 Sep 1901, Fayette Co., GA
1st wife: ANNIE P. COWAN, b. 21 Apr 1846; mar. 18 Feb 1869, Clayton Co. GA. Had one child - ALLIE - and died 13 Mar 1874, Fayette Co.
2nd wife: GEORGIA ANN DAVIS, b. 18 Aug 1852, Walton Co., GA; mar. 23 Apr 1876, Fayette Co. She died 23 Sep 1929, Fayette Co.

CHILDREN:

- (1) ALLIE BABB, b. 28 Nov 1869; mar. Burnett Sessions Cox 20 Nov 1897. She d. 14 Feb 1949, Clarke Co., MS.
- (2) JOHN THOMAS BABB b. 4 Jun 1877; mar. Vickie Mae Lewis 15 Jun 1913, Old Campbell Co., GA. He d. 19 Feb 1940, Fulton Co., GA.
- (3) JAMES ABNER BABB, b. 24 Nov 1878; mar. Maud Thornton 19 Dec 1902, Fayette Co., GA. He died 24 Aug 1974, Fulton Co., GA.
- (4) WILLIAM KELLETT BABB, b. 26 Mar 1880; mar. Molly Bell Thompson, 11 Aug 1906, Fayette Co. He died 25 Jun 1919, Fayette Co.
- (5) GEORGIA ANNIE BABB, 17 July 1881; mar. Oscar L. Dickson 1 Dec 1908, Fayette Co. She d. 19 Feb 1919, Fayette Co.
- (6) LOULA LYNN BABB, b. 25 May 1883; mar. Thomas Jackson Cox 11 Nov 1906, Fayette Co. She d. 8 Sep 1962, Fayette Co.
- (7) MARY JANE BABB, b. 17 Apr 1885; died unm. 15 Jan 1973, Fayette Co.
- (8) NANCY MALINDA BABB, b. 18 Nov 1886; died unm. 24 Mar 1909, Fayette Co.
- (9) JOSEPH RUFUS BABB, b. 16 Jul 1888; died unm. 23 Apr 1905, Fayette Co.
- (10) Infant born dead 13 Mar 1890.
- (11) MINNIE LEE BABB, b. 11 Jun 1891; mar. Fred Livingston Cox 17 Jul 1912, Fayette Co., GA. (No death record)
- (12) JESSE BABB, b. 23 Oct 1893; died unm. 20 Nov 1895.

[Many thanks also to Pennie Kilgore for information on Henry Co. BABBs.]

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BABB FAMILY ASSOCIATION

NEWS AND NOTES

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EMPRESS VANDALIA BABB

Most of us have not realized that we had a fascinating bit of "royalty" here in the USA, and it involved the most interesting BABB name that I have yet encountered. EMPRESS VANDALIA BABB was the youngest child of SHADRACK SAMUEL BABB and wife LUCINDA JONES who were married in Greene Co., TN 7 Nov 1848. They had five sons by 1860, and then a lovely daughter arrived 30 Apr 1863. They were so delighted that they named her "EMPRESS VANDALIA." None of the living family knows where the name "VANDALIA" came from, and she was lovingly known mostly as "EMPRESS." Nowadays little girls are sometimes called "Princess," and sometimes "Queen," but I hadn't heard of "Empress," as a real first name.

Her brothers were:

RICHARD EATON BABB	b. 1 Aug 1850	d. 28 Dec 1861
SHADRACK HALE BABB	b. 10 Jun 1852	d. 27 Nov 1913
WILLIAM TOMPSON BABB	b. 9 Jul 1855	d. 23 Dec 1929
JAMES DAILY BABB	b. 15 Dec 1857	d. 31 Aug 1941
GEORGE MORROW BABB	b. 9 Oct 1860	d. 26 Apr 1922

SHADRACK SAMUEL BABB, sometimes spelled "SHADERACK" in family records, and sometimes called "S.S." in deeds, was son of PHILIP⁶ BABB b. Oct 1797 and ARTAMENCY/ARTEMESIA HALE b. 26 Apr 1800, married 4 Nov 1827, who had children:

ANDERSON CARTER BABB	b. 25 Aug 1822	d. 26 May 1894
SHADRACK SAMUEL BABB	b. 2 Jun 1825	d. 9 Oct 1902
POLLY ANN BABB	b. 15 Sep 1830	d. 7 Jun 1880
PHILIP HUDSON BABB	b. 14 Jun 1844	d. 16 Apr 1889

PHILIP⁶ BABB was son of PHILIP⁵ who was called "JR" until his father PHILIP⁴ died in 1813, and then was called "SR." This many PHILIPs in a straight line has confused many a researcher. (See pages 29 and 385 of Babb Families book.)

EMPRESS VANDALIA married EDWARD ERWIN BROTHERTON on 15 Apr 1879 in Greene County, TN, and we have a charming picture of them. She died 20 Jun 1916. From the Brotherton Bible we have the names of ten of their 11 children:

MARTHA LORETTE BROTHERTON	(Baby born and died 14 Mar 1896)
NOLA C. BROTHERTON	LELIA FERNE BROTHERTON
ANNIE BELLE BROTHERTON	RUBY S. BROTHERTON
ROY E. BROTHERTON	ELVIE IRIS BROTHERTON
EULA (ELIZABETH) PEARL BROTHERTON	AFTON CLOYD BRO
GEORGIE MAE BROTHERTON	

Our research on the line of EMPRESS started when we received a hand written listing of relatives helping celebrate the 92nd birthday of MARY JANE CORRELL BABB, widow of PHILIP HUDSON BABB, in 1939. We are indebted to DR. HAROLD BABB of Friendsville, PA, gr-grandson of EMPRESS, and to Miss JOYCE MCLAIN of Greeneville, TN, granddaughter of EMPRESS, for coming up with family information.

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QUERIES

We welcome queries concerning BABB ancestry and connections, and will publish them free in an issue of "NEWS AND NOTES". Please submit queries on 3x5 cards if possible, and be sure to include at least an approximate date and place, as well as full names. Every little clue helps!! Also, the Editor would appreciate receiving a copy of letters/ references containing solutions to queries so that they can possibly be published.

Letters and phone calls₃ from two readers tracking down ancestor ELIZABETH BABB, dau of PETER³ and MARY (LEWIS) BABB of West Caln, Chester Co., PA, have found that she married a JOHN BISHOP in Lancaster Co. PA. They also found that the BISHOPS migrated to Scott Co., VA, and their sons show there on the 1820 Census. The father had died in 1819, and the mother's death date is unknown. The children found are THOMAS age 45 or older, SAMUEL and JOHN and WILLIAM age 26-45, and GEORGE and SAMPSON age 16-26. Bill and Betty would like to compare notes with anyone else of this line.

William A. Yates, P. O. Box 67, Stevensville, MT 59870
Ms Betty Bishop Willoughby, Rt. 1, Box 79I, Trickfall, LA 70466

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They were both surprised, and so was your Editor, to find that there was a group of BABBS in Scott Co. in 1820 also. We found BENJAMIN BABB age 45 or over, PETER BABB age 26-45, JOHN age 16-26, and a THOMAS with no age groups indicated. Then in 1830 PETER was in nearby Brooke Co., VA, and JOHN in nearby Russell Co. VA. In 1840 THOMAS was in Scott Co. age 40-50, and a BENJAMIN was in Scott Co. age 20-30 (presumably son of the previous BENJAMIN) In 1850 I found JOHN age 59, a laborer, in Russell Co. with wife DELILA age 53. BENJAMIN was also in Russell Co., but I ran out of time at the National Archives and haven't finished the research. No one has ever written to me about this grouping before, but I suspect that one or two of you have clues as to how they fit into the overall picture. BENJAMIN BABB b. 1775 or earlier -- any clues???

Jean A. Sargent, 12217 Shadetree Ln, Laurel, MD 20708-2814

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Seek info on JOHN BABB of Robertson Co., TN, who married HARRIET E. SWIGART (CLARK) ca 1850. He disappeared before 29 Apr 1851 when son JAMES MONROE BABB was born. The 1880 census gives the father's birthplace as KY. Thought to have been born ca 1810-1820. Family tradition is that his family lived in Orlinda, TN, and that he was descended from CHRISTOPHER BABB the NC Revolutionary War soldier, several of whose sons migrated from NC to Robertson Co. This JOHN may have been married prior to his marriage to Mrs. CLARK.

Janice Caldwell, 11004 Mesquite Flat, Helotes, TX 78023

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Seeking info on a SARAH JANE BABB who mar. a LEANDER WALKER from Clermont Co. and also Brown Co., OH ca 1886. Cannot find marriage records on them in Clermont Co.

Doris Brinker, 879 Country Club Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45245

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SAN JOSE COUNTY CALIFORNIA
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CHOWAN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Know Ye That The Yed Doe hereby grant unto Thomas Babb a
 Tract of Land of 210 Acres lying in y^e precinct of Chowan, Beginning
 at y^e mouth of y^e Middle Swamp issuing out of Bennetts Creek
 Swamp, then up y^e said Middle Swamp by Various Courses
 to a Maple, then N^o 6 deg^u West 42 po. to a white Oak, then
 N^o 70 deg^u East 330 poles to a pine, then N^o 18 deg^u East 60
 po. to a white Oak, then S^o 77 deg^u East 72 pole to a Spanish
 Oak. Standing on y^e sides of Bennetts Creek to y^e first sta-
 tion To be holden Ye Dated March 28th 1703 Witness Ye
 Henderson Walker, Samuel Swann, Francis Jones,
 Tho Pollock

DEED

VERY OLD!

[NOTE: This is perhaps the first land grant to a BABB in North Carolina. This THOMAS BABB may have been an immigrant from England or he may have decided to move a little south from an early settlement in eastern Virginia. The 210 acres sound like mostly swamp, and are in the vicinity of the Great Dismal Swamp. Note the variety of trees used as markers: maple, white oak, Spanish oak, pine. Grant came from Land Grant Bk One 1693-1720, p. 120, file 61]

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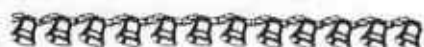
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DR. LENOX DIAL BAKER was born in DeKalb, TX on 10 Nov 1902, son of James D. and Dorothy Hamilton (Lenox). He mar. Virginia Flowers 22 Aug 1933 (dec) and they had two sons Robert Flowers and Lenox Dial. On 22 Apr 1967 he mar. Margaret Copeland, and they have lived at Duke University ever since. He will be 91 years old this November tenth, and we wish him many more happy birthdays. He has always been charming, loving, and thoughtful, a gentleman of the old school. We are proud to have him as "one of the BABB family."

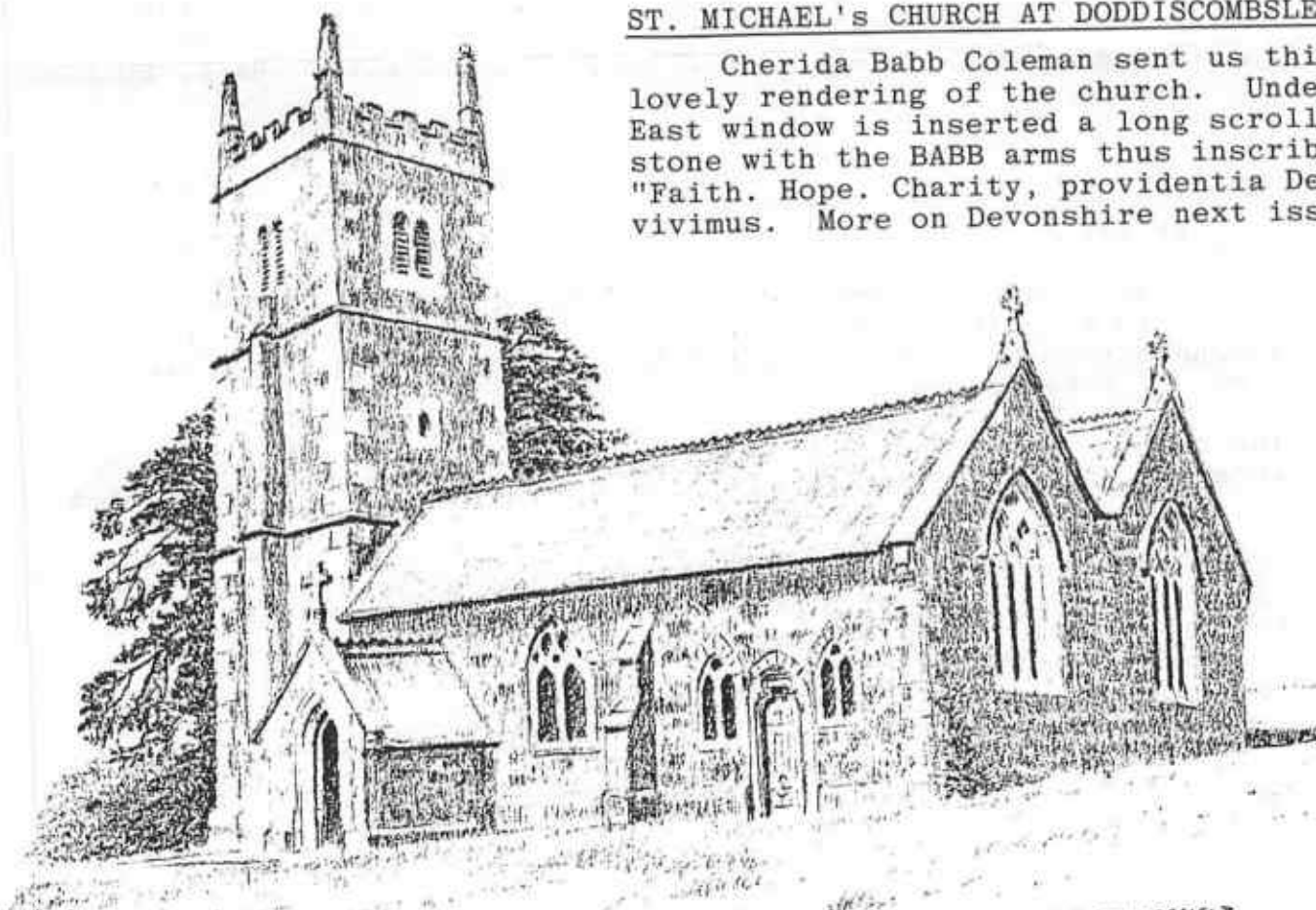


Baker: portrait of "Mr. Sports Medicine"



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH AT DODDISCOMBSLEIGH

Cherida Babb Coleman sent us this lovely rendering of the church. Under the East window is inserted a long scroll of stone with the BABB arms thus inscribed: "Faith. Hope. Charity, providentia Dei vivimus. More on Devonshire next issue.



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, DODDISCOMBSLEIGH, DEVON

Rev. AUGUST 1989 D. J. SUMMERFIELD

DEEDS

VERY PRESIDENTIAL

We have obtained deed book copies of two very interesting deeds which involve JOSEPH BABB of Fairfield Co., OH, and Presidents of the United States of America. JOSEPH, by the way, was presumed son of WILLIAM BABB originally of Maryland, and JOSEPH was an avid buyer and seller of land in OH in early 1800's. First from Book G, p. 383:

THOMAS JEFFERSON President of the United States of America: To all to whom these presents come Greeting. Know ye that David Lesley assignee of JOSEPH BABB having deposited in the Treasury a certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Chillicothe, Whereby it appears that full payment has been made for the south east quarter of Section number Thirty-five of Township number seventeen of Range number thirty four of the lands directed to be sold at Chillicothe by the Act of Congress entitled "An Act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States in the Territory north west of the Ohio and above the mouth of Kentucky River" and of the Acts amendatory of the same: There is granted by the United States unto the said David Lesley the quarter lot or section of land above described: To have and to hold the said quarter lot or section of land with the appurtenances unto the said David Lesley his heirs and assigns forever. In Testimony whereof I have caused these letters to be made patent and the seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at the City of Washington the Twentieth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine and the Independence of the United States of America the thirty third.

By the President

U.S. Seal

Th Jefferson

James Madison Secretary of State

Excerpts from the other similar deed from Book J, p. 29A:

JAMES MADISON, President of the United States of America: to all to whom these presents shall come Greeting. Know ye that Thomas Stramm assignee of JOSEPH BABB having deposited in the Treasury a certificate

for the south west quarter of section Number thirty-five of Township number seventeen in range sixteen of the lands directed

Given under my hand at the City of Washington the twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the thirty sixth.

By the President

U.S. Seal

James Madison

Jas. Monroe Secretary of State

BAVARIAN BABBS

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ONLY

The two queries in our March issue concerning BELLE A. (BABB) MANSFIELD and Judge WASHINGTON BABB drew a great deal of interest and correspondence, both from readers who had seen write-ups about them in Who's Who and other publications, as well as from fairly close cousins. First of all we learned that they were brother and sister!! They were the only children of MILES BABB who was killed in 1852 in a tunnel cave-in where he was Supt. of Bay State Mining Co. in California. Their mother was MARY MOYER BABB who brought them up in Iowa. They were great-grandchildren of JOHN/JOHANNES BABB/BABP who immigrated from Ulbig, Darmstadt Bavaria in 1752. JOHN BABB married ANNA MARIE RIEL, and with their seven children they started a long line of very interesting and well-educated descendants beginning in the Easton and Wilkes-Barre areas of Pennsylvania.

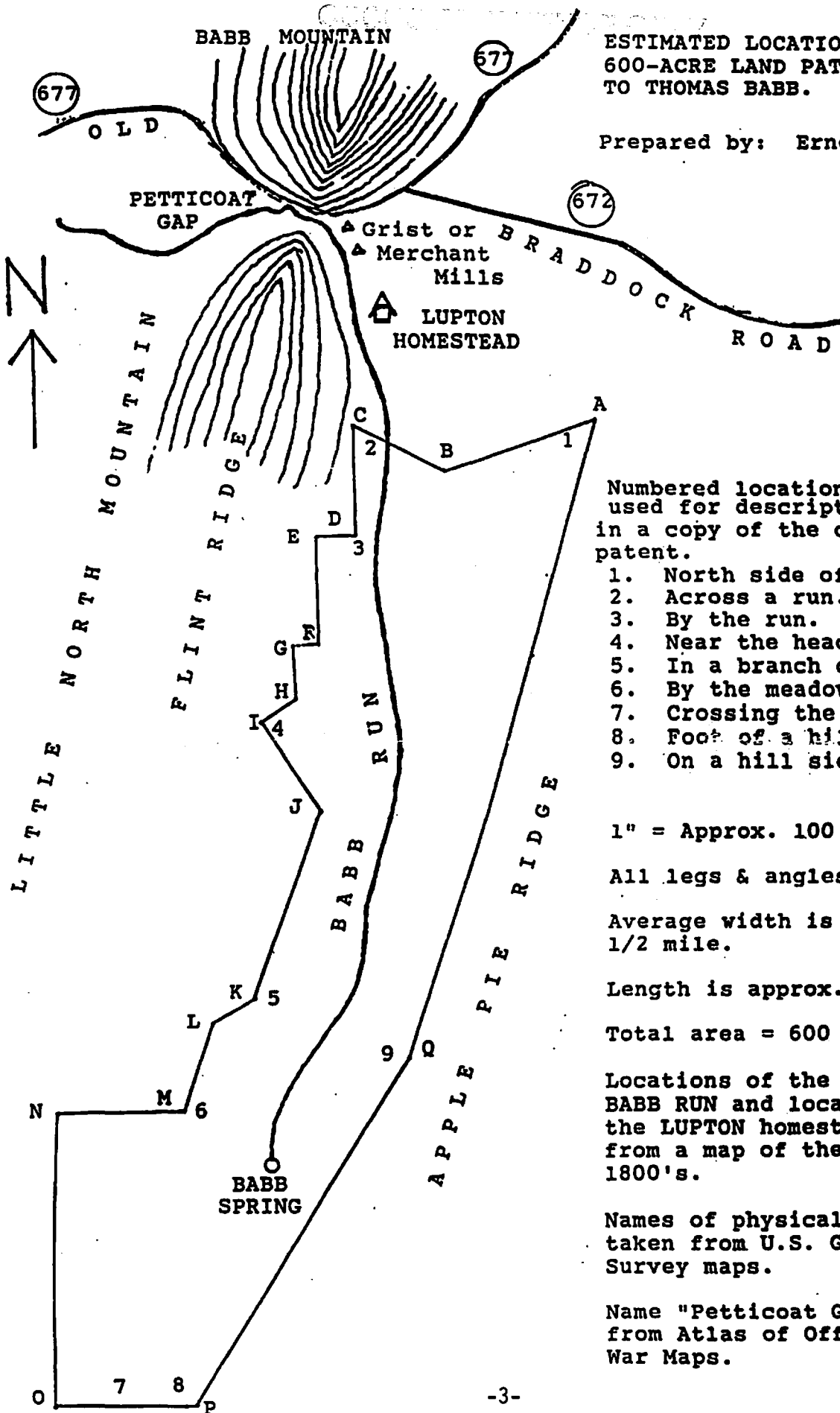
Hon. WASHINGTON IRVING BABB was born in IA 2 Oct 1844 graduated with high honor from Iowa Wesleyan University, served in the War between the States and was admitted to the bar in 1867. His well-known integrity and fairness led to his nomination for judge several times, serving 1891-95, and he was a Democratic candidate for Governor in 1895. He married Miss ALICE BIRD at Mt. Pleasant in 1873, and they became parents of four children: MAX WELLINGTON, MILES THORNTON, CLARA BELLE, and ALICE. His wife graduated from Iowa Wesleyan with an A.B. degree and in 1872 was granted an honorary A.M. degree. She was an enthusiastic participant in P.E.O. from its organization until the end of her life in 1926. He was a Regent of State Univ. of IA and Trustee of IA Wesleyan U. Died in 1925.

Mrs. HELEN BABB BOOTS of Cheney, WA, is granddau of JOHN BABB, JR., who was a brother of MILES BABB, so her father ALBERT BARTON BABB was a first cousin of BELLE and WASHINGTON IRVING BABB. JOHN BABB, SR, youngest son of the immigrant JOHN, mar. SUSANNA MILLER and moved from Wilkes-Barre, PA to Iowa in 1837. They had eight children, and HELEN has done a great deal of research on the many desc.

ARABELLA AURELIA BABB (who wished to be known as BELLE A.) was born 1846 in Iowa and graduated from Iowa Wesleyan. Later she studied law in a law office and at home. The Iowa code of 1851 provided admission to the bar only to "any white male person" but the statute was repealed by an act of Jan. 1853. BELLE was admitted to practice law in June 1869, and in March 1870 the words "white male" were omitted from the statute. Thus BELLE became the first woman admitted to practice law. In the 1870 Census MARY BABB age 49 was keeping house at Mt. Pleasant IA, and living with her was W.I. age 25 lawyer, BELL A. MANSFIELD age 24 lawyer, and J. M. MANSFIELD age 29, Professor in college (BELLE's husband). In 1898-98 BELLE was Dean and Lecturer on the Theory and History of Fine Arts and Music at DePauw University.

Mrs. MARGARET GRANT YOUNG of Carmichael, CA, descends from John/Johannes thru his first son PETER, who moved from PA to Hardy Co., WV by 1794, and had 6 sons and 2 daus. MARGARET has been working with us for several years and has furnished a great deal of information. Her mother MARGARET BABB GRANT had collected material on all BABBS for years and years, including 12 years when she worked at the Library of Congress. PETER's son JOHN PETER, known as PETER, had 5 sons and 4 daus. MARGARET is a gr-gr granddaughter thru his son MILTON who moved to Illinois, and grandson CHARLES. MILTON's son JAMES ELISHA mar. DAISY TINKHAM and was an attorney in Chicago and Idaho. Uncle ELISHA enjoyed doing genealogy and corresponded with many people about the BABB lines, including his niece MARGARET. His son JAMES TINKHAM BABB was the librarian of Yale University for many years.

This is a very abbreviated look at the descendants of JOHN/JOHANNES and ANNA MARIE. We will be delighted to hear from other descendants and will be glad to exchange information.



ESTIMATED LOCATION OF THE
600-ACRE LAND PATENT GRANTED
TO THOMAS BABB.

Prepared by: Ernest Lloyd BABB

Numbered locations are
used for descriptions
in a copy of the original
patent.

1. North side of hill.
2. Across a run.
3. By the run.
4. Near the head of a glade.
5. In a branch of the meadow.
6. By the meadow.
7. Crossing the meadow.
8. Foot of a hill.
9. On a hill side.

1" = Approx. 100 poles.

All legs & angles approximation:

Average width is about
1/2 mile.

Length is approx. 2.4 miles.

Total area = 600 acres.

Locations of the mills on
BABB RUN and location of
the LUPTON homestead taken
from a map of the early
1800's.

Names of physical locations
taken from U.S. Geological
Survey maps.

Name "Petticoat Gap" taken
from Atlas of Official Civil
War Maps.

THE 600 ACRES

The exact position of THOMAS BABB's 600-acre patent along the north-south plane is difficult to determine from the description of 12 Nov 1735. However, ERNEST L. BABB of 1150 E. Irvin Dr., Memphis, TN 38119, gathered up maps of the area around Winchester, VA, (both old and new), obtained copies of land records, and made a trip up there this past spring to try to plot out the patent. Ernest has given us an excellent description and has drawn up a map from the facts, and we hope this will help any of you who also plan to visit the lovely Winchester area sometime in the future.

Benjamin Borden on 12 Nov 1735 acquired 850 acres described as being near Round Hill, bounded by THOMAS BABB. Round Hill is almost due west of the present city of Winchester, and is south of BABB RUN. Parish Run, which joins BABB RUN west of BABB MOUNTAIN, begins on the NW side of Round Hill, and flows north.

In 1799 David Lupton erected the Cedar Grove Mill on BABB RUN about seven miles NW of Winchester, according to the Hopewell Friends' History. That would place the mill close to the junction of present roads SR672 and SR 677. On the Official Maps of the Civil War, just west of here is a gap between Little North Mountain and BABB MOUNTAIN, which is named "Petticoat Gap." BABB RUN flows through this gap. Farther south below Round Hill is another gap called "Hoop Petticoat."

On a topographical map, we see two elevations. The U. S. Geological Survey names the one to the south "Flint Ridge," and shows it as part of "Little North Mountain." Then "Great North Mountain" is westward from here, across "Hogue Creek." This is also referred to on deeds and surveys as "Hog Creek," and is no doubt named for early settler William Hogg. The mountain north of Petticoat Gap is named by the Survey as "BABB MOUNTAIN." Still farther north is a mountain ridge named simply "North Mountain." (Someone seemed to like the title "North" in various sizes.)

The original patent to THOMAS BABB in 1735 must have lain along the west slope of Apple Pie Ridge, with the major portion of it lying within BABB MEADOW. One of the northernmost legs of that survey says it crosses "a run." The next leg runs south to a walnut "by the run." No further mention is made of the "run" in the survey, so we deduce that the plat extended southward beyond the source or head of the run, which flows northward.

The 316 acres of William Lupton's is described as adjoining BABB'S GRANT. Assuming this was the land on which David Lupton erected his mill, it must have been to the north. A map of the early 1800's shows the Lupton home by or near BABB RUN, a short way south of Petticoat Gap.

Deeds show that William Reynolds owned land on the east side of BABB MOUNTAIN, and Edward Mercer owned land adjoining that of either PHILIP or THOMAS BABB, so it must have been also on the east side.

BABB'S GREAT MEADOW and BABB'S MARSH evidently encompassed the land along BABB RUN. The Run joins Back Creek NW of Petticoat Gap and NE of the junction of Hogue Creek with Back Creek. All of these waters flow northward to the Potomac River. The U. S. Geological Survey maps covering this area are the Winchester and the White Hall Quadrangles.

Hope this helps future BABB explorers!

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PHILIP (1-2-2-1)

Numerous letters have come in with juicy information on PHILIP BABB (1-2-2-1) (1731-1813), his children, his mill, and his wives! He was born in Chester Co., PA, grew up in Frederick Co., VA, and died in Greeneville, TN. Moving his children to TN seems to have been a problem with the Quakers.

"Hopewell Friends History" has an entry dated 1806 concerning the movement of PHILIP's younger children to TN. This date is in error as the children were all grown up by then. Ruth Harrington of Philadelphia found copies of the real entries in Gilbert Cope's transcripts of Quaker records at the PA Historical Society.

6th of 9th mo. 1784 - PHILIP BABB's five children, PHILIP, STEPHEN, MARY, ELIZABETH and TAMAR, request certificate for New Garden, NC.

4th of 10th mo. 1784 - Friends of New Garden, NC not willing to accept above children.

5th of 7th mo 1790 - This meeting is informed that PHILIP BABB's children - PHILIP, STEPHEN, MARY, ELIZABETH and TAMER removed with their parents within the verge of Westfield, M.M. in North Carolina and had no certificates and several of them since gone out in marriage. Richard Ridgway and James Stearn are appointed to write to that meeting requesting their assistance in treating with those who have misconducted, also some information concerning the others and report when ready.

Since PHILIP's wife MARY and her dau PHOEBE and son SETH were disowned by the Quakers for joining the Methodists in 1779, of course they would not be listed by the Quakers in the above. Older children SARAH, JOSEPH, and THOMAS had birth records in Hopewell and were adults by 1784. Thus we pull together the 10 children.

PHILIP erected a log mill for grinding wheat and corn soon after he arrived in what is now Greene Co., TN. It was one of the earliest mills in the area and located on a considerable drop on the Roaring Fork of Lick Creek. His first mill burned but was rebuilt. ERNEST BABB of Memphis sent us a photo of the mill as it looks today - two stories and clapboarded - kind of run down. ERNIE and RICHARD BABB of Pittsburgh furnished us maps of the area, and one should take SR93 out of Greeneville and then turn west on BABB'S MILL ROAD to reach the mill. ERNIE writes "A drive down BABB'S VALLEY to the Brittontown Church Road gave us fine views of Peters Ridge rising 400 feet above the valley. Imagining the amount of water pouring down the west side of that ridge in springtime explains the name of ROARING FORK. A short trip to Brittontown skirting the base of BABB'S KNOB on the west side showed us the rough terrain of these hills where PHILIP BABB settled in with his family. Up the hill from the decaying mill house is the BABB VALLEY GRAVEYARD. Among the oldest tombstones there is one for ER BABB, grandson of PHILIP, and one for PHILIP of PHILIP. Returning to SR93 NE one can turn west on Doty Road to find Newmansville and Doty Chapel Cemetery and a number of more recent BABB tombstones."

More about PHILIP and his wives and the Antrims in another issue. Just a hint - the 11 children of NANCY (HAINS) ANTRIM regretted to have old MR. BABB for a stepfather!!

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To separate the several Thomas BABB names, let us refer to the Marriner of the will as Thomas (1620). Then we can refer to his son as Captain Thomas (1655) (date of admin. of his estate). Presuming that the sons were listed in order of age, it is probable that the father of Thomas (1620) was John, but perhaps could have been Thomas or William, and that one of the sons was named for the father of Thomas's wife.

We noted that in "Acts of Administration in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 1631-1648" there is listed "Andrew BABB, died overseas. To Thos. Frere, cred., 5 Feb 1635, p. 80." This would probably be Andrew the youngest son of Thomas (1620). Also listed is "John BABB, Stepney, Middlesex, died overseas. To Anna B. rel., 6 May 1646, p. 52." This would be the Captain John BABB, oldest son of Thomas (1620) who was Master of the ship "Phillip" of London in 1630 and who had married Anne Davies 30 Mar 1620. In a court case of Sep 1632 concerning the loss of much of his equipment during a great storm on a trip to Virginia to pick up tobacco, John testified that he was age 39, so was born ca 1593. This is our best statement to use in setting a time frame for births of Thomas's sons.

Then the third son to die overseas was Captain Thomas (1655) who is also listed in the Canterbury Acts of Administration, as "Thomas, died overseas. To Eleanor B., wid., rel., 18 Jul 1646, p. 80. (Adm. d.b.n. July 1655, p. 148)"

Another Thomas BABB who puzzles us is a "Captain Thomas BABBE recorded as being in the Newfoundland trade 21 Oct 1584 with ship 'Jonas' out of Exon, under owner John Sampforde of Exeter, England." The question is whether this could have been the Thomas (1620) whose children were born in the 1590's and later, or was it his father or uncle or cousin? So we will call him Captain Thomas (1584).

Ian Henry BABB, the devoted researcher of the BABB Family History Society of England - brother of Cherida - who lives in Devonshire, believes that the BABBs of Stepney came from the Teign Valley area of Devon - Bishops Teignton, Newton Abbot, or even a bit north in Doddiscombsleigh - all of which are near Babbacombe Bay. He has sent us a large packet of wills of the area with relevant names. John, Thomas, William, and Phillip are all mentioned in the 1500's. Andrew is not, and he may have been named for his mother's family.

Abstracts are apparently about all that remain of many early wills administered through Exeter, as the bulk of them were destroyed in WWII. Some of the Devon wills have been deposited in Canterbury, so we need to continue researching there also.

Actually there are so many wills of the 1500's that carry names John, Thomas, William, and sometimes Phillip, that we are going around in circles. We hope to hear from all who may have some input into this research, and we will plan to give you more reports on developments in the next issue.

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MEANWHILE, we do wish to announce that Ian Henry BABB and wife Cynthia became parents of a delightful baby Emma on 23 Oct 1989. She hasn't gotten into genealogy yet but does like to stay awake in the wee hours of the morning. That birthdate of 1920 that is found in the Babb book index for Ian is all wrong. He is much much younger and I don't even know the exact date. Some gremlin typed that date in!!!!

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NEWS FROM ENGLAND

Among many delightful surprise findings of the past six months, the most exciting was a letter from Elizabeth BABB of Yarmouth, ME, indicating that on a recent trip to England on business she had done research at the Guildhall Library in London and had found the following most enlightening will. She copied down what she could read in her limited time, substituting some modern spellings, and mailed it on to us and to Mrs. Cherida Babb Coleman of the Babb Family History Society of England. This has resulted in a flurry of research and excitement. By the way, the will is found in the British Record Society, V. 97, Guildhall microfilm roll 17, folio 45.

IN DEI NOMINE AMEN I THOMAS BABB of Limehouse in the county of Middlesex, Marriner, being fine of body yet of good and perfect memory ... this is my last will and testament in ... manner and ... following that is to ...

First I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God my only Saviour and Redeemer whose ... death and passion I do faithfully ... same full pardon and forgiveness of all my sins by me committed and my body, to ... from whence it came to the full confidence that to be soul and body ... joined again and together at ... and be made p'taker of that blessed kingdom ... and for all other of my goods and what ... it ... God to lend me I will give and bequeath ... following ...

I will give and bequeath unto my son John Babb the sum of ... pounds of good and lawful money of England and all and ... my ... [ship-related terms?]. I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Babb the sum of ... pounds and unto my son William Babb ... pounds and unto my son Phillip Babb ... like sum of five pounds of like lawful money of England and unto my daughter Joane Babb the sum of 25 S lawful money of England and I give and bequeath unto my son Andrew Babb the sum of twenty pounds of warrant money of England and my will intent and meaning is that my faithful wife shall enjoy and possess all and singular the ... before bequeathed ... but if ... all memory or be married of at ... for marriage and I do make and assign Mary Babb my loving wife my full ... Executing of this my faithful (?) last will and testament in witness whereof ... Thomas Babb son ... put my hand to seal dated this eighth day of September anno dni 1620 and in ... of the ... of ... to Thomas Babb doth make ... Thomas Babb ... Confirmed ... will and testament of the ... Thomas Babb in the presence of me James ?ull Esq The mark of William Babb witness.

The importance of the will is that we now have proof that "Thomas BABB of Limehouse, Marriner" was indeed father of the John, Thomas, William, Phillip, and Andrew Babb found in the vital records of the Stepney area of London. This Thomas may therefore have been grandfather of Phillip of the Isles of Shoals.

PETER/PETTER BABB (CONTINUED)

My wife Mary Babb & my Son Thomas Babb I likewise make constitute & ordain my only & Sole Executors of this my Last will & testament & I do utterly Disallow Revoke & Every Disanull all former wills or Executors by me in any ways by me made will or ordained Ratifying & Confirming this & none other to be my Last will & testament. In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand & Seall the Day & year first above written

Published Pronounced & Declared
by the S^d petter Babb as his Last
will & testament in presence of
us the under subscribers

William Kennedy }
William Neely } Oct^r 27th 1773
Rob^t Brown }

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Note that son THOMAS was bequeathed only ten shillings, but don't feel sorry for him as there is more to the story than that. THOMAS had been previously also given his Grandfather THOMAS's plantation in the Brandywine Valley of Delaware of over 200 acres. Older brother JOHN was given 150 acres of PETER's original grant of 400 acres from WILLIAM PENN in Nov 1758, and he was supposed to straighten out the financial problems of his grandfather EVAN LEWIS, paying off the just debts. Then JOHN died unmarried, intestate, and without issue, and his land went to brother THOMAS as heir-at-law. Then EVAN LEWIS and wife ANN gave THOMAS 48 more acres to add to the 150 from JOHN, with the proviso that THOMAS pay 5 shillings before sealing and delivery as security for the performance of the agreements, to complete the work that JOHN had started. This explains why THOMAS in his will mentioned his two plantations in Chester Co. and his plantation in Brandywine Hundred.

A NEW MISSIONARY TOUR

THOMAS RUSSELL HASTINGS, son of LINDA (BABB) and JOHN HASTINGS of Rockville, MD, is a recent graduate of Haverford College, PA; and he "embarked" 1 Jan 1992 to Namibia, Southwest Africa on a one-year assignment as a volunteer missionary teacher. He is there under the auspices of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, but will be working mostly with Finnish missionaries while in Namibia. As you can imagine the air journey from Rockville to New York, to Paris, and to Windhoek the capital of Namibia covered thousands and thousands of miles. The final hop from Windhoek up to Ondangwa in Owambo in a tiny 6-seater plane was another 300 miles of excitement. Windhoek has some of the amenities of a European city, including American pop music, but Ondangwa is much more "out in the bush." The Oshigambo High School where Tom is teaching is 20 km out of town, and 18 of those km are dusty, washboardy, and also muddy in the rainy season of Nov - Mar. "All vehicles are 4WD antique contraptions and look as though they shouldn't be moving," Tom writes. He will be teaching English grades 11 and 12 and remedial, music, and Bible education in English. Previously the Bible was taught in Oshiwambo, but the school authorities want the students to listen to as much English as possible. Tom brought his guitar with him on the plane, and that will certainly help with the music. He studied Afrikaans before leaving the U.S., but found that it is not spoken in the north of Namibia -- only Oshiwambo, the Ovambo language, and some English. In the guest house at Windhoek those in charge spoke the Damara/Nama click language, and with some the only English they knew was "Hello." God be with you, Tom. This assignment took the same kind of courage that your ancestor Phillip Babb had in coming to the Isles of Shoals.

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PETER/PETTER BABB

WILL OF PETER³ BABB, written 13 May 1773, Proved 27th Octgber 1773, Chester County, Pennsylvania. Peter (1-2-1) was son of Thomas² and Bathsheba (Hussey) Babb, and husband of Mary Lewis.

In the Name of God Amen May 13th 1773 -- I Petter Babb of the township of West Caln, County of Chester & province of Pennsylvania Being weak & frail of Body but of perfect mind & memory praised be god for all his mercies & Calling to mind the mortality of my Body Do make this my Last will and testament VIZ principally and first of all I Recommend my soul to God that gave it and my Body I Bequeath to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian like & Decent manor at the Discretion of my Executors & as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me with in this Life I give & Devise & Dispose of the same in the following maner & form -----

Imprs I give & Bequeath to my well beloved wife Mary Babb all my whole Estate Reall & personal During her widdowhood -----

item I give to my Son Thomas Babb ten Shillings he being already advanced --- I give & Bequeath to my Daughter Bathsheba Trego five Shillings She being already advanced -----

item I give to my Dauter Mary Willson one Hundred pounds to be paid after my wifes decease -----

item I give to my son Petter Babb all that part of my plantation where on I now live Containing by Ellimination one Hundred & fifty acres more (or) less to be subject to my wife as above, he or his Heirs Exec^{rs} Adm^{rs} or either of them paying to my Daughter Elizabeth Bishop one hundred pounds to her or her heirs after my wifes deceas -----

item I give to my grandson Joseph now living with me fifty pound to be paid out of my son petters part as above -----

item I give to my Daughter Ann peirsoll five Shilings She being allready advanced. -----

item I give to my Daughter Shusana Babb one Hundred pound to be paid out of my son Sampsons part of my Estate after my wifes Decease -----

item I give & Bequeath to my Son Sampson Babb all that part of my Estate whereon he now Lives to him & heirs or assigns for Ever, he paying or Causeing to be paid the above one hundred pounds to my Daughter mary willson or her heirs as allso the above one hundred pound to my Daughter Shusanna to her or her Heirs.

And my will is that my Son Petter Babbs part of my Estate Shall go to him his Heirs or Assigns -- and my will is that there shall be no waste nor Destruction on my Reall Estate During my wifes naturall life the S^d Lands Lying & Being in the above S^d township of West Caln -----