

Wright family

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My Search for Job Wright

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It all started with Job for me. I started attending the BRGS meetings five years ago. Before I knew it I was volunteering with the Cleveland County Heritage Book Vol. II, then secretary. I have engrossed myself in this passion to find Job. I must thank all the Broad River Friends that have helped me get involved and I am so thankful for the wonderful Society that Virginia DePriest started so long ago. Last year I visited Southampton County Courthouse in Virginia in search of my Job. These are some Deeds I copied. The story goes Job Wright was born 1757 in Southampton Co. Va.. From these documents and others I hope to find out where to go next in search of Job's father, who I also believe to be Job. Ha!
Here is part Job's timeline.

Southampton Co. Va. Deed Book 6 part 1 page 264-267

31 Jan 1784

David WRIGHT & Sarah wife Nottoway Parish

James WRIGHT

Whereas Job WRIGHT late of county deceased was in his lifetime and at the time of his death seized and possessed of and with a certain plantation tract 187 acres Nottoway comprising the whole 170 acres granted to John RA(O)SBERRY by letters patent date 13 Nov. 1713, 17 acres patent 14 Feb. 1761 to Job WRIGHT and also being the same where on the said James WRIGHT now lives...did devise by will to his youngest son the aforesaid James WRIGHT BUT HAVING A LITTLE BEFORE HIS DEATH EXPRESSED AND EARNEST DESIRE THAT HIS WILL SHOULD NOT BE PROVED BUT THAT HIS CHILDREN SHOULD NEVER THE LESS FAITHFULLY comply with and full fill the contents

David & Sarah wife consideration of request of our father Job WRIGHT

5 shillings by James WRIGHT

Witness

David WRIGHT

Wm Williams

Sarah X WRIGHT

Barnaby DRAKE JR.

Farden X JOHNSON

Southampton Co. Va. Deed 7 part 2 page 459-460

9 Sept 1790

James WRIGHT of Nottoway Parish

Miriam SCOTT

34 pounds 3 shillings 2 pence

plantation formerly owned by Job WRIGHT

80 acres

also two horse and all my plantation implements of every kind



EX-SHERIFF M. N. HAMRICK IS DEAD

PROMINENT OFFICIAL OF
COUNTY PASSES

Was 77 Years Old—Served as
Sheriff on School and Road
Boards — Was Deacon 25
Years

Ex-Sheriff W. Newton Hamrick, one of the foremost characters in the up-building of Shelby and Cleveland county, passed quietly to rest Friday evening at the close of day, following an illness of four year from heart trouble which was followed a week ago by paralysis of the throat. Sheriff Hamrick was prominent in church, political and business circles, and his 77 years were unselfish, sympathetic and helpful. He was held in such high esteem by the citizens of Cleveland that he was called from his farm to the Beaver Dam section and elected Sheriff, which office he filled with honor for ten years. For a number of years he served on the school board and here his services again reflected his unselfish devotion to right and justice and his friendship for education. Another recognition of his business ability and public devotion came upon his election on the board of highway commission of No. 6 township which office he filled for several years.

Ex-Sheriff Hamrick was vice president of the Shelby Cotton Mills for fully twenty years, having been one of the original stockholders and superintended its erection. Not only was he prominent and diligent in public affairs, but he was a consecrated Christian who served for a quarter of a century on the Board of Deacons of the First Baptist church, being

chairman of the board for a number of years. His Christian life was active for he was always a regular church attendant, charitable, kind and helpful to those in need.

Mr. Hamrick was born in the Beaver Dam community of Cleveland county, June 20, 1844 and went with the 17 year old boys to war where his services were all that could be desired from a loyal, patriotic Southern man. After the war he was married to Miss Adelaide Holland, daughter of Capt. Gold Griffin Holland, a descendant of Capt. James Holland of Kings Mountain battle fame. Capt. Gold Griffin was elected to the legislature after the Civil War and Capt. James was a member of Congress. His wife was a dutiful mother and devoted companion who walked with his arm in arm through a half century of happiness and contentment.



Ex-Sheriff M. N. HAMRICK who died at age 77 years.

This is the first death in a family of six sons of whom Ex-Sheriff Hamrick was the oldest. He is survived by five brothers, Sidney, Leander, John B. and Alonzo Hamrick of Cleveland county and Dr. Wiley Hamrick of Gaffney, S. C., also by his wife and the following children: Mrs. W. H. Jennings, Mrs. W. H. Blanton, Mrs. S. O. Andrews, Mrs. Beuna Bostic, Miss Ollie Hamrick, Chief of Police B. O. Hamrick and Grover C. Hamrick.

The funeral was conducted from the First Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by the pastor Rev. Dr. J. M. Kester assisted by Revs. G. P. Hamrick and W. A. Murray amid a crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives that filled the large church and Sunday school auditorium. Not often does a crowd as large as this attend a funeral in Cleveland but Ex-Sheriff Hamrick was held in such high esteem throughout Cleveland that his many friends wished to pay a last tribute of respect to his memory. The beautiful floral offering was another testimony of the high regard in which he was held for wreath upon wreath bore evidence to his worth and goodness.

Masons to the number of 100 or

more gathered for Mr. Hamrick being one of the Masons in the county from the point of membership. He joined about 37 years ago and was as dutiful as in his other positions of trust and honor. The following Masons served as pallbearers: W. N. Dorsey, J. L. Grice, Rachel Hendrick, J. L. Smith, Hugh Logan and Jim Hester.

Deacons of the Baptist church together with Judges E. Y. and J. L. Webb, C. C. Blanton, J. C. Smith, H. D. Wilson, J. J. Lattimore, R. T. LeGrand, C. R. Hoey, D. Aug. Beam, A. H. Webb, R. L. Ryburn, A. C. Miller and J. Frank Williams were honorary pallbearers.

James WRIGHT

11 Jan. 1791

Albrington JONES

2 tracts 170 acres

Line of tree Jesse JOYNER land

Corner Wm JONES

Albrington Jones line

Witness James X WRIGHT

Sam CALVERT

John SCOTT

Southampton Co. Va. Deed Book 7 part 2 page 465

Under my care a Negro man Zack aged about 25 whom I have hereto held as a slave but being fully persuaded that freedom is the natural right of all mankind and that it is my duty to do unto others as I would desire to be done by do therefore hereby emancipate and set the said Zack free and I do for myself my heirs executors and administrators hereby relinquish all my right title interest claim or pretention of claim whatsoever to his person or to any estate he may here after acquire The above named Zack to enjoy his full freedom without any interruption from me or any person claiming for by or under me in witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this 10th Feb 1791

In presence of James X WRIGHT seal

Asa BEAL

Same page Deed 7 part pg. 465

Having under my care a mulatto man named George Whitfield formerly the property of Geo. Kerr dec'd who I have held as a slave

10th Feb 1791

court same day recorded

Edwin Gray seal

Southampton County Virginia Deed Book 8 pages 283-285

11 Feb 1796

Job WRIGHT of Nottoway

James SCOTT of Nottoway

45 pounds Job now lives 150 acres

known ancient bounds

one dark bay horse one featherbed & furniture all my household and kitchen furniture & plantation items

Witness

Job X WRIGHT

Lem'l X ROWE

Cordal X ROWE

Jordan X JOYNER

Baker X JOYNER

Rec. 11 Feb 1796

Court 9 June 1796

Southampton Co. Va. Deed Book, Book 8 pg. 276-277

1796

RIGHT

To ADONNILLY

This Indenture made this tenth day of February in the year of our Lord **one thousand seven hundred & ninety six** between Job WRIGHT of the county of Southampton and parish of Nottoway of the one part and Benjamin ADONNILLY of the county and parish aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said Job WRIGHT for and consideration of the just and **full sum of twenty five pounds** current money of Virginia by the said Benjamin ADONNILLY to him in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt where of the said Job RIGHT doth hereby acknowledge and thereof acquit and discharge the said Benjamin ADONNILLY his heirs and assigns forever and doth hereby acknowledge himself therewith to be fully and entirely satisfied ___ and paid has the said Job WRIGHT have granted bargained sold set over and delivered and by these presents do alien enfeof release and confirm unto the said Benjamin ADONNILLY his heirs and assigns forever one messuage tract and parcel of land situated lying and being in the county and parish of aforesaid containing by survey **one hundred and fourteen acres it being the land that was granted into David RIGHT dec'd late of the county aforesaid** by Beverly RANDOLPH Esqr. Governor of Virginia as by patent bearing date the eighth of July Anno domini one thousand 791 relation being thereto had the bounds and courses were fully and at large appear and by the heirs (to wit) William WRIGHT Jordan JOYNER and Lidya his wife George CAMP AND fanny his wife and

In the presents of Job his Wright Mark

Witness

Job

His Wright

Mark

Southampton Marriage Bonds
15 Jan 1788 Jordan JOYNER & Lydia WRIGHT
25 Jan 1794 Baker JOYNER & Christian WRIGHT daughter of Sarah

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7 pounds 5 shillings current money

James SCOTT

One bay horse, one featherbed & furniture, three sows, with pig, one blade stack, ten barrels Indian corn & everything else that belongs to me

22nd December 1797

Witness:

Job X WRIGHT

Anne Pretton

Sarah Bailey

Court 20 August 1792

Bill sale ordered to be recorded

Southampton Co. Deed Book 8 part 2 page 705-706

25 April 1798

Joseph Wright of Nottoway Parish

Job Wright of same

15 pounds

all my right title and interest in all the lands that my dec'd father David WRIGHT

264 acres

Witness

Joesph Wright

Silas Beal

Amos Joyner

George X Camp

April 25 1798 rec. money

Court 15 October 1798 proven

Southampton County Virginia Deed Book 10 page 26

Job WRIGHT

James SCOTT

100 dollars

3 featherbeds and furniture ane mares saddle and bridel one side saddle one dutch oven, one iron pott, one chest, sixteen hogs, two axes, two plough hoes, two chairs, one pewter dish, two pewter basins, one wool wheel and one Flax wheel

20 May 1802

Witness:

Job X WRIGHT

Miriam SCOTT

Anne PRETLOW

Court of 17 Jan 1803 Bill of sale

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EARLY WRIGHT FAMILIES IN RANDOLPH COUNTY

By Willard Heiss, Indianapolis

In the census of 1820 for Indiana there were eleven heads of families in Randolph County who carried the name of Wright. Although they migrated here from various parts of the country, there seems to be a thread of attraction among them that would indicate some remote relationship. After considerable research it would appear that most of these Wrights descend from James and Mary Wright, who were early settlers near Hopewell Friends Meeting, Frederick County, Virginia. They died there in 1760 and 1764 respectively. The following sketch briefly outlines some of their progeny and apparent kinsmen who were among the first residents of Randolph County.

Joshua Wright (son of James and Luce Wright) was born prior to 1775 in North Carolina. In about 1790 he removed with his parents to Jefferson County, Tennessee, where he married Elizabeth ——. They were members of Lost Creek Friends Meeting and from there Elizabeth was granted a certificate to West Branch Meeting, Ohio, in 1809, Joshua having been disowned the previous year. In 1817 they removed to Randolph County and settled south of the present Bloomingsport. He died before 1850.

John Wright (son of Edward and Hannah Wright) was born in 1787 in Jefferson County, Tennessee. His parents had removed there some five years previously from Frederick County, Virginia. In 1801 the family removed to what is now Ross County, Ohio, where Edward Wright died. Soon after, John Wright, with his mother and the rest of the family removed to Highland County. In that county he married in 1816 Nancy Brown and in the following year, with his brother Solomon, came to Randolph County. John Wright was one of the early judges of the county. In 1837 he moved to Whitley County, Indiana, where he died in 1847.

Solomon Wright (son of Edward and Hannah Wright) was born in 1784 in Tennessee. He came to Randolph County with his brother John in 1817 and was living with him at the time of the 1820 census. In 1821 he married Mary Parsons. It is thought that they removed to the northern part of the state also.

John Wright (son of James and Sarah Wright) was born 1774 in South Carolina. About 1780 he removed with his parents to Greene County, Tennessee. There he married about 1796 Margaret Reece for which he was disowned by the Quakers. In 1798 he condemned his marriage, which was performed contrary to Friends discipline, and in 1805 Newhope Meeting gave him and his family a certificate to Miami Meeting, Ohio. They remained in Clinton County, Ohio until about 1818 when they moved to Randolph County and settled west of Winchester. He died in 1850 and was buried at Dunkirk.

William Wright (son of James and Sarah Wright) was born 1790 in Tennessee. About 1808 he removed with his parents to Clinton County, Ohio, where he married Hannah Dillon in 1811 in a Friends ceremony at Centre Meeting. In 1817 they settled in southern Randolph County. After his first wife's death, he married Nancy Maulsby of Wayne County, to which place he then moved. Later he lived in the northern part of the state and finally settled in Delaware County, where he died in 1854.

James Wright (son of John and Margaret Wright) was born 1796 in Tennessee. He removed with his parents to Clinton County, Ohio, in 1805. He married Abigail Starbuck by Friends ceremony in Centre Meeting in 1817, and settled west of Winchester the following year. He is supposedly buried in Randolph County.

Jacob Wright (son of John and Margaret) was born about 1798 in Tennessee. He was one of triplets. He removed with his parents to Randolph County where he married Sarah Wright, daughter of Isaac and Susannah. This was the first marriage recorded in the Randolph marriage records. They went to Vermillion County, Illinois, in the 1830's. It is thought that he may have died in Howard County, Indiana.

Thomas Wright, Senior (son of John and Rachel) was born 1761 in South Carolina. He married first in about 1785, probably in Newberry County, Betsy Voss (or Jay). She died in 1803. He married the second time, but it is unknown whether in South Carolina or after he removed to Ohio in about 1810. In 1819, Thomas Wright and family, along with his son-in-law, John Coats, came to Randolph County. Thomas Wright was one of the three families living in Winchester in 1820. He died in 1835 and was buried in White

River burying ground. His son Thomas was one of the first sheriffs in the county. He died in Iowa about 1850. Children by his second marriage are not known.

Isaac Wright (son of John and Rachel) was born 1764 in South Carolina. He removed with relatives to Tennessee. In 1784 he married in Greene County (Tenn.) Susannah Haworth. In about 1814 he and his family removed from Lost Creek Meeting in Tennessee to Union County, Indiana. From 1818 to 1822 they lived near Winchester, then moved to Vermillion County, Illinois. In 1841 they came to near New London, Howard County, Indiana. He died in 1844 and was buried in the Honey Creek burying grounds.

The above Wright families were all either Quakers or closely connected with them. The following family does not seem to have such strong ties.

Tucker in his *History of Randolph County, Indiana* (1882) states that in the fall of 1817 "John B. Wright, David Wright, William Wright . . . settled from Salt Creek west." "David Wright soon died. He had three brothers - William, James and John B. David was the youngest of the four." And again, "John Wright, blacksmith, who donated land for Winchester, was a brother of David Wright, Sheriff . . ."

A letter in the English Collection in the Indiana Historical Society written in 1887 by James Wright of Champaign, Illinois, gives some insight about this family.

"John B. Wright (who was my father) was born in Frederick County, Virginia, in the year 1785. His father John Wright was also born and died in Frederick Co. They were of Scotch & Irish descent, and farmers by occupation.

"They were quakers in belief. He was Married to Elizabeth Stevens (my Mother) about the year 1805. My mother was a Pennsylvania woman.

"They left that Cuntry soon after Marriage and came down the Ohio River in a family flat boat with others and landed oposite Highland County ohio and made their way through the thin settled Cuntry to the highland County near Leesburg. He remained there until the spring of 1816. Then Moved to where Winchester Randolph County now is. And bought 160 acres of Congress land, giving 50 acres for the location of the County Seat. My mother died on the 10th Sept 1825.

"In 1829 he sold his fam and in the fall of 1830 moved to Vermillion County Ill. . . .

"[He] had a limited education in Early life, but was a great reader of books and papers . . . and became well informed for the time in which he lived. In early life he learned the White smith and blacksmith trade but always carried on farming. he worked in the shop and employed hands to carry on the farm.

"When in Winchester Ind he held the office of County treasurer and some other minor offices . . ."

It seems singular that this Wright family came down the Ohio River, went directly to Highland County, Ohio, and settled near other Wright families. Ancestors of these latter families had left Frederick County, Virginia, some 70 years previous and settled in the Carolinas. Further, it is remarkable that these sundry families moved again to Randolph County. This short sketch does not include the Wrights who came to Randolph County in the next decade from Clinton and Warren counties, Ohio.

Following is a brief sketch of the four Wright brothers.

John Wright (son of John) was born 1785 in Frederick County, Virginia, and married there in 1807 to Elizabeth Stephens. He removed to Ohio, Indiana, and finally to Illinois. See above. He married as a second wife, Anna Stanfield, and died 1868 in Vermillion County, Illinois.

William Wright (son of John). Does not appear in 1820 census.

James Wright (son of John) was born about 1790 in Frederick County, Virginia. Married to Hannah —. Further unknown.

David Wright (son of John) was born in Frederick County, Virginia, about 1792. Married Rebecca —. Died in Randolph County prior to 1826.

Tucker in his *History of Randolph County*, quotes Jeremiah Smith on the subject of the Wright family, as saying, "Whole colonies of them have emigrated westward. If they and all the other descendents of the Wrights who were here in 1818 had remained in the county, there would be little room for anyone else."

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No book is entirely perfect
for errors will creep in;
Sometimes wrong information is sent
by someones nearest kin.

And even printers make mistakes
for which they tear their hair
Sometimes two people disagree
on who, or when, or where.

It might have been the person
who wrote the history;
It might have been the typist,
or the blame can fall on me.

So if your dead before you're born,
or married when you're three,
Or I've omitted anyone,
who sent themselves to me.

Or your last name is not your own,
your picture not too good,
I ask you please forgive me,

I did the best I could.

Sent by Linda Noble
(Author Unknown)

If you have proof of any marked or unmarked grave sites, of any Civil War Soldiers in Currituck, Dare, Camden, or Pasquotank, Counties. Please contact: Jean S. Spencer, 6 Croaker St., Moyock, NC 27958.

WILL OF KELLY WRIGHT

Dated, 12 March, 1754
Proved, 18 April, 1754

In the Name of God men the 12th day of March in the Year of our Lord 1754 I Kelly Wright of ye western branch of Elizabeth River Norfolk County, Being Sick & weak in Body but of Sound & Perfect mind & Memory Thanks be given to God for the Same, Do make & ordain this my Last Will & Testament in the following manner & Form, Principally & first of all I do Recommend my Soul into ye hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body to ye Earth to be decently

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buried at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named, & as touching all such Estate as it hath pleased God to Bless me with in this life, I do give & bestow thereof in ye following manner & form --Viz, First my will & desire is that all my Just & Lawful Debts & Funeral Expenses be paid & discharg'd.

Item, I do give unto my Son William Wright My Gun.

Item, My will & desire is that there may be raised out of my Estate Twenty & one shillings & sixpence for each of my two sons viz, Kelly & John Willis Wright to buy each of them a Gun & to be given to them as soon as they come to the age of one & twenty years.

Item, All ye Rest & Residue of my Estate of what kind & nature so ever I do give & bequeath ye use & benefits thereof unto my Wife, Jane Wright for & during her Widowhood, and afterward to be equally divided amongst all my children. (her Lawful Dowry Excepted)

Furthermore I do Nominate, Constitute & Appoint my Loving wife above'd whole & Sole Executrix of this my Last Will & Testament, In Testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand & seal the Day & Date first above written _____.

his
Kelly "X" Wright, Seal
mark

Sign'd Seal'd & Declared to be
his last Will & Testament in the
Presence of us the Subscribers
Richard Harris
William Deans
Joshua Tucker

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WRIGHT FAMILY

Records of the families of Thomas &
Joseph Wright of England & New England.
(Extr. from The Bassett Gen., 1926).

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ONE BASSETT FAMILY IN AMERICA

WITH

*All connections in America
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THE THOMAS WRIGHT FAMILY

HENRY WRIGHT

b. —

ANNA WHITEBREAD

m. —

b. —

d. —

d. —

Anna Whitebread was daughter of Thomas Whitebread of Essex, per record opposite.

1455-1485. P 37 Wright Fam (1915); fm Vol. I, p 233 Hist Essex: "Thomas Whitebread's daughter Anna married Henry Wright, father of John Wright." No date is given but Henry Wright and his wife must have lived through the 30 years War of the Roses - that disastrous dynastic struggle which desolated England from the first battle of St. Albans (1455) to that of Bosworth (1485). The

House of York (White Rose) fought at least 14 battles with the House of Lancaster (Red Rose), with the result that the old nobility was destroyed and the great check on the power of the King removed. Henry VII united the roses by marrying Elizabeth the Yorkist heiress and became an almost absolute King, absolutism being continued through Henry VIII and the other Tudor sovereigns.

Wright is name derived from the Anglo Saxon Wyrhta, meaning industrious, strenuous, skillful. In England the Wrights were knights and baronets, and in America the family produced many governors, senators, generals, authors, inventors, aviators, editors, theologians, fictionists, judges, etc. The name is found in every section where the Anglo Saxons settled. It has been a prominent name in England for centuries especially in Suffolk, Essex, Kent, Warwick and Durham. Kelvedon Hall, Cranham Hall, Wrightsbridge, South Weald, Ropers, in Essex; Bilham House in Yorkshire; and Wright's Park in Scotland are family seats. The Irish branch was established by one who went with Cromwell to that kingdom. Characteristics of the family are truth and honor. "I would sooner accept the word of a Wright than to believe most men on their oath." Mottoes borne by some branches of the Wright family are "*Theus Sibi*," "*Conscia Recti*" and "*Fortiter et Recter*."

CHILDREN

(only one named)

1. REV. JOHN b. —; m. Agnes — (see below)

REV. JOHN WRIGHT

b. —

AGNES —

m. —

b. —

d. —

d. May 9, 1509

1492, Oct. 12. Vol. VII, p 314 Standard Ency (1912): Columbus' discovery of America this day about 2 hours before midnight, must have given Rev. John Wright thought for many a sermon. Morant's Essex, p 121, says: "Before Lord Wil-

liam Vaux died he sold the manor of White Notley to John Wright of Kelvedon Hatch. John Wright, whose wife was Agnes, died May 9, 1509 possessed of White Notley and the advowson of Upminster Church, holden of the manor of Hoo hall in County Suffolk. His son John was of full age." Upminster was very near Wrightsbridge and Cranham Hall, Essex, both Wright seats.

1509, May 9. P 37 Wright Fam: The death of John Wright is recorded at Kelvedon Hatch, Essex, England, the year in which the famous Henry VIII ascends the throne. These two generations above are given as probable. Sir John Wright below is the earliest certain Wright ancestor. All available evidence, however, would indicate that the minister's son "John of full age" was the Sir John below.

CHILDREN

(only one named)

1. SIR JOHN b. a 1488; m. a 1509, Olive Hubbard (see below)

SIR JOHN WRIGHT b. a 1488
 OLIVE HUBBARD m. a 1509
 b. — d. Oct. 5, 1551
 d. a Oct., 1560 æ a 63

1551, Oct. 5. P 37 Do: On the death of her husband he leaves "to my loving wife (not named) 40 marks by the yere to be paid of my lands by my four sons equally, £6-13-4 each. And the best end of my house of Kelvedon Haule at her choice. Also to her my household stuff and £100, 20 Kyne and a gelding." The name Hubbard is given only as probable.

1560, June 22. P 38 Do; fm Act Book I, p 17 Somerset House, London, abstract of will, original examined by William Gilbert on January 17th, 1910, there being no registered copy: "In the Name of God, Amen. Olyve Wryght of the parish of Kelvedon, County Essex, sick of body but whole of minde. Soul to God. To be buried in the chancel of Kelvedon Church. To the reparation of that church £4. Ditto South Weald Church 40s. To poor £5 at burial and £5 at the mouths mind. 30s a year for twenty years after my decease to the poor people of Kelvedon and South Weald equally.

"To Katryne my daughter £5. To Richard, Thomas, Reignold, Parnell, and Elizabeth Green 40/ each. To Mary Green 13/4. To Olyffe her daughter 20/ and to every other one of Katrynes children now living 6/8. To Olive, daughter of my son Robert Wright 20/. To Katherine, Dorothy and Thomas Wright, his children, 20/ each. To Joan, daughter of John Wright of Kelvedon, 40/ and to Thomas his son 20/ and to his other two children (not named) 6/8 each. To Olive and Dorothy, daughters of John Wright of the Bridge, my son last deceased, 20/ each, and to John, Robert and Agnes his children 13/4 each.

"To Katryne Green my daughter three chests and a cupboard, etc. To Alice Perkyns my daughter £5, and to each of her children 20/. To Elizabeth Shepherd my daughter £5. To William Owtred 20/ and to his two sons now living 20/ each.

1488. P 39 Wright Fam (1915): Assuming that John Wright was 21 at the time of marriage, this would be his birth year; and this is in harmony with the claim that "Rev. John Wright had a son John of full age in 1509" when the minister died. Since his father was pastor at Upminster, Essex, it is possible that son John was born there.

1509, May 9. P 37 Do: On the death of his father, John Wright inherited the manor of White Notley which his father possessed. Tradition says that he was the son of an eminent divine of Dagenhams, Essex. Dagenhams, as well as Upminster, were located about five miles south of Kelvedon Hatch. His marriage took place probably very shortly after this inheritance.

1509, June 20. P 10 Do: Arms were granted to him on this date, but little more than a month after his father's death. (Burke's General Armory, p 1139). This would give him a rank but the proper rank does not appear of record and his will simply calls him a yeoman, though yeoman in that day carried the meaning of "land owner, land man, or lesser baron" and did not mean simply "a tiller of the soil." Morant dominates him "gentleman" and as lord of the manor he possessed the right to hold "courts of baron." The origin or beginning of a manor was when the King gave 1,000 acres, more or less, to one of his subjects and his heirs, which tenure is Knights' service at the least. In English law a manor is an estate to which is incident the right to hold certain courts, called courts of baron, and the holder of the manor is called in relation thereto, the lord. The times of our John was before feudalism was extinct, when knights had their tenants and vassals, made their own local laws, and held their own courts, of which they were both judge and jury.

1517. P 20 Do: The estate of Henry Roper, pursuivant (herald) to Queen Katherine of Aragon, located in the parish of South Wealde, County Essex, on Brook Street, including the mansion (Moat House) with the place and the mill, was

"To Robert Wright my son a chest. To John Wright my son of Wealdsyde a pot, and to John, Omfrey and Mary his children 40/ each and to Anthony and Dorothy 20/ each and to his two youngest children (not named) 6/8 each. To John Wright of Kelvedon my son a table and to his children John, Robert and Dorothy 20/ each. To John son of Robert Wright 20/. To daughter Katherine, my bed. To Olive Combers my god-daughter 20/. To John, Omfrey and Mary Wright two silver spoons each. To Olive Stace widow, of Weald Church Gate, 20/. Residue of goods to be distributed amongst the poor of Kelvedon, Weald and Navestock.

"Executors: John Wright of Wealdsyde, and John Green of Navestock, 20/ to each of them. Overseers: John Wright of Kelvedon and Robert Wright, 10/ to each of them.

"Witnesses: Paull Spence curate of Kelvedon, John Chesson, Thomas Nevell."

1560, Oct. P 39 Do: "*Duodecimo die mensis prefati (Oct. 1560) probatum fuit testm Olavi Wright nuper de Kelydon def jurum to Executor Quibus commissa fuit administraco, etc. Jurat ad sea dei evangelia.*"

Knights and ladies, and yet further back to the age of marauders – of attack and defense – to almost unwritten history."

This property remained in the Wright family for some 200 years, it being sold by a descendant in 1721 to William Wheatley of London. Brook street was a small hamlet by the brook at the foot of Brentwood hills being practically a suburb of Brentwood, noted as the scene of one of "Bloody Mary's" tragedies in 1555, when she caused William Brown to be burned there at the stake. St. Peter's Church is a handsome building with five pillars dividing the nave from the chancel. It is a mile north of Brook street on an eminence; here a rich fund of Wright vital statistics is to be found.

1524-1538. P 19 Do: Sir John Wright purchases Kelvedon manor and erects Kelvedon Hall, according to one authority, indicating that it took 14 years to complete the work. Kelvedon Manor is in Ongar Hundred, parish of Kelvedon Hatch, County Essex. It was on an eminence near the west end of the little Kelvedon church of which he was patron (dedicated to the Virgin Mary, before England renounced allegiance to the Church of Rome, in 1531). On the chancel floor is a large slab, with a brass tablet now much defaced, "To the body of John Wright, lord of the manor and patron of the church () had () sons, and four daughters." The word Kelvedon is derived from the Saxon words "celd" or "keld," meaning spring, and "dun" meaning hill. Kelvedon therefore means Spring Hill. By this acquisition he becomes known as Lord of Kelvedon Manor. It is a fine large brick building some 60 ft. front by 45 ft. back, three stories high, with annex buildings, large stables and gardener's cottage; with large well kept lawn with shrubbery, and a pleasure lake in the foreground. It is interesting to know that the estate is now vested in the Wright family, the owner (1914) being Edward Carington Wright.

1535. P 9 Do: This is the date of publication of the first complete English Bible, the King James

conveyed by Constance Roper to William Ipgrave. He appears to have sold it to a Mr. Lawrence who in turn sold it to John Wright of Kelvedon Hatch, when it ceased to be called Ropers. "Brook Hall" was the name of it under the Wrights. South Wealde parish contains about 6,000 acres divided into six manors and the uplands. Just when John Wright bought the above property does not appear but it is probable that he lived here prior to his purchase of Kelvedon Manor and earlier (1509) in Dagenhams. "The Moat House stood a little back from and to the left of the road towards London; having been much repaired and partly rebuilt, it is still standing. It was built at a very early date – time unknown – as evidenced by the Norman style of the interior finish, and by its having been surrounded by a moat filled with water for protection against tribes and clans, before stable government. Part of the moat still remains a relic and landmark of feudal or earlier times. It is now (1914) in good repair, its exterior having been modernized by brick of a yellowish color, tile walks, graveled roadway, spacious lawn, shrubbery and flowers, largely roses, conservatory, gardener's cottage and out-buildings; yet it still retains the air of a quaint old, old place, suggestive of the pomp and grandeur of the time of

Bible not coming out until 76 years later. Thus the first complete English Bible was printed but sixteen years before John Wright's death. It was the "rough and ready" age of chivalry, before the literary and religious awakening.

1547. P 11 Do: Morant's "Hist of Essex" (1776) says: "John Wright, gent., presented in 1547." In other words "he presented the benefice, the living being 2,070 acres." It was two years later that the first "Book of Common Prayer" was given to the church of England.

1551, Sept. 25. P 37 Do: Abstract of the will of John Wright of Kelvedon Arch., Essex; Register Thornder 117 and Register Bastwick: "In the name of God Amen; John Wright of Kellydon, Essex, Yoeman. Beying in bode feble and weak yet of pfect mynde make my will, etc. Soul to God. Body to be buried within the Chancell of Kellydon Church. To poor mens box 20/. To the parish of Southweild 40/, and to the ten poorest parishes about me 20/ each. To my loving wife (not named) 40 marks by the yere to be paid of my lands by my four sons equally - £6, 13, 4 each. And the best end of my house of Kelvedon Haule at her choice. Also to her my household stuff and 100£ 20 Kyne and a gelding. To each daughter (not named) £13, 6, 8. To every godchild 6/8, and to every godchild of my own children 20/. To Kelydon Strete towards the reparation of the way £3, 6, 8. To mending the way to the Common £3, 6, 8. To the reparation of Geedy Hall Lane 40/. To my eldest son John Wright and his heirs Kelydon Hall, Weldsyde Knights, Hubbards Land with the two houses in Brentwood and Layndon. To Robert Wright and his heirs, Ropers in Brook Street, and house meadow and orchard in Brook Street, Smythes land, Powres wherein now gladden dwelleth with Fyners, Barnecks Land and Webbs. To my son called Myddle John I give all the land I have in Havering and houses and Millers house and a tenement in Childerditch wherein Gibbes doth dwell. To my son called Young John I give Bishops Hall, Wilchins Pownde Mead, Welde Lyes, Buliffandes and Dichars in Ramsden Bellhouse and Trays. To John Wright son to my son John the younger, all my land in Navestock. To John Wright son to my son John the elder, a tenement called Drywoods. To John Wright son of my son Robert, a tenement called Argents. To every child (if any) of my childrens children 20/ apiece. To each servant 6/8.

"Executors: Sons John the elder and Robert. Overseers: Sons, middle and young John (middle John is here styled "John Wright of Wrights Bridge.")

"Witnesses: Thomas Wood, clerk (i.e., parson), Robert Sheparde, John Symonde, and Thomas Lytman."

1551, Oct. 5. Do: Sir John dies and is buried in Kelvedon Hatch Church (of Virgin Mary) as directed in the will.

1551, Nov. 21. P 38 Do: Will proved at Stapleford Abbots by the two executors named (Register Bostwick states it was proved at Brentwood but agrees in the date).

CHILDREN

(per records of St. Peter's Church, South Wealde, Eng; notice the three Johns - "a circumstance that can hardly be duplicated in any other known family")

1. JOHN b. a 1510; m. Joane Harris; d. Oct. 10, 1563, æ 53 she d. 1584 4 ch
John the eldest was of Kelvedon Hall; owned also Wildesyde, Knights, Hubbards Lands and two houses in Brentwood & London.
2. KATHERINE b. a 1513; m. John Green 7 ch
They were of Navestock. In 1560 she received £5 and bed chests, &c., from mother's estate; he was joint executor thereof.
3. ROBERT b. a 1516; m. Mary Green (see below)
4. ALICE b. a 1519; m. — Perkins
In 1560 she received £5 and each child 20s. from her mother's estate.

5. MYDDLE JOHN b. a 1522; m. a 1545, Wid. Alice Rucke Wood; he d. 1558, æ 36 she d. 6 ch
He was of Wrights Bridge and was the owner of the manor of Dagenhams. John Wright of Wrights Bridge, his son, was granted a peerage June 20, 1590 with seat in Parliament. He is ancestor of Dea. Samuel Wright who emigrated to Springfield, Mass. in 1638; also of Nathaniel Wright of the Mass. Bay Company, but who did not come to America. Myddle John made will Aug. 16, 1558. Alice Rucke was widow of —Wood.
6. YOUNG JOHN b. a 1524; m. Joan Page; he d. a Nov., 1587, æ 63 she d. 7 ch
He was of Bishop's Hall, Wealdside. In 1560 he was joint executor of mother's estate. His will was proved Dec. 21, 1587.
7. ELIZABETH b. a 1526; m. — Shepard
Issue unknown. In 1560 she received five pounds from mother's will.

ROBERT WRIGHT b. 1516
MARY. GREEN m. —
b. — bur. Jan'y 25, 1587/8
d. — æ 72

1587/8, Jan'y 25. Mary Green's husband dies and leaves "To Mary, my wife, all my lands and goods for her natural life, and after her decease my son John Wrighte shall enter in and upon the same."

She was daughter of Robert Green of Navestock, County Essex, England.

1516. P 40 Wright Fam (1915): Robert Wright's birth year at Kelvedon was coincident with the crowning of Charles V the greatest European Potentate of the century, referred to below.

1551, Oct. 5. P 37 Do: On the death of his father, he came into possession of the following properties as stated in the will: "To Robert Wright and his heirs, Ropers in Brook street, and house, meadow and orchard in Brook street, Smythes land, Powres wherein now gladden dwelleth with Fyners, Barneck's Land and Webbs." He was made executor of the will with his brother John

the elder. "Ropers in Brook street" was Brook Hall, the Moate House, which with the lands made up the Manor of Great and Little Ropers. Hence he became Lord of the Manor of Great and Little Ropers. It is probable that Robert was living here at the time if not indeed since 1538 when his father bought and occupied Kelvedon Hall. The moat house was on Brook street in South Wealde parish County Essex.

Great events were taking place on the continent of Europe during these days. The great Charles V (1500-1558), who was wearing the diadem of Charlemagne, ruled over Spain, including Naples, Sicily and Sardinia; Austria, Germany, Flanders and the vast possessions of Spain beyond the Atlantic — a dominion more extensive than that which had obeyed the sway of Alexander or Augustus. In 1552 he was defeated by the Protestant princes of Germany and signed the treaty of Passau by which the free exercise of their religion was secured to the Protestants. In 1555 the principles of mutual toleration were formally sanctioned by the Diet of Augsburg and thus the Reformation gained its first decisive political triumph in Germany.

1560, June 22. P 21 Wright Fam (1913): Robert Wright was named by his mother Olive Wright as overseer of her will with his brother John Wright of Kelvedon and to each of them was left 10s. Furthermore she left to Robert a chest and to John of Kelvedon a table and to John of Wealdsyde a pot.

1587/8, January 17. P 22 Do: Abstract of will of Robert Wright of Brook Street Arch: Essex Register, Draper, Folio 149: "In the name of God Amen: 17 January 1587. I, Robert Wrighte, of Brooke Strete in the parish of South Wealde in the County of Essex, yoeman, whole of Mynde, etc. Doe make my last will, etc. Soul to God and body to be buried within the parish church of South Wealde. To Mary, my wife, all my lands and goods, for her natural life, and after her decease my son John Wrighte shall enter in and upon the same and I appoint my said son to be Executor."

1587/8, Jan'y 25. Do: No witnesses named. He is buried, as per the will, "within the parish church of South Wealde."

1587/8, February 22. Do: Per Act Book 3, folio 64, will is proved by John Wrighte.

CHILDREN

(per St. Peter's Church Record, So. Wealde, p 21 Wright Fam [1913])

1. OLIVE b. —; m. Oct. 19, 1563, Richard Thrasher
In 1560 she received 20s from Olive Wright, her gd.mother's estate.
2. ROBERT bp. June 30, 1542; m. —; he d. 1567, æ 25 she d.
He had son Robert Wright, M.D. of Brooke street and Parish St., Edmond, Lombard St., London. Will was proved 1567
3. KATHERINE bp. Mch. 20, 1544; m. Edward Barnes; she d. he d. 1634
In 1560 she received 20s from grandmother Olive Wright's estate. One account says she m. Nov. 28, 1565, William Kent. She had daughter Margaret who married Sir Edmund Wright, Lord Mayor of London.
4. DOROTHY b. —; m. May 28, 1566, John Hatch
In 1560 she received 20s from Olive Wright her gd.mother's estate.
5. THOMAS b. a 1546; m. a 1567, Roberdyke Pake (see below)
6. JOHN b. 1547; m. July 13, 1577, Mary Fielde; he d. 1640, æ 93 she d.
They were without issue. He was executor of his father's estate in 1588.

THOMAS WRIGHT

b. a 1546

ROBERDYKE PAKE

m. a 1567

b. —

bur. Nov. 17, 1603

bur. Oct. 21, 1617

æ a 57

1617, Oct. 21. P 22 Wright Fam (1913): Roberdyke Pake Wright was buried presumably in the church yard of St. Peter's at South Wealde, Essex. This year of 1617 marks also the beginning of the end of Sir Walter Raleigh, the typical gallant and hero of England's heroic age. Nevertheless, as heroes often go, he was sent a second time to the Tower of London and, soon after, was beheaded by order of King James.

ruler now of the dominating Power of Europe. But great as Spain was she was yet a dying nation. Philip in religion relied on the wicked Inquisition, and in commerce he strangled production by putting up a ridiculously high tariff on raw materials and a most absurd prohibition on exports of goods. In politics he was continually at war, so that from every angle he drew the life-blood of a nation which ought to have been strong and great. In this year 1567 he was sending a Spanish army into the Netherlands under the infamous Duke of Alva to suppress a revolt of a people who were resisting the Inquisition by holding enormous field-meetings of protest. The Duke established the "Bloody Council" and before 1573 when he retired he boasted that he had executed 18,600 Netherlanders in addition to the horrible massacres by which he had half depopulated every captured town.

1587/8, Jan'y 17. P 22 Wright Fam (1913): His father Robert Wright makes will but mentions only wife and son John who after her was to have "all lands and goods," which included Brook Hall and Manor. Notwithstanding this, however, Thomas and wife Roberdyke are reported to have lived in Brook Hall or the Moat House. The vital records would so indicate. No will is given in the Wright genealogies.

1603, Nov. 17. P 22 Do: Thomas Wright was buried today in St. Peter's church yard at South Wealde, having reached the age of about 57.

1546. P 21 Wright Fam (1913): Thomas Wright was born this year or very close to it. He is presumed to have been born in the Moat House or Brook Hall on Brook street, South Wealde, Essex Co., England. His baptism unfortunately does not appear in the records of St. Peter's Church there.

1560, June 22. Olive Wright, grandmother, wills to Thomas Wright, and to his three sisters 20s apiece.

1567. This approximates the year of Thomas Wright's marriage at probably twenty or twenty-one years of age. Coming now to man's estate he would be keenly interested in the courier news of the day connected with young Queen Elizabeth at home and the proud young Philip II of Spain,

CHILDREN

(per St. Peter's Church Register)

1. MARY bp. Mch. 20, 1568/9
2. OLIVE bp. Feb'y 28, 1569/70
3. DR. ROBERT bp. July 18, 1571; m. Susan —; he d. 1600/1, æ 30 she d.
Will proved Apl. 24, 1601. Mentions brothers John Wright of Kelvedon and John Wright of Wrightsbridge. 1 ch
4. JOAN bp. Jan'y 1, 1571/2
5. KATHERINE bp. June 9, 1573, twin; she bur. June 3, 1576, æ 3
6. THOMAZINE bp. June 9, 1573, twin
7. ALICE bp. May 24, 1575
8. JOHN bp. Sept. 13, 1577; m. Grace Glasscock (see below)
9. WILLIAM bp. Oct. 22, 1578
He was a merchant in London.
10. MATHEW b. —

JOHN WRIGHT bp. Sept. 13, 1577
 GRACE GLASSCOCK m. —
 b. — bur. May 30, 1640
 d. 1654 æ 63

1606. P 24 Wright Hist (1913): She was daughter of Rev. Henry Glasscock of High Easter Parsonage, County Essex, who left her in 1606, £133-13-4.

1640, Nov. 26. P 23 Do: The Court appoints her administrator of her husband's estate.

1652. P 24 Do: Ignatius Glasscock in will mentions his sister Grace Wright, widow.

1653, July 25. P 24 Do: Widow Grace Wright makes will naming eldest son John and his five children, "my second son Thomas, my grandson Thomas Wright; my daughter Anne, wife of John Drayton of London; my brother Ignatius Glasscock."

1654. P 24 Do: P C C (193 Alchin): Will proved.

1577, Sept. 13. P 22 Wright Fam (1913): This baptismal date of John Wright is found in the St. Peter's Church Register at South Wealde, Essex. It reads, "John Wright, son of Thomas Wright of Brook Hall."

1564-1642. These 78 years measure the span of the life of the great Galileo and the life of John Wright is practically co-incident to it. Galileo discovered by means of spectacle glasses in a lead tube the satellites of Jupiter, the rings of Saturn and the moon phases of Venus. He was twice carried before the Court of Inquisition to renounce the "heresies" in his "System of the World." He recanted but on rising is said to have exclaimed in an undertone: "It does move for all that."

John Wright and wife Grace are said to have lived at Brook Hall, the Moat House.

1640, May 30. P 22 Do: He was buried at South Weald, probably in the church yard of St. Peter's, where his forefathers sleep.

1640, Nov. 26. P 23 Do: Act Book, folio 268:
 Having died intestate the administration of his estate was granted to his widow Grace Wright.

CHILDREN

(per St. Peter's Church Register)

1. JOHN bp. Aug. 13, 1602; m. Anne Pigott; he d. 1682, æ 80 she d. 6 ch
He was of the Moat House; left £200 in trust for poor of Brook street. She was of Devonshire.
2. GRACE bp. Aug. 26, 1604; she bur. Aug. 26, 1605, æ 1
3. ANNE bp. May 5, 1606; m. John Drayton 2 ch
They were of London where he was a merchant.

4. MARTHA bp. Apl. 12, 1607; m. Robert St. Hill; she d. 1646, \pm 39 he d. 1646
In South Wealde church there is memorial to his mother who d. 1637. He was of Undershaft, London - a merchant. They had no issue. Her will was probated 1646, in which she remembered "Sister Anne, wife of John Drayton."
5. ANTHONY bp. Jan'y 23, 1608/9; she bur. Feb'y 5, 1608/9, \pm 13 days
6. THOMAS bp. Nov. 19, 1610; m. — Cranbroke (see below)
7. GRACE bp. Feb'y 15, 1612/13; she d. 1648, \pm 35
She was of All-Halbowa, Bocking, Tower Hill, London. She was unmarried. In will of 1643 she mentioned Mother Grace Wright and Sister Anne, wife of John Drayton.
8. THOMAZINE bp. Jan'y 30, 1613/14; she bur. Aug. 26, 1616, \pm 2
9. ANTHONY bp. Feb'y 27, 1615/16; m. Mary Smith; he d. 1679, \pm 63 she d.
Was bp. as "ye sonne of John Wright of Brook St." He came to America with brother Thomas and also settled in Wethersfield, Ct. He outlived brother Thomas by nine years; issue, if any, unknown. Anthony's wife Mary Smith was widow of Mathias Treat of Wethersfield.
10. IGNATIUS bp. April 26, 1621; he bur. April 18, 1623, \pm 2

THOMAS WRIGHT bp. Nov. 19, 1610
 — CRANBROKE m (1) a 1628
 b. — — Cranbroke
 d. a 1640 m (2) May 2, 1647
 Wid. Margaret Hilliard Elson
 he d. Apl., 1670, \pm 60

1640. P 77 Wright Fam (1913): Miss Cranbroke was daughter of Lt. Wm. Cranbroke of Cranbroke, Kent Co., Eng. She came to America with her husband and some three children and died in Boston about 1640 before the emigration of the family to Connecticut. We are thankful to have this much knowledge of her, but regret that the original source of it is not revealed and that the first name is missing.

1610, Nov. 19. P 42 Wright Fam (1913): This was the baptismal day of Thomas Wright who was probably born within a week in the famous Moat House or Brook Hall on Brook street in South Weald, Essex, Eng. The record as found on St. Peter's Church Register reads: "Thomas Wryght ye sonne of John Wryght of Brook street, bapt: 19 Day of Nov., 1610."

1629. Vol. I, p 463 Hist of Conn (1857): Hollister, the author, here says Thomas Wright appears first at Swamscott (now Exeter) in company with Col. John Wheelwright in deed given by the Sagamores. He makes him also a freeman at Exeter in 1640; but this claim hardly harmonizes with what follows. Some student will have to find the harmony, if any, between these claims.

1631. P 77 Wright Fam (1913): "In the ship *Susan & Ellen* Thomas and his family come to America," says the author; but in the passenger list as shown by Hotten their names do not appear. The family at this time consisted of himself, wife and three children, the youngest being probably not over one year old. The author continues, "In the same ship was Hon. Peter Bulkeley, who was related in some way not mentioned. After the death of his first wife he became one of the first settlers of Wethersfield, Connecticut, with Bulkeley, Boardman, Griswold and Goodrich."

1640. The Boston Transcript of Dec. 6, 1915 says he was "in Boston till the death of his first wife, by whom he had all of his children. His brother Anthony had accompanied him to America but what year they came is not known." Stiles says he came first probably to Watertown, Mass., and that he was of the Massachusetts Court of Assistants before the Colonial Government was established in Boston, being recognized as a man of influence and high standing; but this is confused probably with his cousin Nathaniel Wright of London who was promotor of and assistant of the 1st Gen'l Court of Massachusetts Bay Company before government was removed to Boston. This Nathaniel was father of Dea. Samuel Wright of Springfield and Northampton, Mass. Still another view is presented by the "Genealogy of Judge John Crafts Wright" (1911). The writer says that about this time "Thomas Wright, with others, took

the Oath of Fidelity; thereupon they were recognized by the Crown, to hold property bought from the Indians, from the Church, or from the Earl of Warwick who had induced them to settle in America."

Assuming that the wife died in 1640 it was probably within a few weeks or months when Thomas and the children joined some party making a caravan or ocean trip to the rich valley of the Connecticut at Wethersfield. He at once secured a homestead plot of $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres on the west side of the present High St. "between Robert Abbott, north, and Samuel Clark, south," and erected the homestead. His extensive land holdings are shown in the following condensed statement which covers eight pages of the town record. In the first 20 years in Wethersfield he made over 40 purchases of land most of which were on the Great Island in the Connecticut River, called by the Indians Mannahannock (Great Laughing Place), since known as Wright's Island. He bought up practically the whole Island, a part of which was still held by the family in 1900.

1640/41, Feb'y 11. Vol. I, pp 254-267 L R: "The Lands of Tho Wright: One piece whereon his house standeth, of 3 ac 2 roods, the end against High st; one piece in Great Meadow of 66 ac; 2 ac 2 roods in Pennywise; 7 rods to run 3 miles on east side the River; 7 ac 3 rods in West Field; 7 ac 3 roods in West Field; 5 ac on the Island; 12 ac more on the Island; $1\frac{1}{2}$ ac more on the Island; 1 ac in great Meadow; 5 ac in the Mile Meadow; 6 ac in the Dry swamp; 9 ac in the Dry Swamp." On pp 262-3 there are listed 12 other peices of land bought within the next ten years on the Island; and on p 265 there are 5 other purchases listed on the Island and two in the Great Swamp; page 267 records six other Island purchases. There are 39 parcels in all.

In Vol. I, p 1 T V this quaint ear mark for his cattle appears: "The Earmarke of Thomas Wright is a slit on the near Ear, and under guded of the same eare, wh is cut of onslit of the under sid of the eare all most as far as the bottome of the slit, and whole Eare on the fur Eare."

1643, Sept. 4. Vol. I, p 110 G C: Tho Wright is on the jury which today hears and disposes of six cases. One report says he was "deputy to the General Court in 1643 and clerk of the same;" but probably this was confused with this jury service. In the same Court he was again on jury duty in March, 1665/6 and in Oct., 1666.

1646/7, Mch. 4. P 158 Do: "In the actio of Sa: Smith pl. agt John Guteridge, Tho: Rite & Sa: Martin defts, John Guteridge and Sa: Martin are to pay the pl XVI Bush: Indian."

1647, May 2. Vol. I, p 261 Man: Thomas Wright is now thirty seven years old. His first wife has been dead about seven years and he concludes to marry again. This time he takes a double widow - Margaret who was first the widow of Hugh Hilliard of Wethersfield and then the widow of Capt. John Elson who had been killed by the Indians in 1637. She made will on January 19, 1670/1 and inventory of her estate was taken Apl. 4, 1671, totalling £82-19-06. Thus she died within a year after her third husband. In her will she mentions the Hilliard grandchildren and the wife of her son Thomas Wright.

1647, May 21. Vol. I, p 160 G C: "In the Ac. of Write pl. against Norton, the pl. is to have the swyne & pay the chardges for the keeping."

1648/9, Mch. 1. P 188 Do: "In perticular Courte in Hartford, Thos. Wright binds himself to the Comonwealth in a Recognisance of £10 that Benjamin Hilliar shall pay his fine of £10 when it is required, and carry good behavior for the space of one whole year." Benjamin Hilliard was now in fact a step-son and Thomas was standing by like a father in need.

1651, April. Vol. I, p 625 Stiles: Thomas Wright, John Harrison, John Saddler, John Stoddard and John Goodrich - who owned lots in the section bounded by High st., Fort (now Prison) st., and Sandy Lane - executed a written agreement wherin they say their "house lots are surrounded every winter and spring with water" so they "could not have any profit in the middle of their lots." They therefore agree to ditch these lots and share expenses.

1651, May 14. Vol. II, p 22 C C: "Richard fellows plt contra Thomas Rite defendt in an Action of Debt with the damage of £3-10s. The Jury findes for the plt damage of £3-2s and Coste of Courte."

1654/5, Feb'y 20. Vol. I, p 223 L R: Thomas Wright now buys another homestead with barn and 5 acres of land, of Samuel Hale on Back Lane, later called Rose Lane. It was on "lane leading to Michael Griswold's south."

1655, Apl. 2. Vol. I, p 45 T V: The Townsmen appoint Thomas Wright on a committee of three "to run the line betwixt Hartford and Wethersfield upon the 2^d of the next weeke."

1657, Oct. 7. Vol. I, p 25 L R: He gives to son James "thirtie-two acrs" on the island, and in 1659 to son Thomas twenty acres, and to son Samuel 9½ acres. "Ancient Weathersfield", by Stiles, gives a good history of Wright's Island.

1658, Aug. 18. Vol. I, p 161 Stiles: Thomas Wright Sen'r and wife Margaret and son Thomas Jun'r, with our John Deming Sen'r and Richard Treat and others (48 in all), petition the General Court, making protest that they cannot regard Rev. Mr. Russell as their settled and approved minister. In this petition 11 were church members and 37 were non-church members. Thomas Wright Sen'r and his wife were 2 of the 11 church members. The Court advises Mr. Russell to explain and retract a certain ambiguous statement and that they then "walk lovingly together." This did not end the matter, but on the other hand it was kept alive and it finally resulted in many citizens leaving to found a new settlement at Hadley, Massachusetts. While the church of Wethersfield was thus going through the throes of trials and troubles, the Quakers of Massachusetts, who first arrived there in 1656, were undergoing punishment for many outrages committed by them under the Quaker creed "that the inward light was the only infallible guide to religious truth and that all were blind beasts and liars who denied it."

1658/9, Feb'y 23. Vol. I, p 57 T V: "The Townsmen for this yeare are Mr. Hollister, Mr. Chester, Tho Wright senior, Tho Cortice, John Nott."

1659, Sept. 5. Vol. II, p 127 C C: Thomas Wright helps to take inventory of estate of Thomas Gilbert of Wethersfield, £189-7-6.

1666, Aug. 6. Vol. III, p 29 C C: Thomas Wright Sen'r is witness to the will of John Harrison of Wethers field; inv'y, £929-06-09.

1666, Oct. 30. P 56 Do: Thomas Wright was on the jury of a special County Court on a land division at Podunk in Windsor.

1668, March 6. P 101 Do: Thomas Wright sells to son Samuel Wright a six acre meadow lot, but apparently forgets it when will is made two years later, and wills to Joseph one half of it which the Court disallows. The will shows that he had already given all of his extensive land holdings to the children except the above meadow lot, and hence the inventory shows much smaller.

1669, Oct. 11. Vol. II, p 520 G C, Ptd: "Tho: Wright Sen.," and "Tho: Wright Jun.," are both on the Colonial census list of freemen for Wethersfield. There were only 58 freemen in town, and only 787 in Connecticut, as shown by this roll.

1669/70, Mch. 9. Vol. XXI, p 197 C H S: Thomas Wright reports two persons and three bushels of wheat in his house. The end is fast approaching.

1670, prob. Vol. III, p 77 C C: "The last Will & Testament of Thomas Wright sen'r of Wethersfield: I doe give unto my Dear wife Margaret, after my Decease, all the provisions (that are for Meat or Drink) now in my possession, & also the use of such Moveables as she shall think needful for her use during her life.

"My Will is that the Division that I have formerly made of my Land unto my sonnns shall stand firme forever, onely in this my will I give unto my sonn Samuell but halfe my six Acre Lott in ye meadow, together wth fower acres in ye Swamp, which he now enjoyes, all which is in consideration of five acres of Land which I had purposed to have given him upon the Island.

"I doe give unto my sonn Joseph halfe my six Acre Lott in ye meadow, that is to say, the north side

of ye sd Lott. My will is that after all my debts are paid out of my estate, there shall be an equall division made of the remainder amongst my children.

"I doe alsoe make my sonn Thomas sole Executor of this my will, & doe desire my Loving Freind Samuel Hale sen'r to be helpfull to him herein.

"I doe give unto my dear wife Margaret all the Linnen that I have in my possession that was of her owne spinning.

Witness: SAMLL TALLCOTT

THOMAS X WRIGHT"

JOHN DEMINGE, SAMUEL HALE, JOSIAH GILBERT

1670, April. This approximates the date of Thomas Wright's death at Wethersfield, and he is there buried; but the grave is unmarked. He reached the age of 60, thirty five of these years being spent in the New World.

1670, Apl. 29. Vol. III, p 77 C C: "An Inventory of the Estate of Thomas Wright taken according to Lawe & prized April 29, 1670:

Imprimis for a Bed & furniture in the Lower Roome	£08-00-00
It for wearing parell & a hatt	07-14-00
It for Bibles & other Bookes	02-12-00
Due from James Wright to the Estate	25-00-00
For two cowes	08-05-00
For a cow & a yearling	04-15-00
For 8 swine	06-00-00
For a mare & coalit	04-00-00
24 other lines of household and farm items	35-09-00

JAMES TREAT, SAMUEL BOREMAN, JOHN RYLY

£101-15-00"

1670, Sept. 15. P 101 Do: "The Last Will & Testament of Thomas Wright Senr of Wethersfield was exhibited in Court & proved by Thomas Wright Jun'r & Samuel Hale & accepted and ordered to be recorded; only it is ordered that the clause in the Will wherein mention is made of giving to Joseph halfe his six acre lot in the meadow (the north side of the lot) is to be null because it appeared to this Court that part of the lot was, on six March, 1668 sold by the said Thomas Wright to his sonn Samuel Wright."

1857. Vol. I, p 463 Hist of Conn (1857): Hollister, the author, writing this year, says there were now living among his descendants of the name of Wright 2 senators, 3 members of Congress, 3 governors and 2 judges of the Supreme Court. It says also that for some years prior to his death he was a Deacon, but finding no other evidence I do not claim it.

CHILDREN

(first 2 born probably in England; last 4 born probably in Massachusetts; all by first wife)

1. THOMAS bp. Aug. 13, 1630; m. June 16, 1657, Elizabeth Chittenden (see below)
2. MARY b. —;
 She is named by the Glastonbury book - a mistake possibly.
3. LYDIA b. 1634; m. a 1653, Joseph Smith; she d. he d. a July, 1673 4 ch
 They lived in Rocky Hill; his inv'y, £441-07-06. She m (2) William Harris.
4. ENS. SAMUEL b. 1636; m. Sept. 29, 1659, Mary Butler; he d. Feb'y 13, 1689/90, æ 54 she d. Sept. 12, 7 ch
 æ 54
 They lived in Wethersfield where he was selectman 1670-1. His inv'y, £1,082-09-00. She was dau. of Dea. Richard Butler of Hartford.
5. DEA. JOSEPH b. 1639; m (1) Dec. 10, 1663, Mary Stoddard; he d. Dec. 17, 1714, æ 75; she d. Aug. 23, 1683, 9 ch
 æ 39
 He m. (2) Mch. 10, 1685, Mercy, sister of first wife. They lived in Wethersfield; his inv'y, £499-18-09. They too are in our direct line.

6. JAMES b. 1640; m (1) a 1659, Mary —; he d. Dec. 24, 1728, \approx 88 she d. Oct. 6, 1659
 She d. in few months and he m (2) Nov. 20, 1660, Dorcas Weede of Stamford who d. Dec. 24, 1692, having 6 ch
 borne 6 children. He m (3) Mary — who d. Oct. 20, 1740, \approx 80. He owned and occupied the south end
 of the Island. He removed to Middletown and is said to have been the first settler of Portland.

THOMAS WRIGHT JUN'R bp. Aug. 13, 1630
 ELIZABETH CHITTENDEN m. June 16, 1657
 b. a 1637 d. Aug. 23, 1683, \approx 53
 d. Feb'y 17, 1675/6, \approx 38

1637. P 13 Chittenden Fam (1882): Elizabeth Chittenden was fifth among ten children and was the last probably to be born in England before the family moved to America in 1639 and settled at Guilford, Ct. Thus she was the baby of the ship. For twenty years she lived in this ancient town and was there prepared for her wedding day, from which time her residence was at Wethersfield, Ct.

1660/1, Feb'y 21. Vol. A, p 185 Guilford: The Court says in apportioning the estate of her father who died intestate: "A Childes pt amounteth unto £65-11-00 out of yt estate already appraised."

1670/1, Jan'y 18. Vol. III, p 89 C C: Margaret Wright, stepmother to Elizabeth's husband, makes will mentioning Hillyer grandchildren and heirs, but no children by Elson or Wright. She gives "to the wife of my son (stepson) Thomas Wright, the Cowe and if that was not enough for her labor of love," her executors were to give more.

1675/6, Feb'y 17. Vol. I, p 48 V R: "Elizabeth the wife of Thomas Wright aged 38 years or thereabout Deceased february the 17th 1675." Sad to relate Elizabeth's death was on the same day that her daughter Elizabeth was born. Nature can give no more intense example of the great truth: "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit" — John xii, v. 24.

bride, was living in Guilford, Ct., her father Major William Chittenden having been a founder of that town. She was born in England and had made the ocean trip at about two years of age. Now she was twenty and Thomas Wright Jun'r, twenty seven, arrives from Wethersfield, probably by boat, to ring the wedding bells. Probably as a wedding gift his father gave him a household on the west side of High street, between William Gibbons' heirs north and John Harrison's heirs south; also 30 acres on the Island. Later his father gave to him and to his brother James all his extensive holdings of land on Wright's Island. There was a Thomas' part at the north end and James' part at the south end. There was a noted fishing place on this Island for salmon and shad. Years later the Island was lost in the river — "a \$10,000 farm gone into the river."

1658, Aug. 17. Vol. I, p 160 Stiles: Thomas Wright Jun'r is among the 38 petitioners, not Church

1630, Aug. 13. P 79 Wright Gen (1915): Thomas Wright was the oldest of six children. This baptismal record comes from St. Peter's Church Register, at South Weald, Essex, England, which means that he was born in that town probably during the current month. He was but a one year old baby if his parents did bring him to America in the sailboat *Susan & Ellen* in 1631. He was with them in or near Boston for some nine years, when he was left an orphan by the death of his mother. In 1640 his father moved to Wethersfield, Ct. Thus Thomas was nine years old, yet Stiles says he received this year from his father a household. It is more likely that this was given around his wedding day and we have so treated it.

1654, May 18. Vol. II, p 49 G C: At a General Court of election held at Hartford Thomas Wright was at age 24 "mayd freeman" from Wethersfield. His brother James was made free at same time. While real freedom was thus being worked out in the New World, this picture of the scandalous conditions in England is shown in the instructions given to a commission appointed by Cromwell, the new Lord Protector, to rid the State Church of notoriously corrupt pastors. They were enjoined to "dismiss all who should be found guilty of profane cursing and swearing, perjury, adultery, fornication, drunkenness, common haunting of taverns or alehouses, frequent quarreling or fightings," etc. [D'Aubigne's Cromwell, ch IX.]

1657, June 16. Vol. I, p 48 V R, Wethersfield: "Thomas Wright And Elizabeth his wife was married June 16, 1657." Elizabeth Chittenden, the

members, (but probably Society members) who with 11 church members pray the General Court for the ousting of Rev. Mr. Russell, "he having given so great a scandal to the Gospel." His father's name on this petition doubtless helped him to sign it, but nevertheless it shows independence of character and a desire for real integrity in the pulpit, qualities in fact which would stand him in good stead as a constable which in time he was to be.

1662. Vol. I, p 59 T V: "Thomas Wright Jur chosen constable." For five years at least Thomas Wright Jun'r filled this office: 1662, 1667, 1668, 1669, 1679.

1665, Nov. 24. Vol. I, 2d Pt, p 20 P Ct, New Haven: Joane Sheaffe Chittenden Cruttenden of Guilford says in her will: "Lastly my Will is that my son Thomas Chittenden & my son Thomas Wright shall be my joint executors, they giving securitie to the Court."

1666, Apl. 14. Vol. I, p 93 T V: The town ratifies the agreement of the Townesmen with Tho: Wright Junior whereby he is "to beat the drum upon the Sabbath days for the calling the assemblie together, and as occasion is for town meetings, and sweeping the meeting house, mending the doores," &c., and for this the town was to pay three pounds.

1669, Oct. Vol. II, p 520 G C, Ptd: Thomas Wright Jun'r, his father and his three brothers all appear on the freeman's census for Wethersfield - a truly substantial family. Thomas Wright Jun'r was one of the Constables to sign this census return of 58 men.

1669/70, Mch. 9. Vol. XXI, p 197 C H S: Thomas Wright reports having under his roof 12 bushels of "wheat & indean" and five persons. With two children now in the house and their parents, this leaves room for one servant.

1670, Apl. Vol. III, p 77 C C: At the age of 40, Thomas Jun'r assumes the administration of his father's estate under this provision of his will: "I doe allsoe make my sonne Thomas sole Executor of yt my Will, and doe desire my Loving ffriend Samuel Hale sen'r to be helpfull to him herein."

1670/1, Feb'y 23. Vol. I, p 111 T V: "At a Towne Meeting, Tho Wright & Sam:Wright," and three others, "were chosen townesmen for the yeare ensuing."

1670/1, Feb'y 23. P 112 Do: At a town meeting, "the land next Farmington bounds" was divided equally to 76 householders of Wethersfield - probably all the families there. Each lot was to be 26 rods wide and contain 52 acres. Tho. Wright drew lot No. 72 which lot in Oct., 1715 was among the 17 lots of this division that were annexed to the Great Swamp Society of Farmington.

1670/1, Mch. 2. Vol. I, p 303 Stiles: John Strickland of Wethersfield mortgages his loom and gun to Thomas Wright.

1670/1, Mch. 29. Vol. I, p 105 T V: Tho:Wright is named one of a committee of five to "have heare-by full power to bargain" for a "towne high way thurrow the short lots to Middletown."

1672/3, Feb'y 17. P 136 Do: "The Fence Verers.chosen for the yeare ensueing are Jonathan Smith and Thomas Wright."

1673, Nov. 25. Vol. III, p 134 C C: The Court appoints Thomas Wright and Jonathan Smith Overseers of the estate of Joseph Smith of Rocky Hill whose inventory totalled £441-07-06. This was Thomas' brother-in-law.

1673/4, Jan'y 15. Vol. II, p 912 Stiles: In a vote raised "for a purchase of land from the Indians, which is one halfe penny upon the pound," Tho Wright paid tax of 6s-6d. Distribution of this purchase was made in 1701, 27 years later.

1674, Dec. 22. Vol. III, p 199 C C: Thomas receives payment of debt from the estate of Margaret Wright, his stepmother - "Thomas Wright for charges £11-18-09." This is fair proof that his stepmother spent her last days with step-son Thomas.

1678, Dec. 3. Vol. I, p 156 T V: "Sargantt Robins & Thomas Wrightt was chosin constabells."

1679, June 13. P 158 Do: "These underwritten were chosen Select men to make the list and rates for the year." Thomas & Samuel Wright were two of the four.

1680, Aug. 11. P 167 Do: "At a meeting of the Town Ensign Sam: Wright, Thomas Wright," and two others, "were chosen to take the List of ye East estates of ye Towne."

1681, Dec. 26. P 176 Do: "Thomas Wright," and two others, "were chosen for selectmen for this yeere." Next year he was elected again and he died in office.

1681/2, Feb'y 27. Vol. IV, p 75 C C: He helps to appraise the estate of John Nott of Wethersfield, £533-15-10. Between now and Dec. 12, 1682 - less than ten months - Thomas Wright assists on the inventories of six other estates.

1683, Apl. 4. Vol. IV, p 69 G C: "These were appoynted for the Grand Jury: Capt. Olmsted, Samil Bissell, Jonathan Gillett, Steven Heart, Tho Wright," &c.

1683, Aug. 23. Vol. I, p 63 B M D: "Thomas Wright aged deceased August 23:1683." He was 53 years old and died intestate at Wethersfield. The Court record following gives the date one day later. Death was probably sudden since he was still in office as selectman and died without making a will. He had been for seven years without his wife and none of the children were yet married.

No date. Vol. IV, pp 151-2 C C: "An Inventory of the Estate of Thomas Wright whoe deceased In August 24, 1683:

Impr: In his purse & apparrell	£ 18-08-00
It a feather bed, bedstead bedding & furniture in the Great chamber	05-02-00
It 4 payre of fine Lining sheets	05-00-00
It Two gurns Two swords & ammunition	03-00-00
It To old corn meale & Mault	05-15-00
It a parcell of Cyder 7£, old Barrells in the Cellar 24s	08-04-00
It plows & Irons & harrows 2£ 5s, Hay 40s, Corn in the barn 36s	06-01-00
It 2 Cowes 7£; 2 4-year old steers 9£; 1 4-yearling 3£; 2 3-year 5£	24-00-00
It 3 steers, 3 yeri, 5£ 10s, 1 2-yearl 45s, 2 Horses 5£	12-15-00
It 16 sheep 7£-4s, 14 swine 12£	19-12-00
It his House Homestead wth 1 acre halfe at the West end	180-00-00
It 7 acres in the great swamp	49-00-00
It 30 acres of Land on the Island	180-00-00
It 22 acres of upland in the west feild	27-00-00
It 7 acres of upland in the short lotts	10-00-00
It 20 acres of upland by the Two stone brooke	18-00-00
It 50 acres in the equall Division, 4 grind stone 8s	10-08-00
It what is due in silver Money	13-10-00
It part of a cyder mill & press	03-00-00
It what is due from Mr. Hoadley of Brandford	02-00-00
It an Indian Boy servant 6	06-00-00
31 other lincs of household, farm and personal items	66-05-00

Taken by us: SAMLL TALLCOTT
JAMES TREAT

Sume £673-00-00

"THE CHILDREN ARE

Thomas Wright aged 23 yeares
Mary Wright aged 18 yeares
Hanah Wright aged 13 yeares
Lydia Wright aged 11 yeares"

1683, Dec. 6. P 76 Do: "An Inventory of the estate of Thomas Wright was exhibited in Court & approved & ordered to be recorded & the Court grant administration to Thomas Wright, & distribute the estate to Thomas; a double portion, to the three sisters equall portion & If either of the children dye before they be of age there portion is to be devidid among the survivors, & Samil Wright & Saml"

Butler are appoynted to be overseers to assist with their best advice the administrators In the management of his affayres."

1701, Apl. 28. Vol. IV, p 116 T V: In the Five Mile distribution the 114 purchasers of 1674 participated, both living and dead. Though Thomas Wright had been dead for 18 years his claim is respected and his heirs draw for him Lot No. 26, for 216 acres, 108 rods.

CHILDREN

(all born at Wethersfield, Ct.)

1. THOMAS b. Mch. 1, 1660/1; he d. April, 1711, \approx 50
He lived at Wethersfield and did not marry. Estate was valued at £300-16-00 and was distributed to brothers and sisters and to the children of our Col. David Goodrich below.
2. MARY b. Mch. 4, 1664; m. Dec. 10, 1685, Dea. Jonathan Belding; she d. Sept. 8, 1741, \approx 77 he d. July 6, 1734, \approx 74
She inherited May, 1711, house and lot from her brother Thomas. They lived in Wethersfield where he was selectman 1695. They have stones in the cemetery. She left two wills.
3. HANNAH b. Mch. 10, 1670/71; m. Mch. 7, 1689, Col. David Goodrich (see below)
4. LYDIA b. Mch. 12, 1672/73; m. Sept. 13, 1695, Israel Crane; she d. a June, 1731, \approx 58 he d. Apl. 28, 1707, \approx 36
They lived in Wethersfield where he was collector in 1700. His estate inventoried at £444-18-10. In May, 1711, she inherited from brother Thomas' estate a great Bible, corn and swine.
5. ELIZABETH b. Feb'y 17, 1675/6; she d. before Dec. 6, 1683, age not over 7.
Her mother died on the day she was born. Elizabeth is not mentioned in the Court settlement of her father's estate.

LINE OF DESCENT

Col. David Goodrich b. 1667 m. Hannah Wright b. 1670/1
 Allen Goodrich b. 1690 m. Elizabeth Goodrich b. 1691
 Elijah Hart b. 1711 m. Abigail Goodrich b. 1714
 Capt. Jonathan Eno b. 1739 m. Mary Hart b. 1744
 Salmon Eno b. 1779 m. Mary Richards b. 1785
 Ozias Buell Bassette b. 1807 m. Emeline Eno b. 1805
 Frederick Henry Bassette b. 1839 m. Margaret Anderson b. 1844

THE JOSEPH WRIGHT FAMILY

THOMAS WRIGHT bp. Nov. 19, 1610
 —CRANBROKE m (1)— Cranbroke
 b. — m (2) May 2, 1647
 d. a 1639 Wid. Margaret— Hilliard Elson
 he d. Apl., 1670, æ 60

See other Wright line containing story of this Thomas Wright and his family, including his English ancestors. Our direct lines run both through his son Dea. Joseph below and his first born son Thomas.

DEA. JOSEPH WRIGHT b. 1639
 MARY STODDARD m (1) Dec. 10, 1663
 b. Mch. 12, 1643/4 Mary Stoddard
 d: Aug. 23, 1683 m (2) Mch. 10, 1685/6
 æ 39 Mercy Stoddard
 he d. Dec. 17, 1714
 æ 75

1639. G S R: Joseph Wright was born in or near Boston, Massachusetts, and was probably a baby in arms of less than a year old and without a mother when his father with five young children made the trip to the Connecticut River at Wethersfield. His age of 75 engraved on his gravestone gives us his year of birth.

1643/4, Mch. 12. Vol. I, p 10 L R: "Mary the daughter of John Stoder and of Mary his wife was borne the 12th of March 1643." Such is the historic announcement of Mary's birth. She was named for her mother Mary Foote. Mary was the first of seven children, all born at Wethersfield. She was almost twenty when she married, but not quite.

1660, Nov. 15. Vol. I, p 148 L R: "The Lands of Joseph Wright which was given him by his father Tho Wright senr:" Two pieces are recorded. Then follow two pieces "had by purchase of his father Tho Wright senr" (Apl. 22, 1663). One of the latter included a house on the east side of High street next to the burying ground and the parsonage. He was getting ready doubtless for his wedding day. Before the year was over the knot was tied but they moved twice within three years, as seen by what follows. By trade Joseph was a cooper and became a "man of character and influence - a born leader." He was a man of much ability, pleasant and honorable in all his dealings, and much trusted by his townsmen who continually chose him to officiate in town and church affairs.

1683, Aug. 23. Vol. I, p 63 B M D: "Mary the wife of Joseph Wright aged about 38 years Dyed augst 23: 1683:" On the same page and the same date is recorded the death of her brother-in-law Thomas Wright. She was in fact 39, yet was the mother of seven children all of whom lived to raise families that did her honor. In "Highland Mary" we read:

"But, oh, fell Death's untimely frost,
 That nipt my flower sae early."

10th in the year of our Lord : 1663." Seven children are recorded directly underneath. The great North American earthquake scared many this year; but there was no disturbance of this wedding day.

1663, Dec. 10. Vol. I, p 3 B M D: "Joseph Wright and Mary his Wife was married Decemr

1663/4, Jan'y 30. Vol. I, p 78 T V: It was voted to call Mr. Joseph Haynes (son of Gov. Haynes) to be their minister, offering him the house which the committee secured from "Tho Wright Sen'r and Joseph Wright, according to the bargaine made betwene them." By the "bargaine" the Wrights secured the "town-lot" which included the old Town School house and a dwelling.

1665/6, Jan'y 29. Vol. II, p 114 L R: Joseph Wright now sells the house and school house and the "town-lot" above to Hugh Welles and received in exchange a house on the East side of High St. next to

Gregory Wilterton; and with his family, now increased to three, goes there to live. Eight separate parcels of land are recorded in Joseph Wright's name at this reference.

1665/6, Mch. 20. Vol. I, p 89 T V: "Joseph Wright and Tho Couch were chosen to warne all towne meettings, for all toune occasions for this ensuing yeare."

1666, May 10. Vol. II, p 227 G C: "Joseph Wright and Alexander Keny are p'pounded to this Assembly for freedome."

1667, May 9. P 246 Do: Jos. Wright is one of 30 men who "were sworne." Our Edward Turner and David Sage were of the number. Just what "were sworne" means does not appear; but with little doubt it means that they "were sworne freemen," since most of the thirty are young men of such age.

1668, June 7. Vol. II, p 183 L R: By this time Joseph has five acres on Wright's Island next to Thomas Wright on the north. He owned land also across the river in the present town of Glastonbury. Five parcels are recorded at this reference.

1668, Oct. 29. Vol. I, p 682 Stiles: Joseph Wright figures in the trial for witchcraft of Kate Harrison, having furnished to the witness, as a cooper, a barrel which, with beer in it, burst with a great report. Of course this was Kate's fault!

1669, Oct. Vol. II, p 520 G C, Ptd: Joseph Wright is on the census roll of freemen of Wethersfield, his three brothers and his father being listed also. These five made more than one-twelfth of the entire roll of 58 men. Tho: Wright, one of the brothers, signed the report to the General Court as constable.

1669/70, Mch. 9. Vol. XXI, p 197 C H S: Joseph Wright had ten bushels of wheat and six persons under his roof today. With three children and parents this accounts probably for one servant.

1670, Sept. 1. Vol. III, p 101 C C: The Court declares the clause in his father's will giving "untto my sonn Joseph halfe my six Acre Lott in ye meadow, that is to say, ye North side of ye sd Lott," to be null because the father had sold it on Jan'y 19, 1668 to his son Samuel. In addition to the above bequest, his father made this provision: "My will is that after all my debts are paid out of my estate, there shall be an equall division made of ye remainder amongst my children."

1670/1, Feb'y 23. Vol. I, p 99 T V: Seventy six householders of Wethersfield on the west side of the Great River vote in town meeting to divide among themselves the "land next Farmington bounds." Each lot was 26 rods wide and contained 52 acres. Joseph Wright, like his brother Thomas and Samuel, and uncle Anthony, participated in this division, drawing lot No. 28. See plan in Vol. I, p 741 of Dr. Stiles' History.

1672/3, Feb'y 17. P 136 Do: "The Constables chosen for this yeere are Leonard Dix and Joseph Wright." The office of Constable was not always popular. In Wethersfield for instance, in 1691, seven men were elected constable, but one after another declined the office, paying the fine of 40 shillings each for declining.

1673/4, Jan'y 15. Vol. II, p 912 Stiles: In a rate raised "for the discharge of a purchase of land from the Indians, which is one halfe penny upon the pound," Joseph Wright pays tax of 3s 10d; but the distribution of this purchase was not made till 27 years later.

1679/80, Mch. 11. Vol. I, p 3 rear, B M D: "The ear mark of Joseph Wright is a slit in the of ear and the foer part of the said slitt cut of like a Half crop and this marke he intends to continue to all his creatures."

1680, Dec. 27. Vol. I, p 172 T V: "Joseph Wright & Leonard Dix are chosen Fence Viewers." Joseph Wright served also the next year.

1681, Oct. 10. Vol. II, p 42 L R: "Joseph Wright sold unto John Wekes two Mares one about 8 yrs old a bay Mare with a slitt in one ear with a star in ye forehead . . . alsoe the other a bay Mare 1 year and vantage old with a white between the nigh wills and the near foot whit" . . .

1683, Oct. 11. Vol. III, p 144 G C: "Mrs. Abygail Olcott and Mr. Tho. Olcott, executors to the last will and testament of Mr. Thomas Olcott deceased, plaintifes, by way of appeale from the judgment of the Court of Assistants, the 4th instant, contra Thomas Wright, James Wright, Joseph Wright and Jonathan Smith, defendants; which action was an action of the case for that the sd Wright's and Smith did illegally possesse and detainee certain parcells of land lying upon the Island commonly called the great Island which land belongs to the estate of Mr. Thomas Olcott, deceased; to the surrender of the lands with a hundred pownds damage: In which action the jury fownd that the sd Olcotts should pay to the sd Wrights and Smith costs of courts. In this action the Generall Court find for the defendants cost of Court."

1685/6, Mch. 10. Vol. I, p 63 V R: It is now two years and seven months since the death of Mary, the first wife of Joseph. Her younger sister Mercy Stoddard had probably been a faithful and efficient mother to the seven children during the interval and now Joseph takes her for his second consort. She is now 32 while he is 46. Says the record, "Joseph Wright and Mercy his wife was married March 10th 1685."

1689, Dec. 26. Vol. I, p 213 T V: "At ye same meeting Joseph Wright was chosen packer for ye Tounne for ye year ensuing." The duties were to inspect and supervise the packing of all meat for shipment.

1689/90, Jan'y 17. Vol. V, p 50 C C: Ensign Samuel Wright, brother of Joseph, says in his will: "I desire my Brother Joseph Wright and my Brother-in-Law Samuel Butler to be Overseers of this my will." The estate totalled £1,082-09-00.

1690, Dec. 23. Vol. I, p 214 T V: "Att this meeting Joseph Wright," and two others, "were chosen haywards." A later name for this office was Pounder.

1691, Dec. 23. P 219 Do: "At a Towne Meeting there were chosen for Tounsmen for the year ensuing: Joseph Wright Senr," and four others.

1692, Dec. 30. Vol. V, p 156 C C: Joseph Wright is witness to the will of Ensign Samuel Butler, brother-in-law, of Wethersfield, whose estate amounted to £579-07-00.

1692/3, Mch. 16. P 157 Do: Joseph Wright is appraiser of the estate of Nathaniel Scranton of Wethersfield, £36-17-00.

1693/4, Feb'y 23. Vol. I, p 235 T V: The town voted to distribute lands in the West Division (now Newington & Rocky Hill). The basis was $\frac{1}{2}$ acre to pound of tax in the list of 1693. Distribution was accomplished on Apl. 15, 1695. Joseph Wright Sen'r and the two older boys all drew in Tier No. 2 which was bounded east by the Middletown road as follows: "No. 56 Joseph Wright Senr; No. 43 Joseph Wright Junr; No. 68 Thomas Wright."

1694, Apl. 4. Vol. V, p 68 C C: Joseph Wright is named on the Grand jury of Hartford County and on the same day he sits on the jury of the County Court. He served also in April, 1697; Sept., 1703; and Nov., 1704.

1696, Dec. 28. Vol. I, p 245 T V: "Also Joseph Talcott & Joseph Wright were chosen fence viewers for that part of the meadow fence that lyeth between the Great River & the brook att or near Rocky Hill called Goff's brook."

1697/8, Jan'y 28. P 259 Do: Joseph Wright Sen'r and Joseph Wright Jun'r and Jacob Griswold are among 27 to protest against "the voating away of town lands in small town meetings"

1700. Vol. I, p 9 C R: The records of the First Church of which he was Deacon say speaking of him: "yt Bro' Wright, Joseph Wright Senr should be helpful in preparing matters for the Ld's Supper."

1701, Apl. 28. Vol. IV, p 116 T V: In the Five Mile distribution of land Joseph Wright drew Lot No. 96 containing 138 acres, 69 rods. This is the Indian purchase of 1674 above, by 114 inhabitants of Wethersfield.

1702, Dec. 28. Vol. I, p 268 T V: "Joseph Wright & John Coleman chosen Constables for the year ensuing. Joseph Wright refuses to take the oath of a Constable. Afterward, both of the Constables sworn, die ditto."

1705/6, Mch. 5. Vol. VI, p 278 CC: Joseph Wright and David Goodrich are chosen from Wethersfield to sit on the Grand Jury for the year ensuing. Both were on the regular jury of this date also.

1706. Vol. I, p 317 Stiles: Joseph gave to his son Thomas his High St. house, next north of the Wilterton place, which had become the parsonage lot.

1707, June 26. Vol. I, p 278 T V: "Att this metting were chosen Deacon Joseph Wright, Deacon Wm Warner," and two others, "a comitte to seat the galleries in the meeting house; also the body of the meeting, or below."

1711/12, Feb'y 14, Vol. IX, p 21 P Ct, Hartford: "In the Name and fear of God Amen. I Joseph Wright of Wethersfield in perfect health and of sound memory, in contemplation of my death do make and ordain this to be my Last Will & Testament in manner and form following:

"Item To my beloved wife Mercy I give twenty pounds in Currant pay of this Colony, and the use of what part of my dwelling house she shall think needful for her and that during her widowhood.

"I give to Joseph Wright, now of Colchester, my eldest son, to him and his heirs forever, 2 acres in Wethersfield Great Meadow which I purchased of Mr. Blackleach; also, five acres of land on the Great Island in Connecticut Great River, within the Township of Wethersfield, bounded east and west on the said Great River, on land of David Goodrich of Wethersfield north, and on land of Jonathan Smith of Glastonbury south.

"To my son Thomas Wright I give $2\frac{1}{4}$ acres of land in Wethersfield Great Meadow, bounded east on the Great River, west on a highway, north on my son Joseph's land, and south on land of John Deming Senr. of Wethersfield; 3 acres in the Dry Swamp, bounded (in part) on land of Deacon Warner and Nathaniel Churchill; also half my pasture, bounded (in part) on land of John Curtis Jr., Samuel Butler, and my son John Wright's land which sometime since I gave him - to him the said Thomas Wright and his heirs forever.

"I have given my son John Wright, by deed of gift formerly, the whole which I designed as his portion.

"I give to my son Jonathan Wright 50 acres of land in the Township of Wethersfield, butting on the Township of Farmington west, on a highway east, north on land of Robert Welles, Jr., and south on land of Major John Chester.

"To my two sons Benjamin Wright and Nathaniel Wright, I give that tract of land which fell to me in the last general division of lands in Wethersfield, to be equally divided between them.

"To Benjamin Wright I give three acres in the Great Swamp in Wethersfield, bounded (in part) on land of my son Thomas Wright and (in part) on land belonging to heirs of Stephen Chester Jr., dec'd; also five and a half acres in the said swamp bounded (in part) on land of Deacon William Warner, on my own land, and upon land of heirs of Stephen Chester.

"I give to my youngest son Nathaniel Wright $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land bounded (in part) on land of heirs of Stephen Chester, on land of my son Benjamin Wright and on land of Nathaniel Boreman; also three acres bounded (in part) on land of Jacob Williams of Wethersfield, on land of Thomas Bunce of Hartford, and on land of Jonathan Smith of Wethersfield.

"I give the whole of what shall remain of my movable estate to my eldest daughter Mary Griswold, to my second daughter Elizabeth Curtis, and to the children of my youngest daughter Sarah Hand of East Guilford deceased - one-third part to each: to Mary Griswold, to Elizabeth Curtis, and to the children of Sarah Hand decd.

"I appoint my two eldest sons, Joseph Wright and Thomas Wright, executors.

Witness: JOHN NOTT,

JOSEPH WRIGHT, L. S."

JOHN GOODRICH JR.

1714, Dec. 9. A codicil bequeaths to beloved son Thomas Wright three acres of land in wet swamp

commonly called tearful Swamp, he having already "payd to my son Joseph £6 on account of said land which I should otherwise have given to said Joseph." This is land not mentioned in will.

Witness: GEORGE KILBOURN,
JOHN GOODRICH, JR.

JOSEPH WRIGHT, L. S.

1714, Dec. 17. GSR: Eight days after making the codicil he died, and is buried in the old cemetery in Wethersfield where a stone marks his grave inscribed as follows: "Here lyeth the body of Deacon Joseph Wright | who departed | this life the 17th | day of December, | Anno Dom. 1714, | aged 75 years."

1714/15, Feb'y 5. Vol. IX, p 22 P Ct, Hartford: "Inventory of Deacon Joseph Wright's Estate:

"Imprs his wearing apparrell £8-11-6; mony £10-3-8; beds & bedding £17	£35-15-02
Linnen & woolen cloth & a deer skin 59s; Chests, books & cupboard 59s; arms, ammunition, saddle & old iron 5s-10	8-12-10
long table, belt, glass bottles, & small things 22s; warming pan, stillairds, &c 24s; brass & pewter £9-5-5	11-11-5
household Iron ware 85s-3d; wooden ware 4£; more wooden ware 13s-11d	8-19-2
Cart boxes, bands &c 34s-10d; cart wheels, crosscut saw, &c 45s-10d; barley & flax 33s-9d	5-14-5
Mathegin, Molasses, &c 29s-1d; dry casks, Sacks malt, &c 33s-4d; bees wax, Linnen & woolen yarn 14s-8d	3-17-01
Chain, wheel, &c 44s-1d; Carpenters & Coopers tools 55s; 2 plow irons, 2 draught Chains & other tackling 3s-4d	8-18-5
4 Swine &c 68s-6d; Cattle, &c 11£-2s-6d; 73 bushl Indian Corn 9£-2s-6d; 69 bushl Oats @ 19d pr	29-2-9
4 bushl wheat, 2½ bushl Pease 32s-6d; Sundry small things 25s; his Lands not disposed of by deed 385£-10s	387-7-6
	<hr/> £499-18-9"

WM BURNHAM, THOMAS STANDISH, SAMUEL WRIGHT

1714/15, Feb'y, 7. Vol. VIII, p 234 P Ct: "Joseph Wright of Colchester and Thomas Wright at Wethersfield exhibit the will of their late father Joseph Wright of Wethersfield deceased. The will and codicil approved."

CHILDREN

(all born at Wethersfield, Conn.; first seven by 1st wife; last two 2d wife)

- MARY b. Apl. 15, 1665; m. Dec. 10, 1685, Jacob Griswold (see below)
- ELIZABETH b. Nov. 18, 1667; m. Apl. 3, 1690, John Curtis Jun'r; she d. he d. Nov. 7, 1712, æ 35 8 ch
They lived in Wethersfield where he was collector 1692 and on school committee 1702. He left inventory of £1,004-15-09 including negro servant Jacob.
- CAPT. JOSEPH b. Feb'y 14, 1669/70; m. May 21, 1701, Mary Dudley; he d. Sept. 10, 1756, æ 86 she d. 6 ch
Nov. 25, 1755, æ 75
They lived in Wethersfield where he was collector 1698; but in 1706 they were in Colchester, Connecticut, owning large farm in the latter place. Mary Dudley was from Guilford.
- SARAH b. May 16, 1674; m. — Hand. They were of Guilford, Conn.
- DEA. THOMAS b. Jan'y 18, 1676/7; m (1) Oct. 4, 1705, Prudence Deming he d. Oct., 1760, æ 83 she d. 1 ch
Oct. 24, 1706, æ 20
He m (2) Nov. 3, 1715, Abigail Churchill. They were of Wethersfield, his inventory totalling £1,765-05-00.
"He was an ideal Citizen of the time."
- JOHN b. May 19, 1679; m. July 4, 1706, Mercy Boardman; he d. March 8, 1713/14, æ 35 she d. 4 ch
He was a collector 1706; lister 1712 and a cordwainer of Rocky Hill, a part of Wethersfield. His inventory was £227-03-03. She m (2) — Heacon.
- JONATHAN b. June 18, 1681; m. Mch. 26, 1706, Hannah Rand; he d. a July, 1740, æ 59 she d. aft 1724 9 ch
They were residents of West Farms, Newington, a part of Wethersfield. She was from E. Guilford. He m (2) Anne —. His inventory, £296-01-05.
- DEA. BENJAMIN b. Dec. 6, 1686; m. June 18, 1719, Hannah Holmes 9 ch
They were residents of Guilford and Rocky Hill where he was hayward 1711 and fence-viewer 1716.
- NATHANIEL b. Oct. 16, 1688 m. Mch. 20, 1712, Ann Deming; he d. 1775, æ 87 she d. 6 ch
Talcott calls the last two twins, born Oct., 1688. Nathaniel was an appraiser of impounded cattle, Jan'y, 1718/19 at Wethersfield.

LINE OF DESCENT

Jacob Griswold b. 1660 m. Mary Wright b. 1665
Jacob Griswold b. 1690 m. Comfort Buck b. 1692
Capt. Solomon Buell b. 1715 m. Eunice Griswold b. 1721
Ira Buell b. 1745 m. Prudence Deming b. 1741
Nathan Bassett b. 1769 m. Mehitabel Buell b. 1774
Ozias Buell Bassette b. 1807 m. Emeline Eno b. 1805
Frederick Henry Bassette b. 1839 m. Margaret Anderson b. 1844

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Foreword

This lineage is a collateral and supplement to that of John McCann (1769-1849), as described in brochure entitled "Some Descendants of John Keand of Whithorn, Scotland" (W. R. & R. L. McCann, 1953). Cynthia Rebecca Jones is descended in the fourth generation from John McCann; data on her descendants were not available when aforesaid pamphlet was issued; her maternal McCann forebears are covered therein; arrangement and nomenclature herein conform to that pamphlet. Cynthia's paternal forebears are described in a brochure, concurrently being prepared, entitled "Ancestors and Descendants of John I. Jones m. Mary Ellen Schwartzfelder."

When this project was conceived, intention was to develop only the descendants of the intermarriage of a Wright and a McCann; but our research uncovered a wealth of information pertaining to the Wright forebears. The data, unfortunately, did not extend conclusively to the original immigrant. Luckily a couple of clues, first intimated by Mrs. Frank T. Estill and daughter, Nell Estill Giles, of Smithfield, Texas, and later corroborated by Mrs. Claude S. Williams of Versailles, Kentucky (our thanks to all of them), led to a belief that the full Wright lineage could be ascertained. For the benefit of the Wrights of Bourbon County and elsewhere in Kentucky, we confirmed the clues and repeatedly expanded our research and project. Herein we record our findings.

We have drawn heavily on a comprehensive compilation in "The Register" of the Kentucky Historical Society, January, 1935 - Vol. 33, No. 102, p. 78 - an article titled "Wright-Hamilton Families", derived from an old manuscript, compiled and signed by William Wright of Bourbon County, Kentucky, written in 1863, and passed on through relative William H. Clark to the Misses Hattie P., Lebia B., and Mary E. Clark of Paris, Kentucky, who presented the original to the Kentucky Historical Society. The manuscript was copied, slightly augmented, and contributed to "The Register" by Mrs. William B. Ardery, well-known Kentucky historian, who has aided us immeasurably in supplying valuable notes on the Bourbon County (Kentucky) Wrights.

May 8, 1954

W. R. & R. L. McCann

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Abbreviations: *b.* - born; *m.* - married; *d.* - died; *i.* - interred; *f.* - father; *q.v.* - see elsewhere herein.

Ancestors of James Wilson Wright, Sr.

It is our intention to show, by reasonable evidence, that our subject, James Wilson Wright, Sr. (1812-1898) of Bourbon County, Kentucky, descended through a locally well-known Peter Wright (d. 1793) of pre-municipal Covington, Virginia, from immigrant Peter Wright (1635) of Oyster Bay, Long Island. The line of descent, we are convinced, is -

1. Peter Wright, colonist, of Oyster Bay, L.I.
2. Adam Wright, Sr. of Oyster Bay, L.I.
3. Adam Wright, Jr. of Oyster Bay, L.I.
4. Peter Wright of Covington, Virginia.
5. Captain James Wright of Bourbon County, Kentucky.
6. John Wright of Bourbon County, Kentucky.
7. James Wilson Wright, Sr. - our subject.

The descent from Peter Wright of Oyster Bay to Adam Wright, Jr. is well documented, and is generally accepted. Likewise, from Peter Wright of Covington to James Wilson Wright, Sr. the above-stated lineage is likewise generally accepted. This dissertation is to marshal facts which will support that Peter Wright of Covington was a son of Adam Wright, Jr. of Oyster Bay. Virginia and Kentucky historians (O. F. Morton, F. B. Kegley, and Mrs. W. B. Ardery, q.v.) have noted that Peter Wright of Covington, Virginia, was a son of Adam Wright; but none has attempted a determination of this Adam Wright and his forebears, whom we now propose to tie to the settlement of Oyster Bay, L.I.

In H. D. Perrine's *Wright Family of Oyster Bay, L.I.* (1923), the line of descent from immigrant Peter Wright(1), who came from England to Massachusetts about 1635, and who later founded Oyster Bay, L.I., is carried down through son Adam(2), 1650-1696(98), to Adam(3), who d. in 1749, and whose eight children Perrine lists to be *Rachel, Deborah, PETER, Thomas, James, Reuben, Solomon, and Abigail*. The italics and capitalization are for purpose of later identification of similar marking in the paragraphs to follow.

In O. F. Morton's *History of Albemarle County, Virginia* (1923), at p. 213, it is stated, "Thomas and PETER Wright were sons of Adam Wright of New England. The first died in 1755 without issue. PETER, who married Jane Hughart, had these children - Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, Martha, Jane, Nancy, Elizabeth, Thomas, James, William, John, Peter, and a daughter whose name is not known." The context in Morton (as well as in other literature) indicates that Thomas, subsequent to 1755, passed out of the picture, although PETER is frequently mentioned in the records.

Western Long Island had been settled by the Dutch. The Treaty of Hartford in 1650, establishing the Connecticut River as the boundary between Dutch New York and English Connecticut, extended the boundary line from the west side of Oyster Bay southward to the Atlantic Ocean. Thus, at this early date the great proportion of Long Island was English territory. The Treaty of Westminster, in 1674, extinguished Dutch sovereignty in America; and all of Long Island, in 1755 when Thomas Wright died, no doubt would be classified as New England.

In *Wright-Hamilton Families* (1935), Mrs. W. B. Ardery says of William Wright(6), 1783-1880, of Bourbon County, Kentucky, (a son of Captain James and Martha Hamilton Wright) that his (William's) "great grandfather, Adam Wright, was a citizen of the New England States. His son PETER Wright was (William's) grandfather." Material in Mrs. Ardery's paper was compiled in 1863.

In F. B. Kegley's *Virginia Frontier* (1938), under heading "Peter Wright of Jackson River", at p. 371, it is stated "Thomas and PETER Wright were sons of Adam Wright of New England. They had a brother James, and sisters, Rachel and Deborah. Thomas died in 1755, no children". It is to be noted that the names of the five brothers and sisters listed by Kegley, and of two brothers listed by Morton, correspond precisely to the names of five of the eight children of Adam Wright(3) of Oyster Bay, L.I., as listed by Perrine; and Mrs. Ardery joins with Kegley and Morton in stating that PETER Wright(4) is a son of Adam Wright of New England.

Although aforesaid several citations clearly substantiate our premises, we have also confirmed our authorities by examining photostatic copies of three wills, which we have copied verbatim into the Appendix hereto, and from which we tabulate on the next page all genealogical data contained in these wills. We conclude therefrom that PETER Wright(4) of Covington is directly descended from Peter Wright(1) of Oyster Bay through the latter's grandson, Adam(3).

At this point we would be remiss were we not to discuss a discrepancy that occurs in Perrine's *Wright Family of Oyster Bay, L.I.* wherein at p. 88 it is stated "Thomas Wright (Adam, 27), d. July 8, 1786; m. Mary —, was a miller. Removed to Town of North Castle, Westchester Co., N.Y. (N.Y. Hist. Soc'y. Collections, 1902, Vol. XI, pp. 196, 207, and appendix 1) Issue: 95 Elizabeth, 96 Stephen, 98 Thomas, b. 1794-5, d. about 1820." The numerals applied to the names are Perrine's cross-references, Adam, 27, in the numeration of Perrine, is Adam, Jr.(2), son of Adam, Sr.(1), and grandson of Peter(1) - our numeration.

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Noting the above obvious error in the stating of a son's birth-date that is eight or nine years subsequent to the demise of the father, we consulted the above-cited references only to find more confusion of dates; and nothing was found to support specifically Perrine in his assigning Thomas (a Westchester miller) to be son of Adam, 27 - our Adam(3). The 195-reference is a copy of a Thomas Wright's will, dated December 1, 1776 and not probated. The 207-reference is a copy of a court order ten years later, wherein the aforesaid Thomas Wright was adjudged insane, and wherein the principal witness affirmed among other things that this Thomas Wright died on the same day that his will was written - i.e. December 1, 1776, which would result by simple arithmetic in Thomas, '88, being born about eighteen years after his father's death. Careful study of these references, which are copied into the Appendix hereto, indicates that Perrine mistook a date (July 8, 1786) of one affidavit to be the date of death of Thomas Wright, the miller; and it now seems clear that the latter was not a son of Adam, 27 - our Adam Wright(3) whose son, Thomas Wright, has been shown to have died in 1755 in Virginia.

The name Thomas occurs frequently in the families of the early Wrights who settled in Massachusetts and other colonies. Of note, one Thomas Wright, a great-great-grandson of Sir John Wright, Lord of Kelvedon Hall, Kelvedon Manor, County Essex, England, with his wife (a daughter of Lieutenant Cranbroke of Cranbroke Hall, County Essex, England) and five children (Thomas, James, Samuel, Joseph, and Lydia) came to America in 1635 on the *Susan and Ellen*, settled in Watertown near Boston, and subsequently on death of his wife moved in 1640 to become one of the first settlers and a prominent citizen of Wethersfield (then in Massachusetts Colony, but soon to be Connecticut). This paragraph is condensed from *The Wright Family*, George W. Wright, Albany, Oregon, 1929, p. 17 and elsewhere therein; five of the quotations below are from same author.

- Anglian Wrights and Some Immigrants

"The Wrights of the Kelvedon branch trace back to Sir John Wright, Lord of Kelvedon Hall, County Essex, England, born 1488, died 1551, while those who are of the Kilvestone branch trace their ancestry back to Sir Thomas Wright of Kilvestone Hall, County Norfolk, England. Both of these branches descend from the Old Saxon Wryta Family of Bayeux, Normandy." Wryta (Wryhta), like the Latin "faber", means a workman of any kind, especially an artisan in wood or hard material - the millwright of a century ago.

"William Wright of London, England, of the Kelvedon line, son of Lord John Wright, was the first to settle in New England, where he landed near Saugus, Mass. in 1621. Several others of the Kelvedon line came to Massachusetts between 1621 and 1640, among them Thomas Wright, wife, and children (q.v.), and Anthony Wright, his brother; Richard Wright; Samuel Wright; Edward Wright; George Wright; and others of the Kelvedon branch."

"William Wright married in England Priscilla Carpenter, sister of Alice (Carpenter) Southworth who was second wife of Governor William Bradford; came on the second ship to New England - the *Fortune*, July 1621; lived at Scituate, Massachusetts, where he died in 1633, leaving all property to his wife, Priscilla, who married (2nd) John Cooper of Barnstable and removed with him to that place in 1639." - *G. & H. Item 2562(a)*.

"Likewise there came to Massachusetts, Wrights of the Kilvestone branch, among them Peter Wright, Anthony Wright, and Nicholas Wright, all descendants of Sir Thomas Wright of Kilvestone Hall, County Norfolk, England."

"Alice Wright, who was born in England about 1614, of the Kelvedons, came over in 1635 at age of 21 to join relatives who preceded her."

"The marriage of Peter Wright and Alice Wright, distant cousins, brought about a union of the Kelvedon line and the Kilvestone line of Wrights in the children."

The Bourbon County (Kentucky) Wrights and their descendants, several of whom are mentioned hereinafter, are of both lineages; but the male strain is Kilvestone; the female strain is Kelvedon.

In 1625, three Quaker brothers, of names Anthony, Nicholas, and Peter Wright, are recorded as living at Saugus (near present Lynn), Massachusetts; and, in 1637, all three are at Sandwich of Plymouth Colony (now in Barnstable County) on the Cape. They are believed to be sons of Nicholas Wright(A) of County Norfolk, England, by his second wife, Margaret Nelson (m. September 29, 1594), his first wife being Margaret Jeffers (m. November 15, 1582); but this Anglian descent has been challenged. Parents of Nicholas(A) were Nicholas(B) and Ellen Gylbert Wright; she was daughter of William Gylbert, Vicar of Barton Turf, 1517-1531; Ellen m. February 18, 1539, obiit January 10, 1582, after which Nicholas(B), m. January 25, 1589 Margerie Alysander, widow of John Racepoole (obiit, July 4, 1588). Parents of Nicholas(B) were Nicholas(C) and Anne Beaupre Wright; she was widow 1578-79.

The three Wright brothers were granted land at Sandwich, Massachusetts, where they remained until 1652. In a division of land dated April 16, 1640, Peter and Nicholas each received 24

acres, and Anthony received two acres. In the spring of 1653 the Wright brothers joined a company of about a dozen families under leadership of Reverend William Leverich for purpose of forming a new settlement on Long Island, to which they journeyed by water in the sloop *Desire* of Barnstable (John Dickenson, Master) ending the voyage at the new Long Island home-site named Oyster Bay, where they were soon deeded lands by Indian Asiapum (alias Mohensis), the consideration being various utensils plus wampum and peake (small change) of value totalling four pounds sterling. The above notes are from a fascinating genealogy by Howard Delano Perrine, who spent thirty-five years of research to develop ancestry and descendants of *The Wrights of Oyster Bay, L.I.* (1923). Continuing, quoting Perrine, "Peter Wright might almost claim the title of 'Founder of Oyster Bay'. He was the only one of three original purchasers of the town from the Indians, who actually settled and remained in town. Both Samuel Mayo and William Leverich moved soon thereafter. Of those admitted as associates not one continued there more than ten years except Anthony and Nicholas Wright and Robert Williams." All three Wrights functioned frequently in early colonial Oyster Bay; Peter was a sergeant of the train-band (1652).

Anthony Wright(1) lived and died a bachelor; he was b. in County Norfolk, England, in the first decade of the 17th century; in life, as a blacksmith, he served his townfolks well; his will is dated September 4, 1680, probated December 8, 1680, at Oyster Bay.

Nicholas Wright(1) was born in England in or a little before 1609-10. He died at Oyster Bay, L.I. in November, 1682, at age 73. By his wife, Ann (surname unknown), he had nine children--Caleb, John, Edmund, Rebecca, Sarah, Deborah, Mary (Mercy), Martha, and Tamar.

Wright Generation 1

PETER WRIGHT(1), eldest son, Nicholas(A), Nicholas(B), Nicholas(C), was born in County Norfolk, England, in the last decade of the 16th century, and died intestate at Oyster Bay, L.I., between Feb. 13, 1660 and September 14, 1663. His wife was Alice Wright, a distant cousin, to whom he was married in England prior to 1635; she was probably born in the second decade of the 17th century; and survived her husband to marry Richard Crabbe; she died February 24, 1685 at Oyster Bay, "aged 70 years and upward." Above statement pertaining to Peter Wright(1) has been abstracted from Perrine's *Wright Family of Oyster Bay, L.I.* Regarding the death of Peter, we note and quote a conflict by George W. Wright of Albany, Oregon - "The records of Wills of N.Y. state that Peter Wright was drowned in 1675 while on a trip to Virginia, probably at the same time as his daughter, Hannah Wright, 'the Devotee', a zealous preacher of the Quaker faith. The records of the Surrogate Court of N.Y., of the date 1675, state that Gideon Wright, who was the oldest living son, was appointed Administrator of the estate of his father, Peter Wright." Also in conflict with Perrine, George W. Wright says that Alice Wright, born about 1614 in England, was daughter of William Wright (the son of Lord John Wright) who arrived in America on the *Fortune* in 1621. Alice, he says, came over in 1635 to join relatives, and was married to Peter Wright in 1637. We continue herein, rather closely in accordance with H. D. Perrine.

Children of Peter and Alice Wright, most all born in Sandwich -

1. *Peter Wright*(2), b. March, 1637; d. February 28, 1651 in Sandwich.
2. *Gideon Wright, Sr.*(2), b. July, 1638; d. June, 1685; m. Elizabeth Townsend who was b. in Oyster Bay and whose parents were John, 1st, and Elizabeth Montgomerie Townsend. Issue - Elizabeth m. 1688 Isaiah Harrison (In *Settlers By The Long Gray Trail* by J. Houston Harrison, 1935, it is indicated that many Harrisons of old Augusta County, Virginia, descend from this marriage); Peter (probably unmarried); Gideon Jr. m. July or September 5, 1702 Margaret Urquhart, or Urghartt (f. John); Anthony m. September 18, 1702 Mary Rhodes; Silvanus m. Mary Proctor; Hannah m. James Townsend; John m. January 27, 1707-8 Abigail Barker; and Tabitha m. August 16, 1711 John Brook.
3. *Job (sometimes Jos.) Wright*(2), b. December 1639; d. September 13, 1706; m. Rachel Townsend who was b. in Oyster Bay and whose parents were John, 1st, and Susannah Harcourt Townsend. Issue - Anthony, m. Elizabeth ---; Keziah m. May 29, 1712 John Burr; Rachel m. September 1, 1715, Thomas Stokes; Hannah m. Robert Townsend of L.I.; Jacob m. (1st) Hannah Townsend of Oyster Bay, and (2nd) 1728 Mary Richardson of Chester, Penna.; and Elizabeth.
4. *William Wright*(2), b. February 1641; d. in Sandwich; i. May 2, 1648.
5. *Mary Wright*(2), b. 1642; d. 1688; m. October 30, 1663 to Samuel (Edwards) Andrews of Oyster Bay. Issue - Mordecai, b. June 11, 1664; m. April 7, 1691 a French lady; Peter (1st), lived six months; Peter (2nd), b. March 28, 1671; Hester, b. October 12, 1673; Hannah b. February 23, 1675, d. 1686; Edward, b. January 16, 1677-8, d. October 26, 1716, m. 1694 Sarah Ong; Jacob, b. July 12, 1680, d. 1686; and Mary, b. May 29, 1683.
6. *Hannah Wright*(2), "The Devotee"; b. 1646; unmarried; drowned March 3, 1675 in Virginia. While on a Quaker mission, she was crossing the Potomac from Maryland to Virginia with a party of seven, three of whom were drowned; her father may have accompanied her (q.v.)
7. *Sarah Wright*(2), b. February 11, 1648; m. Edmund Wright, son of Nicholas Wright.

8. *Mordecai Wright*(2), b. October 30, 1649; d. March 20, 1650 in Sandwich.

9. *Adam Wright*(2), b. March 20, 1650 (q.v.)

10. *Elizabeth Wright*(2), b. 1653-4; d. before October, 1677; m. 1671 James Townsend of Oyster Bay, who d. 1697-8. Issue - James m. cousin Hannah Wright, f. Gideon(2); Job, of Cedar Swamp; Thomas (unmarried); Daniel m. Freelove (Samuel) Dickinson; and Alice, James Townsend m. (2nd) Jane Ruddock.

11. *Lydia Wright*(2), b. 1655; m. March 17, 1684 Isaac Horner; she d. before 1707, leaving two children, Lydia, and sisters Mary and Hannah, had been persecuted in New England for their faith. Issue - Deliverance m. 1704 Thomas Stokes of Burlington County, New Jersey; Isaac m. October 9, 1718 Elenor (Samuel) Brown of Flushing, L.I.

Wright Generations 2 & 3 - Partial

ADAM WRIGHT, Sr.(2) - Peter(1), Nicholas(A), Nicholas(B), Nicholas(C); b. March 20, 1650 in Sandwich, Massachusetts; d. intestate between 1696-1698 in Oyster Bay, L.I. residing in Cedar Swamp there; m. Mary (George) Dennis of Oyster Bay, who d. there July 22, 1698.

Children of Adam and Mary Dennis Wright, all born in Oyster Bay.

1. *Dennis Wright*(3), b. 1673; d. 1753; f. Episcopal Church Graveyard at Huntington, L.I.; m. 1699 Susanna (William?) Hauxhurst of Long Island. Issue - Dennis(4), m. June 26, 1739 Susanna (Stevens) Smith of Huntington, L.I.; Amy(4), m. May 1, 1733 Samson Hauxhurst of North Hempstead, L.I.; Uriah(4), m. Aug. 26, 1760 Margaret (or Mary) Williams of Long Island, residing at Huntington, L.I.; Elizabeth(4), m. 1736 Elias Chichester; and Adam(4), m. August 21, 1739 Sarah Nokes of Oyster Bay.

2. *Adam Wright, Jr.*(3); date of birth unknown; d. 1749 - (q.v.)

3. *George Wright*(3), m. February 15, 1748 Jenima Wright of Oyster Bay, and d. intestate 1762.

4. *Joseph Wright*(3); date of birth unknown; d. 1739; m. (1st) January 11, 1694 Ann Henry of Cedar Swamp, L.I.; and (2nd) March 8, 1737 S. Temperance (Titus) Seaman of Hempstead, L.I., relict of Arthur Kirk. Issue - Adam(4) m. Elizabeth (Seaman) Kirk, residing in Norwich, L.I.; Joseph(4) m. Patience (Townsend) Lovell of Bordentown, New Jersey; Mary(4), m. April 16, 1739 at St. George's Church in Hempstead to Jeremiah Birch of Oyster Bay; Charles(4); John(4), b. March 29, 1729, d. November 25, 1801, m. February 7, 1753 Phebe (Titus) Seaman; and Job(4), d. 1784, m. (1st) September 10, 1732 Phoebe Youmans of Oyster Bay and (2nd) Sarah —.

5. *Peter Wright*(3), d. 1698, probably unmarried.

6. *Job Wright*(3), m. (perhaps) Mary Leverich.

ADAM WRIGHT, Jr.(3) - Adam, Sr.(2), Peter (1), Nicholas(A), Nicholas(B), Nicholas(C); date of birth unknown; d. 1749. In his will, Adam describes himself as "Yeoman, of East End of the Great Plains in the bounds of Oyster Bay"; he mentions a wife, but not her name. Their children were -

1. *Rachel Wright*(4), m. January 12, 1736-7 John Frost - see *Frost Genealogy*, p. 28.

2. *Deborah Wright*(4), m. April 6, 1737 Benjamin Farrington of Long Island.

3. *Peter Wright*(4) - (q.v.)

4. *Thomas Wright*(4) - (q.v.)

5. *James Wright*(4), b. March 14, 1721; d. May 17, 1776; m. January 1, 1756 to Amy Patterson who d. May 11, 1803; they moved to Bedford, New Purchase, Westchester County, New York, and are buried in yard of St. George Episcopal Church, New Castle, New York. Issue - Sarah(5), b. January 22, 1757, d. November 28, 1837, m. 1778 Thomas Hauxhurst of Buckram, L.I.; Jesse(5), d. 1816; Mary(5), b. January 7, 1761, d. June 5, 1839, m. Jesse Simons; Amy(5), m. February 10, 1783 Jacob Conklin of Westchester County, N.Y.; Phoebe(5), m. October 4, 1781 Benjamin Harice (Harris) of Westchester County, N.Y.; Panny(5).

6. *Reuben Wright*(4).

7. *Solomon Wright*(4); dates of birth and death unknown; baptised December, 1742; m. August 26, 1768 Mary (Smith) Hauxhurst of North Hempstead, L.I. and moved to Carmel, Dutchess (now Putnam) County, New York. Issue - Solomon(5).

8. *Abigail Wright*(4); - no information available; however N.Y. State Licenses reveal that an Abigail Wright m. July 16, 1762 Robert Rossiter; but Abigail is not mentioned as a living sister by Thomas Wright (d. 1755 in Augusta County, Virginia) who mentions brothers Peter and James and sisters Rachel and Deborah.

Wright Generations 4, 5 & 6 - Partial

PETER WRIGHT(4) - Adam, Jr.(3), Adam, Sr.(2), Peter(1), Nicholas (A, B, C), b. in early 1700's in Oyster Bay, Long Island, New York; d. 1793 in Botetourt County, Virginia; he and his brother, Thomas Wright, in the spring of 1746, migrated to the Virginia frontier; Thomas settled on the Cowpasture River; and Peter settled on Jackson's River, holding extensive lands at mouth of Potts Creek where Fort Young was built in 1756 and where the city of Covington, Alleghany County, Virginia, now stands. Peter Wright m. about 1759 (probably earlier) JANE HUGHART (parents James and

Agnes Jordan Hughart); and their children numbered thirteen - eight daughters and five sons, many of whom are mentioned in Peter's will (dated November 12, 1793 and probated December, 1793 in Botetourt County. Jane survived Peter; her will dated October 24, 1807, is recorded in Bourbon County, Kentucky, July 1823, Book G, p. 105; and in this will it is indicated that her daughters, Rachel Proctor, Agness Clark, Jane Estill, Elizabeth Sprowl, and Martha Estill, had moved into Kentucky, and that daughters Sarah Kimberlin, Mary Smith, and Rebecca Kincaid had remained in Virginia. Elsewhere, in appendix hereto, several notations are made of the Wrights and other early settlers of the Alleghany region of Virginia.

We list the children of Peter and Jane Hughart Wright (order of birth not known), all marriages in Virginia --

1. *Sarah Wright*(5), m. 1777 Palsor (Palsor, Paulser) Kimberlin.
2. *Rebecca Wright*(5), m. Robert Kincaid (Kincaid) of an early family of what is now Alleghany County, Virginia - see its history by O. F. Morton.
3. *Mary Wright*(5), m. William Smyth, of Virginia. Mary Smyth is stated in will of Peter Wright (4), 1793, to be a daughter; but other recorders do not name her. Furthermore, Peter Wright in 1791 deeded 176 acres on Jackson's River to "William Smythe", for 50 Virginia pounds (each equivalent to \$3.33) - p. 35, *Annals of Bath County, Virginia*, by O. F. Morton.
4. *Rachel Wright*(5), m. 1772 Captain James Estill, who was killed March 22, 1782 in Kentucky by Indians, and about whom much has been written (see *Estill Family* by Alma L. Wilson, April 1915. *The Register* of the Kentucky State Historical Society - p. 133). Estill County, Kentucky, is named for Captain James. They had five children and numerous descendants. Rachel m. (2nd) Captain Joseph Proctor, a heroic survivor of Estill's defeat; Rachel could well be described as "the girl who married two Kentucky heroes"; the name Rachel Proctor appears in the will of Peter Wright(4), 1793. An excellent account of "Estill's Defeat" appears at pp. 29-33 of *Glimpses Of Historic Madison County, Kentucky* by Jonathan T. and Maud W. Dorris, 1955. Also see p. 48. The entire book is fascinating to read.
5. *Martha Wright*(5), m. William Estill; they migrated to Kentucky where William died, according to Mrs. Ardery, leaving two sons and a daughter; but, according to both Morton and Alma L. Wilson, they had moved on to Franklin County, Tennessee. Inasmuch as three Estill brothers m. three Wright sisters, various writers have thoroughly mixed-up which Estill m. "what" Wright. After careful consideration of many statements, we feel that the names and relationships stated in the will of Peter Wright(4), 1793, convincingly support the tabulation herein. For additional data on the Estills, see Appendix hereto.
6. *Jane, or Jennie Wright*(5), m. Wallace Estill II who in 1794, with Dr. Christopher Clark and their two families, migrated to Madison County, Kentucky. These Estills subsequently moved on to Franklin County, Tennessee, where Wallace died, in his will disposing of a considerable estate to three sons, four daughters, and six grand-daughters. Elsewhere Wallace and Jane are credited with eight children; one may have died.
7. *Agness, or Nancy Wright*(5), m. 1789 aforesaid Christopher Clark. Mrs. Ardery in *Wright-Hamilton Families* gives this name as Nancy - sometime colloquially a pet name for Agnes; but in the will of Peter Wright(4) "Agness Clark" is bequeathed proceeds of residual property; and the will is witnessed by both Christopher Clark and Agness Clark.
8. *Elizabeth Wright*(5), m. 1793 John Sprowl, according to Mrs. Ardery - Alexander Sproul, according to Kegley. The spouse's name is variously spelled by different recorders; in his will Peter Wright(4) bequeaths property to his daughter Elizabeth Sprowle.
9. *James Wright*(5), m. Martha Hamilton whose parents were Andrew and Martha (Kincaid?) Hamilton (q.v.)
10. *Thomas Wright*(5), a captain in the Revolutionary War from Greenbrier, m. Sarah Henderson in Greenbrier County (now West Virginia); they had at least two children there (Jane and James), though the will of Peter Wright(4) indicates four children in 1793. Thomas(5) and brother James migrated in 1794 with their families to Kentucky and settled in Bourbon County, where James lived until death.
11. *William Wright*(5), m. Rachel Sawyers, "settled first on Potts Creek near the mouth (close to his father on Jackson's River), removed sometime between 1794 and 1800 to Tennessee (near Nashville) and thence years afterwards (in 1818) migrated to Missouri, where he died."
12. *John Wright*(5), in Botetourt County m. 1785 Catherine Persinger, "removed to Kentucky and thence migrated westerly".
13. *Peter Wright, Jr.*(5) was executor of his father's will (1793 et seq.) - see Appendix for a paragraph on Peter Jr.

JAMES WRIGHT(5) - Peter(4), Adam, Jr.(3), Adam, Sr.(2), Peter(1), Nicholas(A, B, C), b. about 1751 on his father's plantation which now constitutes a large part of Covington, Alleghany County, Virginia, then Botetourt County; d. June 24, 1825 in Kentucky; i. Wright family graveyard on his estate near Paris, Kentucky; m. February 29, 1776 in Frontier Virginia to MARTHA HAMILTON who was b. 1755 in that part of Augusta County, Virginia, now known as Alleghany County, d. April

22, 1827 in Kentucky, i. Wright family graveyard near Paris, Kentucky. Although there is confusion (and conflicting statements) pertaining to Martha Hamilton's forebears (see Appendix), it appears that her parents were Andrew and Martha (perhaps Kincaid) Hamilton of whom "Some say he was born in Tyrone, Ireland, near Blissits Hill, and others say he was born in Pennsylvania, (L. D. McPherson supports that Andrew was an immigrant). She was born in County Derry, Ireland. They resided in Augusta County, Virginia." Present day maps of Ireland show no "County Derry"; could be Kerry, but more probably Londonderry, adjoining Tyrone to the north. Martha's will, dated March 10, 1827, probated May 1827, is recorded in Bourbon County, Kentucky, Book G, p. 475.

On May 6, 1794, James, Martha, and their nine children ranging in age from seventeen years to a babe-in-arms of five months, perhaps accompanied by brother Thomas and his family, started their month-long trek from Virginia to Kentucky, arriving at Paris in Bourbon County on 7th of June. James Wright had been a captain in the Revolutionary War and an officer in colonial warfare; for military service, he was granted land on Houston Creek, two miles southwesterly of Paris in Bourbon County which he had visited several times before moving his family there. He was there in 1785 when Bourbon was created from Fayette County, then a part of Virginia. In 1786 he built the first log cabin (still preserved) on his land, which had been surveyed in 1776 by Colonel John Floyd, deputy sheriff at Fincastle, Botetourt County, Virginia. To house his large family, Captain James completed in 1792 the brick portion of what is now "Rosedegan", the beautiful home-
stead of Judge and Mrs. William Breckenridge Ardery.

From her research, Mrs. Ardery credits James and Martha Hamilton Wright with eleven children. The asterisk (*) below indicates buried in Wright family graveyard, near Paris, Kentucky; this much-neglected burial lot lies on east side of Bethelham Road, a half-mile southerly of Lexington Pike; others may be buried there, unmarked. All births were in Alleghany County, Virginia, except one.

1. *Sarah Wright* (6), b. 1-29-1777; d. 12-23-1808; m. 8-10-1796 in Bourbon County to William Mitchell; their children - Martha, Thomas, James, and William Hamilton; and Sarah W. and Ruth (twins).

2. *Jane Wright* (6), b. 9-24-1778; m. (1st) 3-22-1801 in Bourbon County to Andrew Hodge; their children - Paulina and Andrew, both died young. She m. (2nd) David Lowry of Ohio; their children - Martha S., David Wright, Robert Mitchell, and Rebecca.

3. *Andrew H. Wright* (6), perhaps "H" signifies Hamilton, b. 7-9-1780; d. 25-11-1857; m. cousin Ruth Hamilton, (parents, Major William and Isabel Clemens Hamilton of Greenbrier County, now in West Virginia) who was b. 5-25-1788, and d. 8-12-1807 without child.

4. *Mary Wright* (6), b. 2-4-1782; d. 12-4-1854; m. Isaac Allen; they had eight or nine sons and two daughters - Eliza who m. Robert Turner, and Sallie Jane who m. George Shirley. One son, Andrew H. Allen, b. 12-11-1813, d. 7-4-1819.

5. *William Wright, Sr.* (6), b. 12-15-1783; d. 6-11-1880; i. Paris Cemetery; m. 12-15-1814 Eliza Ann (Davis) Jackson who was b. 6-29-1791 in Maryland (Perrin, p. 499), d. 8-8-1874; i. Paris Cemetery, and who bore him seven children, viz. - (1) Edwin Wright; b. 11-6-1815, m. Sarah Gay; later they moved to Cole County, Missouri; issue - James Gay Wright, William Melvaine Wright, John Wason Wright, Mary Wright, Annie Wright, and an infant that died. (2) Rebecca Wright, b. 5-1-1817, m. 2-22-1837 John W. Melvaine; issue - Annie Wright Melvaine. (3) Margaret Jane Wright, b. 4-27-1819, d. 8-20-1852, i. Paris Cemetery, m. 2-7-1842 Thomas Wason - no children. (4) Sarah Wright, b. 2-13-1821, probably unmarried. (5) William Wright, Jr., b. 2-25-1822, d. 1895, i. Paris Cemetery, m. 11-4-1857 Georgia Rion who was b. 3-18-1838, d. 2-25-1912, i. Paris Cemetery, and whose parents were Newton B. Rion m. 1-9-1834 Ann D. Griffing; issue - Annie Melvaine Wright, b. 1-23-1870, d. 1-26-1931, i. Paris Cemetery, unmarried. (6) Martha Ann Wright, b. 4-1-1824, d. 7-11-1865, i. Paris Cemetery, unmarried. (7) Mary Wright, b. 8-5-1829, d. 6-10-1849, i. Paris Cemetery, unmarried. William Wright, Sr. was a colonel in the war of 1812 - also a member of the Kentucky Legislature in 1854.

6. *John Wright* (6), b. 3-26-1786; d. 10-25-1849; m. 9-30-1809 Martha Kelly who bore him nine children (q.v.).

7. *Martha Wright* (6), b. 9-25-1787; d. 1-18-1854; m. (1st) 2-17-1807 Robert Barnett who died soon thereafter, m. (2nd) 3-20-1811 James Ward, Sr. of Harrison County who was b. 8-2-1777, d. 11-5-1852; issue - (1) James Harvey Ward b. 2-11-1812, (2) Rebecca W. Ward b. 10-3-1814, d. 2-1-1841 at Cincinnati, Ohio, m. 4-1836 Benjamin B. Williams of Ohio, (3) Martha Jane Ward b. 2-26-1819, d. 8-8-1836, m. 3-23-25-1831 B. B. Marsh, one child b. 7-2-1836, d. 9-9-1836; (4) Sarah Ruth (or Eliza) Ward b. 3-26-1821, d. 1-5-1871, m. 12-1-1840 Robert Clark who was b. 1-5-1819, d. 1884. (5) William Russell Ward b. 3-28-1822, d. 9-17-1881; and (6) Mary Margaret Ward, b. 6-15-1825, m. 11-1-1851, John A. (or William) Price of Illinois. A son of Robert and Sarah Ward Clark was William Harvey Clark, b. 1833, d. 1909 who m. 1873 Little Beulah Weather's, b. 1835, d. 1929; issue - Elsie Clark Clark, John Franklin Clark, d. 1946, Robert Jefferson Clark, d. 1-20-1965, Ella Beulah Clark, and Mary Elizabeth Clark, of Paris - see p. 3 *Kentuckian Citizen*, May 15, 1946.

8. *Isaac Wright* (6), b. 8-10-1791; d. 1863; m. 12-26-1826 in Bourbon County, Kentucky, Maria W. Varnon (1806-1834); no children. We also note, in Bourbon County records, a marriage on 9-10-1819 of an Isaac Wright to Polly Hamilton.

9. *Rebecca Wright*(6), b. 12-6-1793; d. *10-12-1813 as stated in Vol. 33, p. 81, *The Register*, Ky. Hist. Soc., but 1819 on gravestone according to L. V. Hagan, Jr.

10. *James Rennieck Wright*(6), b. 10-16-1796 in Bourbon County, Kentucky; d. 5-9-1856 thereat; m. (1st) Mary Ann Estill Curl (b. 1810, d. 5-16-1852), widow of Jefferson Curl; child - Laura (1837-1847); m. (2nd) Jane Godden. In the Wright family graveyard on Lexington Pike westerly of Paris, there is a grave marker reading, "Jane, wife of James R(B). Wright, b. Jan. 2, 1810 - d. March 25, 1855." We surmise, but cannot be certain, that this stone marks the grave of Jane Godden Wright.

11. *An infant*, b. in Virginia, dying within a few days.

JOHN WRIGHT(6) - James(5), Peter(4), Adam Jr.(3), Adam Sr.(2), Peter(1), Nicholas (A. B. C.), b. 3-26-1786 (according to Mrs. Ardery) 3-26-1787 (according to L. V. Hagan, Jr.) in Botetourt County, Virginia; he migrated with his parents in 1794 to Bourbon County, Kentucky, where he resided unto death on 10-25-1849; i. Wright family graveyard, near Paris, Kentucky. He m. 9-30-1800 in Bourbon County, MARTHA KELLY, whose date of birth we have not found, but she survived her husband; her parents were James (b. about 1746) and Mary (Wilson?) Kelly - sometimes spelled Kelley; Perrin** states "of Scotch descent". James Kelly's will (Bourbon County, Book G, p. 3), dated 8-26-1816, probated January, 1822, names (in addition to daughter Martha Kelly Wright) his daughter Nancy Wright late Nancy Kelly, his son James Kelly, his son William Kelly, his grandson James Kelly Wright (son of Samuel and Nancy Kelly Wright, who later moved to Adams County, Ohio), and his wife Mary whose surname we surmise (but do not assert) was Wilson. Among Bibles at one time owned by Clarence Jones Wright there is one containing several Wilson entries, to-wit -

1. *Isaac Wilson*, d. 1-23-1834 at age 84 (b. 1749-50).

2. *Samuel Wilson*, husband of Rebecca Layton, d. 12-6-1864; he was b. 4-6-1781.

3. *Amanda Wilson*, eldest daughter of Samuel and Rebecca d. 6-5-1846, age 21, apparently b. 1824-5.

4. *Ann Rebecca L. Wilson*, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca Wilson, d. 3-10-1865.

From the foregoing, it would seem that the father of Samuel Wilson was Isaac Wilson, who quite probably was father of Mary (Wilson?) Kelly, and grandfather of Martha Kelly Wright.

Nine children were born, all near Paris, Kentucky, to John and Martha Kelly Wright - four sons and five daughters; the asterisk(*) below indicates burial in Wright family graveyard near Lexington Pike, southwest of Paris, Kentucky.

1. *Amanda Jane Wright*(7), b. about 1810; lived in Shelby County, Kentucky, 1882; m. 11-14-1832 Morris Thomas, and bore him six children - Margaret Thomas(8), Martha Rebecca Thomas(8), John Thomas(8), James Thomas(8), Jennie Thomas(8), and Morris Thomas, Jr.(8).

2. *James Wilson Wright, Sr.*(7), b. 2-12-1812; d. 2-21-1898; i. Paris Cemetery; m. (1st) 2-11-1846 Harriet Thomas who was b. 6-30-1827 in Shelby County, Kentucky, who was daughter of Lindsay and Dorcas Hinton Thomas, who d. 5-15-1866 (i. Paris Cemetery), and who bore him five children, all born near Paris, Kentucky - (1) Laura Wright(8) b. 8-3-1851, d. 12-2-1922, i. Paris Cemetery; m. 11-30-1871 Nathaniel Bayles (Bayless) who was b. 9-9-1834, d. 3-15-1921, i. Paris Cemetery; Nathan Bayles was part-owner of the Windsor Hotel (Paris) which he sold 12-30-1905; (2) Isaac Kelly Wright(8) b. 5-17-1857, resided in Scott County with brother, Wm. L. Wright, d. 9-23-1916, unmarried, i. Paris Cemetery; (3) William Lindsay Wright(8) b. 6-22-1860, d. 7-25-1934 at Shelbyville, Indiana, i. Paris Cemetery, m. Fannie Smith, b. 1862, d. 1926, (Mattie Shropshire Wright Rogers(9) of Shelbyville, Indiana, is a daughter); and (4) Darcus (b. 10-6-1853, d. 10-9-1853) and (5) Martha (b. 9-12-1855, d. 9-13-1855), both i. Paris Cemetery. James W. Wright, Sr. m. (2nd) 12-21-1871 Cynthia Rebecca Jones, who bore him three children - Martha Wilson Wright(8), b. 2-4-1874; James Wilson Wright, Jr.(8) b. 11-19-1875; and Clarence Jones Wright(8), b. 7-14-1880 (q.v.)

3. *Andrew William Wright*(7), b. 2-18-1814; d. 3-10-1906; i. Paris Cemetery; m. 4-25-1849 Naomi Ruth Ward who was b. 11-27-1830 in Harrison County, whose parents were John D. and Maria (parents Clement and Keziah Cannon Hearne of Md.) Ward, and who bore him four children - (1) Marie Belle Wright(8) b. 1850, m. 2-3-1874 S. S. Gaines of Centerville; (2) John Ward Wright(8), residing 1882 in Centerville, b. 5-27-1852, d. 12-12-1935, i. Paris Cemetery, m. 1-7-1875 in Bourbon County to Fannie B. Ardery, 1854-1926; (3) Sallie Keziah Wright(8) m. T. K. Marsh; and (4) William Volney Wright(8). Andrew W.'s granddaughter is Mrs. Duke Smith(9), nee Naomi Wright, residing (1934) near Paris, Kentucky. Annie Ardery Wright, spinster, (b. 3-8-1878, d. 10-15-1925, i. Paris Cemetery) was daughter of John Ward and Fannie Ardery Wright, who also had a son Frank b. 1876, m. Fannie Lair b. 1881 (parents Matthew Lair b. 1852, m. 1880 Mollie Current who was b. 1859), children Mattie, Francis and Ward Wright.

4. *Isaac Kelly Wright*(7) b. 1817; d. 1900; i. Paris Cemetery; unmarried; resided in Missouri, 1882.

5. *Mary Ann Wright*(7), b. 11-28-1819; d. *6-8-1834; unmarried.

6. *Martha Hamilton Wright*(7), b. 1-24-1822; d. *11-7-1839; unmarried.

7. *John Alexander Wright*(7), b. 12-15-1824; d. *3-16-1855; unmarried.

8. *Nancy Rebecca Wright*(7), b. 1-15-1826; d. *3-5-1843; unmarried.

9. *Sarah Ruth Wright*(7), m. 2-20-1850 in Bourbon County to James Robinett, moved to Alabama, and bore him three children John(8), Alice(8), and Annie Lee(8) Robinett.

*William Henry Perrin, "History of Bourbon, Scott, Harrison, and Nicholas Counties, Ky." - 1882.

Seventh Generation of Wrights - Fourth of McCanns

JAMES WILSON WRIGHT, Sr.(7) - John(6), James(5), Peter(4), Adam Jr.(3), Adam Sr.(2), Peter(1), Nicholas(A, B, C), b. 2-12-1812 near Paris, Kentucky; d. 2-21-1898 thereat; i. Paris Cemetery; m. (1st) 2-11-1846 Harriet Thomas (q.v.) and m. (2nd) 12-21-1871 in Paris, Kentucky, CYNTHIA REBECCA JONES(4) who was b. 11-29-1842 in Paris, d. 3-27-1915 in Paris, i. Paris Cemetery, and whose McCann lineage (q.v.) is Mary Schwartzwelder(3) m. John I. Jones (1820-1884), Cynthia Rebecca McCann(2) m. Samuel Schwartzwelder, John(1), and John(A). Concurrently we are developing the forebears and other descendants of John I. Jones, much information for which we now have at hand.

Children of James Wilson and Cynthia Jones Wright

Martha Wilson Wright(5), b. 2-4-1874 near Paris, Kentucky.

James Wilson Wright, Jr.(5), b. 11-19-1875 near Paris, Kentucky.

Clarence Jones Wright(5), b. 7-14-1880 near Paris, Kentucky.

Fifth Generation of McCanns - Eighth of Wrights

MARTHA WILSON (WILSIE) WRIGHT(5) - Cynthia Rebecca Jones(4), Mary Schwartzwelder(3), Cynthia Rebecca McCann(2), John(1), John(A); b. 2-4-1874 near Paris, Kentucky; d. 8-5-1903 at Lexington, Kentucky; i. Paris Cemetery; m. 10-20-1896 in Paris, Kentucky, Malcolm Temple Boswell who was b. about 1867 in Leesburg, Harrison County, Kentucky, d. 11-8-1905 at Paris, Kentucky, i. Paris Cemetery. He was a member of L.O.O.F., and was selected in 1904 to serve as member of Bourbon County Democratic Committee from Millersburg Precinct.

Children of Malcolm Temple and Martha Wright Boswell

Clara Mae Boswell(6), b. 6-24-1898 in Leesburg, Harrison County, Ky.

Virginia Wilsie Boswell(6), b. 2-22-1902 in Bourbon County, Kentucky.

JAMES WILSON WRIGHT, Jr.(5) - Cynthia Rebecca Jones(4), Mary Schwartzwelder(3), Cynthia Rebecca McCann(2), John(1), and John(A); b. 11-19-1875 near Paris, Kentucky; d. 1-3-1947; m. 11-29-1915 Myrtle Morris who was b. 1898 in Fleming County, Kentucky.

Child of James W. and Myrtle Morris Wright, Jr.

Ruby Frances Wright(6), b. 8-18-1916 in Paris, Kentucky.

CLARENCE JONES WRIGHT(5) - Cynthia Rebecca Jones(4), Mary Schwartzwelder(3), Cynthia Rebecca McCann(2), John(1), and John(A); b. 7-14-1880 near Paris, Kentucky; d. 10-24-1947 at Paris, Kentucky; i. Paris Cemetery. He was unmarried.

Sixth Generation of McCanns - Ninth of Wrights

CLARA MAE BOSWELL(6) - Martha W. Wright(5), Cynthia R. Jones(4), Mary Schwartzwelder(3), Cynthia Rebecca McCann(2), John(1), John(A); b. 6-24-1898 in Leesburg, Harrison County, Kentucky; m. February 27, 1919 in Georgetown, Kentucky to Jack Holland Dycus of Murray, Kentucky. He was b. September 27, 1896 in Benton, Marshall County, Kentucky; and his parents were John Wesley and Elizabeth (Bettie) Holland Dycus.

Child of Jack H. and Clara Boswell Dycus

Betty Boswell Dycus(7), b. November 3, 1919 in Georgetown, Kentucky; d. September 18, 1921; i. Paris Cemetery.

VIRGINIA WILSIE BOSWELL(6) - Martha W. Wright(5), Cynthia R. Jones(4), Mary Schwartzwelder(3), Cynthia Rebecca McCann(2), John(1), John(A); b. 2-22-1902 in Bourbon County, Kentucky; m. (1st) 11-26-1921 in Lexington, Kentucky to John Luke who was b. 1892 in Scott County, Kentucky (parents - J. L. and L. M. Luke); and (2nd) 9-20-1925 in Paris, Kentucky, Vernon Otto Taylor, who was b. August 22, 1902 in Frenchburg, Kentucky, and whose parents were Bruce Carlisle and Anna Greenwade Taylor.

Children of John and Virginia Boswell Luke

None

Children of Vernon O. and Virginia Boswell Taylor

Anna Boswell Taylor(7), b. December 8, 1926 in Winchester, Kentucky.

Seventh Generation of McCanns - Tenth of Wrights

ANNA BOSWELL TAYLOR(7) - Virginia W. Boswell(6), Martha W. Wright(5), Cynthia R. Jones(4), Mary Schwartzwelder(3), Cynthia R. McCann(2), John(1), John(A); b. 12-8-1926 in Winchester, Kentucky; m. 6-17-1950 in Paris, Kentucky, Ralph Gordon May, Jr. who was b. July 22, 1924 in Winchester and who is a son of Ralph Gordon and Jennie B. Caudill May. Ralph G. May, Sr. is deceased; she married (2nd) Cecil Howes Rule.

Child of Ralph G. and Anna Taylor May

Patricia Anne May(8), b. December 11, 1953 in Lexington, Kentucky.

Appendix

The Wright and Other Early Settlers

Augusta County, Virginia

In 1732, sixteen families crossed the Potomac and settled near the present city of Winchester, Virginia. So came John Lewis, to lay the foundation of that vast frontier - a region lying between the Blue Ridge and Allegheny Mountains, now well-known as the Valley of Virginia. Augmented numbers of hardy settlers, largely North-Ireland emigrants of English, Huguenot, and Scotch ancestry, the latter predominating, advancing a mile a month southwesterly up the valley (downward on the map), patented lands and built their first small log-cabin homesteads in the more rugged terrain of what in 1738 was defined as Augusta County, Virginia, where constant Indian hostility and later our War of Independence (1775-1781) slowed the advance. Augusta County "was a priceless domain, and offered high reward to those who braved the terrors of remorseless conflict with the Indians, which its occupancy entailed. But the men who followed Lewis were strong of heart, and no less their wives" - and children. A few intrepid explorers, Thomas Walker in 1750, James Harrod in 1774, Daniel Boone in 1775, and others, braved every hardship to continue the advance in Virginia territory, which then extended to the Ohio River. With the close of hostilities, sons and daughters of the Virginia-frontier settlers, ever increasing in numbers, trekked over the mountains and spread upon the Blue Grass Country of Kentucky, which, in 1790, reached a population of 74,000 - a tenth that of parent Virginia - then the largest of the thirteen original states. A decade later, Kentucky's population tripled to 221,000, one-quarter that of top-place Virginia; Kentucky rated tenth in the 21 states and territories covered by the census of 1800.

Boone's "Wilderness Road", in 1775 little better than the hard-packed trail "formed in decades past by migratory herds of buffalo and wandering bands of Indians" or "by mastodons and mammoths over the ages" according to another writer, was the most frequented route of travel by the pioneers advancing from Virginia into Kentucky; and, in rainy weather, the going was really tough. It is of more than passing interest, particularly to a motorist of today, who in a dozen hours whisks over Hwy. 11 in Virginia and Hwys. 25 and 150 in Kentucky, with seldom a thought given to proximity of the famous old trail, over which our robust pioneers consumed a month or more to trek from Augusta to Bourbon. Some of the better-known stops on Wilderness Road, on authority of John Filson (1786) of Kentucky, were --

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| 1. Staunton, Virginia | 8. Washington Courthouse |
| 2. North Branch of James | 9. Black Horse |
| 3. Botetourt Courthouse | 10. Powell Mountain, Virginia |
| 4. Alleghany Mountain | 11. Cumberland Mountain, Kentucky |
| 5. New River | 12. Logan's Station |
| 6. Fort Chiswell | 13. Harrod's Station |
| 7. Head of Holston | 14. Bardstown |
| | 15. Falls of Ohio -- Louisville, Kentucky |

Most alluring of recorded history, tales, and legends of the fabulous trail is Robert Lee Kincaid's *The Wilderness Road*, Lincoln Memorial Press, Harrowgate, Tennessee, from the cover-flaps of which we quote a few inadequate sentences - "Opechancanough, King of the Pamunkey, closed his eyes in death, a helpless captive after the slaughter of his marauding war party. This defeat of the chief and his Eastern Indians in 1644 began a new period in the development of Virginia colony. It removed the barrier to westward expansion for the English settlement held at great peril and hardship for twenty-seven years. No single trail was more significant in the westward spread of English colonization than the Wilderness Road of Virginia, Tennessee, and Kentucky. It was the first route opened across the Appalachian barrier. From 1775 to 1800 it was the principal overland entry into the limitless reaches of the West. It was the life line which saved the Northwest for the young republic. During the Civil War it was of strategic importance in the movement of armies. During the nineties, the wilderness which it penetrated witnessed an unusual exploitation characteristic of America's industrial development. It is the people who accomplished this historic penetration to whom we look. There is the fabulous Abraham Wood, an unknown boy who made himself lord of the seventeenth-century frontier. The Long Hunters left a lore of their own from their exploits in the wilderness. It was on the Wilderness Road that Daniel Boone contributed his gallant exploits to history as trail blazer, guide, Indian fighter, and colonizer." Also interesting as a history of the development of Wilderness Road and other Kentucky roads, is an article in *The Filson Club History Quarterly* (Vol. 28, No. 3, July, 1954) by Turner W. Allen, titled "The Turnpike System of Kentucky".

Manifold claims have been asserted by various writers seeking to establish the first settler in the Valley of Virginia. According to William Couper in *History of the Shenandoah Valley*, Vol. 1, Jacob Stover (Stauber), a native of Switzerland who visited the valley in 1729, and who lived and died in the valley without accumulating a fortune, was the first settler of record; on June 17, 1730 he was granted two tracts of 5,000 acres each - one known as Massanutten on both sides of the South Fork of the Shenandoah, and the other on the south side of the North Fork. The forks join near present city of Front Royal. In his foreword to his *Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement of Virginia*, Judge Lynnan Chalkley says, "In the year 1745, all that portion of the Colony of Virginia which lay west of the Blue Ridge Mountains was erected into a county, which was named Augusta. . . . To present the bare facts has been the purpose of this compiler. Each reader will weave his own story, with his own coloring and atmosphere."

Peter Wright, who died in 1793, was one of the earliest settlers of what is now Alleghany County, Virginia; he and Joseph Carpenter came from New York in the spring of 1746. In *History of Alleghany County, Virginia*, O. F. Morton says: "Alexander Dunlap located near site of Goshen (Bath County) about 1742. We are told that he was the earliest settler on the Great Calpasture, and that no one yet had located any farther west. A few had cabins on the Cowpasture (which parallels the Calpasture, a half-dozen miles westerly) in 1745. These settlers came in 1744, possibly in 1743." Pertaining to Peter Wright and his family, we continue to quote O. F. Morton (parentheses are by the writer): "Peter Wright's survey of 286 acres covered the bottom on which the principal part of Covington (Virginia) is built. (He added to his holding, p. 17.) In 1792 he divided land between his sons, John and William. Not many years afterward the Wrights went West. We are told that one of them sold his land to George Sibley for \$500 in cash, a wagon and two horses, and a barrel of whiskey, using the wagon and team to move to the vicinity of Indianapolis. The Peter Wright of 1782 was seemingly the most wealthy man in the valley" (p. 13). Later, at p. 139, "Peter Wright, the pioneer, kept a tavern in 1780. James Wright, who purchased from James Gilliland in 1829 a farm on Potts Creek, was not related to the Wrights of Covington." "Peter Wright . . . had a grist mill. Fort Young was built on his homestead." (p. 20). *Annals of Bath County*, by O. F. Morton. Elsewhere, on p. 92, our authority quotes Howe's *Virginia Collections* (1833) to wit, "near the home of Mr. John Lewis, there is on the roadside a large shelving rock called Peter's Rock where, says tradition, he (Peter Wright) sought shelter in a snowstorm. Here he lay for several days, until the snow was four feet deep," and Morton continues: "According to the late John A. Carlson, the rock is by the side of the road, a mile below Alleghany Station. Wright nearly starved and had begun to chew his moccasins to extract some sustenance from them. But fortunately a deer came struggling through the snow, was promptly shot, and the hunter then went to chewing raw venison." On p. 155, Morton notes that "Peter Wright was a sergeant in Dickenson's Rangers in 1759." (French and Indian Wars; other members of these rangers included Joseph, Solomon, Thomas, and Zopher Carpenter, Thomas Carpenter, Jr., William Hamilton, and Jacob, Abraham, and Phillip Persinger.) "Peter Wright's claim as a soldier in Capt. Christian's Company of Regulars in the year 1760, commanded by Colo. Byrd, is ordered to be certified" (Feb. 10, 1780; *Annals of Southwest Virginia*, Lewis Preston Summers, 1929). "During the War for American Independence, the population of the Alleghany area was very small, probably decidedly less than 1000. It is almost certain that nearly all able-bodied men performed more or less militia service, especially against the Indians." (p. 155). "Thomas and Peter Wright were sons of Adam Wright of New England. The first died in 1755 without issue. Peter, who married Jane Hughart, had these children: Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, Martha, Jane, Nancy, Elizabeth, Thomas, James, William, John, Peter, and a daughter whose name is not known." (p. 213 - the daughter's name was Mary m. Smyth, according to Peter's will). "The town (Covington) of 1819 was laid off in lots supposed to be 75 by 150 feet, but as the surveying was by compass and chain it was not very accurately done. The name is said to have been in honor of Peter Covington. He was the oldest citizen, and a descendant of Peter Wright." (p. 74). As a hunter, Peter Wright ranged far and wide. In *History of Middle New River* (1905) David E. Johnston of Bluefield, West Virginia, relates "Peter's Mountain was named for Peter Wright, an old backwoodsman who about 1776 explored and hunted along the valleys at its base, in which latter valley the city of Bluefield, West Virginia, is located, and this valley is still called Wright's Valley, for the same Peter Wright." (p. 59). "Prior to the year 1776 one Peter Wright, an old hunter, had travelled this valley known since his day as Wright's Valley, which no doubt led him into the present territory of Tazewell County." (p. 141).

Various histories and annals of the pioneers of Alleghany and Augusta counties of Virginia, mention three Hugharts, by name Thomas, William, and James (relationship not indicated). Thomas was paid for 50 days service as sergeant (1777) in the Indian warfare; and in 1780 he owned land on southeast side of Jackson River, near the holdings of Peter Wright (4). He was a colonel in the Revolution, and a justice and sheriff of Augusta; he and George Wilson were trustees for Peter Wright, Jr. (5), executor of the will of Peter (4). William in 1772, purchased a 100-acre holding on Jackson's River from Joseph Carpenter's heirs for ninety pounds. There were two James - father and son; at p. 206 in Morton's *History of Alleghany County, Virginia*, the relationships are established.

ed, to wit - "James Hughart of the Cowpasture married Agnes Jordon; their children were James, Thomas, William, JANE, and Nancy (Wills, Augusta Co., Va., bk. 4, pp. 30-33). James (Jr.) was one of the original settlers in Williamsburg district in Greenbrier, and descendants are still in that county and Pocahontas. William's descendants are in Kentucky and the West. Thomas (b. about 1729, d. 1810) married Rebecca Estill (b. March 15, 1739 in New Jersey; lineage, Wallace(3), John(2), Thomas(1); and Agnes (Hughart), their only daughter, married Rev. John Montgomery, graduate of Washington College (now Washington and Lee)" - see "Estill Family" by Alma L. Wilson, April, 1945, *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*. The Hugharts, like several other Augusta pioneers, may have stemmed from the Oyster Bay colony on Long Island, New York, where the name appears as Urghart, or Urguehart in a 1702 marriage in Oyster Bay of Gideon Wright(3) to Margaret Urquehart Shay, daughter of John.

The name Thomas Wright appears not infrequently in the early records of Augusta County; but care should be observed to distinguish between the pioneer brother of Peter of Jackson River and the latter's son, Thomas(5), a captain in the Revolution, who prior to his father's death in 1793 had moved westward into Greenbrier County, where he married Sarah Henderson and had children, according to Peter Wright's will, and subsequently, in 1794, this Thomas(5) and his family continued westwardly, accompanied by his brother Captain James Wright, into Bourbon County, Kentucky (q.v.). Pertaining to pioneer Thomas Wright, we find a few notations prior to his demise in 1755; apparently Thomas had settled some way up on the Cowpasture - a stream which joins the James River just easterly of what is now Clifton Forge, Virginia, some dozen or more miles from Peter Wright's holdings on site of present-day Covington, Virginia. F. B. Kegley in his *Virginia Frontier*, at p. 167, states that Thomas Wright, about 1749, was one of eighteen who were to maintain a road on the Cowpasture. At p. 131, Kegley recites that "Further west on the Cowpasture and Bullpasture were settlements well established in 1751 and 1752", and Thomas Wright is listed among those who petitioned for a road from Wallace Austin's Mill to the road at head of Calfpasture. In Chalkley's *Records of Augusta, 1745-1800*, at p. 44, it is stated that on May 28, 1751, Thomas Wright among others was granted an order to repair road. Evidently Thomas' district needed roads.

Peter Wright, Jr. (q.v.), who was executor of his father's will (1793 et seq.), was appointed by the Governor of Virginia, in 1821, to be sheriff of Botetourt County. According to Botetourt records, Peter, Jr. married thrice - (1st) May 16, 1797 to Nancy Cook, (2nd) December 27, 1812 to Sarah Persinger (daughter of Jacob, Jr.), and (3rd), about 1845, to Nancy, widow of John W. Middlecoff; this last marriage may be questioned as it is deduced from a Botetourt Court record (28-16 of 1846), Peter Wright to J. W. Middlecoff, a power-of-attorney (acknowledged in St. Clair County, Illinois) reciting the death of John Middlecoff, Sr., bequeathing \$500 to his son, John, and leaving residual to his wife, Nancy, who later married Peter Wright, and further reciting that they had formerly lived in Mason County, Virginia (now West Virginia). In Kegley's *Virginia Frontier* at p. 455, it is noted that a Peter Wright, in 1783, was in Captain Boller's company of militia; but whether this is Peter, Jr. or his father, Peter of Jackson River, we are uncertain. The father of Sarah Persinger, second wife of Peter Wright, Jr. was an Indianized youth, 6'-4" tall, known as Jacob Persinger, Jr. (but not of Persinger blood), who served as a scout in the Dunmore War, and campaigned eighteen months in the Revolution, living a successful life to age ninety, as recorded on three fascinating pages (135-137) of *History of Alleghany County, Virginia* by O. F. Morton, who also relates (p. 213) that in later life, Peter Wright, Jr. "was one of three justices who organized Boone County, Missouri in 1830. He was curator of the University of Missouri and in 1822-26 was a member of the State Legislature."

The Persinger family of the early Virginia frontier were neighbors of the Wrights and of the Kincaids from Londonderry, Ulster (North Ireland); and a few marriages between these families occurred during the years when the Wrights were habitants of Alleghany County. "Jacob Persinger was one of the earliest pioneers on Potts Creek (which enters the Jackson River from the south at Covington, Virginia), and he had numerous posterity. His son Jacob (this may be the Indianized youth, q.v.) died in 1841, leaving eleven children. To his brother, Henry, who preceded him seventeen years, there were born ten." (p. 199, *Annals of Bath County, Virginia*, Owen F. Morton, 1917). Other Persinger items are noted in Kegley's *Virginia Frontier*: Jacob Persinger, Dickenson's Rangers, 1757, with Peter Wright (p. 272); Abraham and Phillip Persinger mentioned as two sons of Jacob (p. 277); John Persinger m. Elizabeth Kimberling, 1778 (p. 480); John Persinger purchased, 1801, the John Johnson land, on the river west of George Hanna, Roanoke (p. 530); Jacob (Jr.) Persinger m. Mary Kimberlain, 1778 (p. 480); Jacob Bennett m. Mary Persinger of John, 1800 (p. 541). The Catherine Persinger, who in 1785 married John Wright (a son of of Peter of Jackson River) in Botetourt County, Virginia, was a daughter of Christopher Persinger, who settled at Blue Licks in Alleghany County, Virginia; her grandfather was Jacob Persinger (d. 1774), who went from Rockingham County, Virginia, in 1751, to Greenbrier. (pp. 135 and 144, O. F. Morton's *History of Alleghany County, Virginia*). Kegley, in *Virginia Frontier* (1938) at p. 371 recites, "Three Persingers, Christian, Phillip, and Jacob went to Greenbrier from Shenandoah Valley about 1751, and a few years later were driven out by the Indians. They seem to have been brothers. Jacob was executor of Phillip in 1760,

and Christian was not living in 1768. The two probably lost their lives in the Indian War. Joseph seems to have returned about 1771 when he sold to Thomas Kincaid the land in Greenbrier that Christian had settled on. He made his home on Jackson's River below Island Ford Bridge and had died by 1774. Abraham and Philip were sons, probably Christopher and Henry also. Some of the children of Christopher were Moses, George, Jacob (wife Margaret), John, Elizabeth, Mary, Catherine, and Rebecca. John married Elizabeth Kimberlin, 1778. Elizabeth married George Kernes, 1791. Mary married George Fought. Catherine married, 1785, John Wright, son of Peter (4th). Rebecca married John Dudding. Of two other sisters, one married a King, another a McCalvin.

As for Hamiltons, of whom on the Virginia frontier there were many whose relatives might have been much confused by various writers, "we are in some doubt as to who was the first on Jackson's River and Back Creek, and there may have been more than a single pioneer in that quarter. Tradition relates that the first Hamilton family on Back Creek used for a while an Indian camping hut. It is said that trees, from which bark had been stripped to cover such shelters, continued to stand until a recent day" - p. 194, *Annals of Bath County, Virginia*, by Owen F. Morton (1917). The same author in *History of Alleghany County, Virginia* (1908) at p. 261 says "William, Alexander and Andrew Hamilton were very early settlers on the Cowpasture. It is not certainly known whether they were related. ----- There are reasons for believing that Andrew (d. 1799 in Augusta County - in Martha ----- (who was b. in Londonderry County, Ulster, Ireland, lived in Tyrone County, Ulster, and later in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania). Their son Andrew Jr. (m. Elizabeth C. Isabel Kincaid) was an ensign in the Revolution, joined the Pisgah settlement in Kentucky, and was ancestor of the wife of the late John S. Wise. John, another son, was killed by Indians. William, a third son (m. Isabel Clemens), was a major and one of the first settlers of Greenbrier; he was ancestor of John M. Hamilton, Congressman from West Virginia. Sarah, a daughter of Andrew, was born in 1746 and married (Major) William Renick of Greenbrier. Jane, another daughter, married John A., a son of Samuel Hodge of the Cowpasture. Mary, a third daughter, married James, another son of Samuel Hodge. MARTHA, a fourth daughter was born in 1755, and married CAPTAIN JAMES WRIGHT of Bourbon County, Kentucky. Margaret, the youngest daughter, married George Benson of Highland. --- In Augusta there were two families of Hamiltons, and in Rockbridge, the same number." These, however, are but a fraction of the 397 Hamiltons recorded in the 1790 Census as heads of families in the original thirteen states."

In this blank space, Morton gives Martha's surname as Kincaid, which may be correct - but subject to question for lack of supporting evidence, of which we have run across nothing convincing. One of Andrew's sons, Andrew H. m. 5-9-1799 in Bourbon County, Kentucky (bk. 2 - p. 2) Elizabeth (or Isabel) Kincaid, a daughter of Captain William Kincaid (b. 1-16-1736 in Augusta County, Va. m. Eleanor Guy (Gay), d. 5-3-1821), who had sold his farm in Augusta (about 1788) and removed with Andrew Hamilton (probably Andrew H.) who m. his daughter, to Woodford County, Kentucky. Also mentioned in will of Andrew Hamilton I is a grandson, Andrew, but the latter could not be the son of Andrew H. as dates do not mesh. Andrew I's will also mentions Martha, his wife, who apparently survived him.

The aforesaid Hamiltons, and many others of that name in the Virginia frontier counties of Augusta, Bath, Alleghany, Botetourt, Greenbrier, and Rockbridge, no doubt stem from Sir James Hamilton (d. 1575), second Earl of Arran, who served as Regent of Scotland for little Mary (later Queen of Scots) until her marriage into French royalty at age 15. Sir James had five sons, three of whom settled in Ulster (North Ireland); one of these three had a son (or a grandson) of name Aubrey Harrison Hamilton who m. Eleanor Adams. Three of their children, according to E. D. McPherson son (a Hamilton genealogist, now residing in Tampa, Florida), of names Archibald, Andrew, and Martha, emigrated to America and settled in Augusta County, Virginia. This Archibald Hamilton, late in life, recorded his connection to Sir James Hamilton; Andrew Hamilton died in 1787 in Augusta, and his family of eight is mentioned above; Martha Hamilton, b. in Ireland, married, 1748, James Henderson, b. 1708; they lived in Augusta County and had children - David, John, James, William, Sarah, Joseph, Jean, Samuel, Archibald, and Margaret. Mr. McPherson further states that Andrew H. Hamilton's oldest son, Archibald Hamilton, m. in Tyrone or Donegal County, North Ireland, Frances Calhoun - a sister of Patrick Calhoun who died in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, married Catherine Montgomery (d. 1681 in Donegal), parents of the illustrious pioneer Calhouns of North Carolina.

In weighing carefully all above-cited literature and other facts regarding the Hamiltons, we incline to the view that Perrin, in his *History of Bourbon, Scott, Hamilton, and Nicholas Counties, Kentucky*, 1882, has erred somewhat where he states on p. 499, in writing of the Martha Hamilton who married Captain James Wright - "Martha Hamilton was born in Virginia, Sept. 25, 1757. She was a daughter of Andrew Hamilton and Isabella Kincaid, both moved from Virginia and settled in Woodford County, Ky., in 1791. Andrew was a native of Ireland, and immigrated to Virginia about 1740." The facts are: (1) Martha Hamilton was b. in 1755, not 1757, which happens to be the birthdate of Martha Wright, her daughter; (2) Martha Hamilton's mother was Martha (perhaps Kincaid), not Isabella Kincaid (Elizabeth Kincaid) who m. 5-9-1799 in Bourbon

County Andrew Hamilton II, a brother of Martha, (3) Martha Hamilton's father was Andrew Hamilton I, as stated, b. in Ireland, d. 1791 in Augusta County, Virginia. The will of Andrew Hamilton II (dated June 14, 1820, probated August 1820 in Woodford County, Kentucky) mentions his wife Isabella (Elizabeth) who survived him, son John deceased with five children (unnamed), sons Andrew, Guy, and Alexander, and daughters Sally, wife of German Bohannon, Nancy, wife of Thomas Stevenson, and Mary apparently then unmarried.

We also surmise that many a Hamilton of the Blue Grass Country stems from Andrew II; and we at times wonder if the John Hamilton (a son of Andrew I) whom various historians repeatedly record as "killed by Indians" could possibly be a forebear of the John H. Hamilton (1771-1861) who is buried alongside his wife, Sarah (1763-) in Jacksonville Cemetery, Kentucky. Collaterally there is recorded in Bourbon County, a marriage (August 4, 1810) of John H. Hamilton to Sallie Hamilton, daughter of John Hamilton, who gives his consent; and on the marriage bond the signatories are Jno. H. Hamilton and Benja. Hamilton, the relationship of Benja. not being stated. In *Scott's Papers* (1953, Ky. Hist. Soc.) at p. 129 it is stated - "Perry, David, dec'd. - (Dist. Ct. Deeds "B", p. 405, 6-22-1799, Fayette Co.) - Hrs: Joseph, Samuel, Betsy, and Sally Perry, his hrs. John Hamilton and wife Sally, late Sally Perry and Betsy Perry of Woodford Co., deed to Edw. Payne of Fayette land in Fayette (Co. Ct. D. p. 149, 10-10-1809)". The foregoing data are indeed confusing here in distant Virginia from where the problem is insolvable; but, to some interested Hamilton who feeds on blue grass, a fascinating and challenging proposition is presented in the development of this lineage. To encourage further research, we tabulate certain miscellaneous Hamilton data in our files -

1. Bourbon County. 1-1-1808. John Hamilton m. Mary (Polly) Ellender, daughter of Sarah.
2. Bourbon County. 6-13-1809. James Hamilton m. Betsy Beckett, Wm. B. Godman consenting.
3. Bourbon County. 5-29-1815. John H. Hamilton m. Theodosia Reese.
4. Bourbon County. 10-7-1815. John Hamilton m. Katherine Rule, daughter of Sarah.
5. Bourbon County. 1-6-1817. Alexander Hamilton m. Hannah Mattocks, sister of Benjamin.
6. Bourbon County. 4-14-1819. Robt. Hamilton m. Willie Henry, sister of William.
7. Fayette County. 6-13-1822. James M. Hamilton m. Jane P. Cropper; Thomas Cropper, bondsman.
8. Bourbon County. 12-30-1822. King Hamilton m. Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Abram.
9. Bourbon County. 4-4-1826. David Hamilton m. Lutesia Rader, daughter of Elizabeth.
10. Bourbon County. 8-30-1833. Henry M. Hamilton m. Sally H. Brown, sister of James L. Brown.
11. Fayette County. November 1828. Theodosia Hamilton - a letter of dismissal from Davis Fork Baptist Church.
12. Bourbon County. 1789-1790. John Hamilton and Thomas Hamilton signed petition to change name of Hopewell to Paris.
13. Augusta Co. Va. 1786. Mrs. Rebecca Hamilton, daughter of Ralph Lavery, was conveyed 300 acres on Cowpasture at Stuart Creek.
14. Bourbon County. 1776. (Box 757). David Perry was in a company led by Robt. Patterson.
15. Woodford County (Book F, 1818-1822). Estates recorded - Jno. Hamilton - Andrew Hamilton.
16. Woodford County (Book G, 1822-1826). Estates recorded - Jno. Hamilton - A. B. Hamilton.

Miscellaneous Wright Genealogical Data

(Collateral data, most of which may be unconnected with the lineage of James W. Wright, Sr.)

Tombstone records from old Millersburg Cemetery (Scott's Papers-p. 16)

Morgan Wright, Jr., b. Dec. 29, 1824; d. April 25, 1825

Sarah J. Wright, b. May 29, 1837; d. Aug. 19, 1846.

Martha Wright, wife of Thos. Wright, b. Oct. 30, 1799; d. July 3, 1853.

Thomas Wright, b. April 15, 1801; d. April 15, 1853.

Tombstones in Paris Cemetery, Paris, Kentucky.

Wm. V. Wright, b. Apr. 29, 1861; d. Nov. 25, 1896

Minnie Early Wright, b. Feb. 9, 1861; d. Aug. 26, 1950; parents William Vannatta & Olivia Duvall of Shelby Co., Indiana.

Thomas Jefferson Wright, b. July 4, 1878 in Powell Co.; d. Mar. 16, 1938; m. Kittie Jane Gravett, b. June 18, 1878; his parents - Benj. Franklin & Sarah Barnett Wright, of Estill Co.

Edith May Wright, b. Dec. 16, 1896; d. Aug. 23, 1921; spinster - parents Albert & Minnie Earlurine Wright.

J. Ward Wright, b. 1880; d. 1911.

Willard Wilson, b. 1881; d. 1903.

Sally Wright Allen, b. 1857; d. 1914.

Marriages, in Green County, Kentucky, unless otherwise stated --

James Wright - Elizabeth Black, April 5, 1781, in Botetourt Co., Va.

John Wright - Lyddy Harding (f. John), June 27, 1800.

John Wright - Margaret Strader, Oct. 4, 1809 (Louis Strader).
 Richard Wright - Anny Jackson, June 7, 1810, (Wm. Jackson).
 Sampson Wright - Lucinda Chandler (f. John C.), Jan. 16, 1808.
 William Wright - Elizabeth Brunt, Dec. 2, 1800.
 Frances Wright (f. Joseph) - Chesley Wheeler, Jan. 12, 1800.
 Rachel Wright - Gideon Hurt Price, 1810 (Wm. H. Price).
 Sally Wright (f. Thomas) - Frederick Hawk, June 20, 1809.
 Susannah Wright - Pleasant Bowles, Dec. 24, 1805.
 Mary Wright (f. Joseph) - Wm. Pirce, July 6, 1799.
 Mary Wright - John Stewart, Dec. 1, 1795, by A. Eastin, in Bourbon Co., Ky.
 John Wright - Sarah Ann Gibbons, Feb. 20, 1817 in Bourbon Co., Ky.
 John Wright - Hannah Curle, Nov. 18, 1819 in Bourbon County, Ky.
 Isaac Wright - Polly Hamilton, Sept. 16, 1819 in Bourbon County, Ky.
 Andrew Wright - Polly Summers, Dec. 2, 1819 in Bourbon County, Ky.
 Rebecca Wright - William Wheat, Apr. 20, 1820 in Bourbon County, Ky.
 William M. Wright - Hattie M. Pollack, Sept. 8, 1887 in Bourbon Co., Ky.
 John Wright - Jane Andess, 1829, in Alleghany County, Va.
 James T. Wright - Mary Duncan, Sept. 17, 1845 in Botetourt County, Va.
 James Wright - Verlinda Caldwell, July 4, 1849 in Botetourt County, Va.
Following marriages recorded in old Madison County, Kentucky --
 Thomas L. Wright - Polly Million, Feb. 10, 1818 (m. by Wm. Marsh) - 124 p.
 Wm. Wright - Nancy Burris, January 20, 1814 (m. by James Pether) - 116
 Thomas Wright - Hetury Wells, July 31, 1817 - 119 p.
 Thomas Wright - Margaret Haines, January, 1824 (m. by Jas. Ellison)
 Wm. Wright - Sarah Kerby, August 7, 1823 (m. by John Pace)
 Wm. Wright - Sally Wright, December 25, 1828 (m. by Tarlton Taylor) - 173 p. (or 168 p.)
 See also "Wright Marriages in New York", in *Genealogy Magazine*, Vol. VII, No. 4, April 1917. Wm. M. Clemens, Publisher, NYC.

Children of Captain Wallace Estill, Sr.

(three of his sons m. three daughters of Peter Wright, whose "286 acres covered the bottom on which principal part of Covington, Virginia, was built.")

- I By first wife, name unknown, who lived only 3 months after marriage, she had no children.
- II By second wife, Marca (Marcy) Boude Estill -
 - 1. Boude Estill, b. May 15, 1733, m. Jane _____.
 - 2. Benjamin Estill, b. Sept. 20, 1735, m. Kittie Moffett before 1764.
 - 3. Rebecca Estill, b. Mar. 15, 1739, d. 1824, m. Col. Thomas Hughart, b. 1729, d. 1810.
 - 4. John Estill, b. June 5, 1741, d. about 1781, m. Rebecca (Christie) Christian.
 - 5. Susanna Estill, b. Mar. 5, 1744, d. before 1792, m. John McCreary, Jr., 12-7-1762.
 - 6. Marca Estill, b. Jan. 4, 1746, m. James Gwinn.
- III By third wife, Mary Ann Campbell Estill (f. John), m. 1748 at age 17, d. 1800.
 - 7. Sarah Estill, b. Nov. 4, 1749, m. Colonel James Henderson.
 - 8. Capt. James Estill, b. Nov. 9, 1750, d. Mar. 22, 1782, m. Rachel Wright, 1772.
 - 9. William Estill, b. Nov. 14, 1752, d. in infancy.
 - 10. Samuel Estill, b. Sept. 10, 1755, d. 1837, m. Jane Teas (Tess), 1772.
 - 11. Wallace Estill, Jr., b. Mar. 5, 1758, d. about 1835, m. Jennie (Jane) Wright.
 - 12. William(2) Estill, b. Jan. 16, 1760, m. Martha Wright.
 - 13. Abigail Estill, b. Nov. 22, 1762, m. John Woods, d. August 19, 1840.
 - 14. Isaac Estill, b. Apr. 8, 1766, d. 1820, m. 1788 Elizabeth Strother Frogg. b. 8-16-1771.
 - 15. Ruth Estill, b. Sept. 3, 1768, d. 1853, m. (1st) Travis Booton; m. (2nd) William Kavanaugh.

Wallace Estill, Sr., was b. 1702 (1698) in New Jersey; about 1746 he settled on the Bull-pasture in present Highland County, Virginia, where Marca was born (J. A. Waddell's *Annals of Augusta County* - p. 321); in 1773 he moved to Indian Creek (New River), Monroe County, West Virginia where he d. 1792. His father was John Estill, a son of Thomas Estill who, with brothers, William and Daniel, emigrated from England in 1664, landing on the Neversink Highlands, New Jersey; the brothers were descended from Belthazer d'Estelle of a Protestant family of Provence, France; Thomas married Lucia Wallace in 1670. The above is by courtesy of Mrs. Frank T. Estill and daughter, Mrs. Nell Estill Giles, of Smithfield, Texas (1954), to whom we are indebted for this and much other valuable data. "Captain Wallace's records have been accepted by the Colonial Dames of America, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Huguenot Society." p. 123, April 1945.

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Some Wills

I ADAM WRIGHT of the east end of the great plains in the bounds of Oyster bay in Queens County on Nassau Island Yeoman being this twenty third day of the fourth Month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty-nine very weak of body yet of perfect mind and memory and well knowing that I must in a short time put of this mortal Body do therefore make and onlaine this Instrument to be my last will and testament in manner and form following *first* I will and bequeath unto my two Daughters Rachel Wright and Deborah Wright all my household Goods within doors of all kinds to be equally divided between them to their own free disposal forever for them to be possessed off immediately after my decease *Item* my will is that in some convenient time after my decease that my Executors shall sell and dispose of all my stock of cattle and horse kind and out of the money arising my Funeral Charges and the proving of my will to be paid and then my will is that my two Daughters forenamed shall have each of them the sum of one pound Ten Shillings out of the remainder of ye money and if any Money be yet remaining that it shall be applied toward defraying other incidental Charges which may happen to my Executors by means of executing this my said will *Item* I will what moveable Estate I have other than above mentioned shall be also sold and the Money to be applied to the defraying and paying my debts *Item* I will order and direct that my Executors or any of them shall sell and dispose of my house and lands in some time hereafter at their discretion and the money arising therefrom to be disposed of on this wise that is to say all the remainder of my just debts to be paid and then the remainder of the money to be equally divided between my Two youngest Sons Ruben Wright and Solomon Wright and to be paid unto them when they respectively come of age and not withstanding the sale of my house and Land it is my will that my Executors shall reserve and keep this small yard by the house and Nursery of Apple Trees growing therein with the other Apple Trees Westward of the Barn which are to be pulled up and Set in the yard by the house which is to be reserved for the space of eight years and the Appletrees to be sold for the use of my two abovenamed Sons Rubin to have two thirds and Solomon one third and my will is further that in case my Executors shall judge it more advantageous for my farme to be put in the Loan office for money to pay my debts and then the farm hired out for some time then they shall have full power to either Lett or sell the same according as they shall see cause. *Item* I will and bequeath the one third part of my Crop of oates growing on the ground to my abovesaid two daughters to be equally divided between them *Item* my will is that my two sons, above named shall have each of them a coat and vest out of the peice of Cloth that I have at the fulling mill and my will is that my two Daughters and two sons above named shall have the privilege to dwell in my house until the time called Christmas and to make use of those provisions which I have provided for my families use for their support *Item* I will and empower my Executors to put out Both my two Sons above named to good Trades at the discretion of my Executors and my will and desire is that my son Rubin shall have time and liberty to dress and take care of the Nusery above mentioned in the Seasons of the year for that purpose and that my Sons Master shall be paid for the time he spends out of my Estate during the Term of eight years abovesaid *Lastly* I do hereby Constitute ordain and appoint my trusty friends Thomas Davis of the West Hills John Hewlit of the east woods and Joshua Powell of Bethphage to be my Executors of this my last will and testament fully empowering them or any of them that shall or may take upon them the Executorship to Bargain sell or let out my farm abovesaid and to do perform and execute all other thing or things contained in this my last will and Testament as fully clearly and absolutely as if I had executed them myself in my life time and inasmuch as I have not mentioned my three Elder Sons Viz: Peter Wright Thomas Wright and James Wright in my Will let it is to be understood I have given each of them a Gun heretofore which is all I can give them and my youngest Daught Abigail Wright which is with my Wife and by her agreement she to take care and provide for her In witness hereunto I have set my hand and seal the day and year above written Signed Sealed published pronounced and declared by the said Adam Wright as his last will and Testament in the presence of the subscribers before the signing hereof my Will is that in case my son Rubin should die under age that my two Daughter first above named shall have his full portion and if my son Solomon should die under Lawfull age his portion shall be equally divided between my son Rubin and my two daughters Rachel and Deborah Wright.

Cornelius Vorhies

Richard Powell

ADAM (his mark) WRIGHT (L.S.)

Joseph Valentine

Probated, New York County, N.Y., Nov. 28, 1749, Liber 17, Page 28.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN the 19th Septembr in the Year of our Lord 1755. I Thos. Wright of Augusta County being Verey Sicke and Weake of Body but of perfect Mind and Memory thanks be given to God therefore Calling to mind the Mortalitey of my Body and Knowing that it is appointed for all Men onse to Die Do Make and ordain this my Last will and Testament - That is to say first of All I give and Recomend my Soule unto the hands of God that gave it and for my Body I Recommend it to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian Like and Decent Manner at the Discretion of my Executors Nothing Doubting but They will Do Justly and as Touching My Worldly Estate I give and Dispose of the same in following Manner - To apoint Peeter Wright & Jams Wright both my Brothers to be my Executors - I gave to Thos. Wright Sun to Peeter Wright my Balld Mare & My White Mare & Colte and the Midge Mear & Coll My Carpenter Tools and Cros Cute Sawe - I Likwis give to James Wright Sun to Peeter Wright the Mige Meare Yearling Coalt - I Likwis gave to my Brother Peeter Wright five pound which sune I think he owes me and My Rifle Gune I Likwis give to Brother James Wright and Sister Reatchel and Debora Wright the Remeander of my Estate to be Devided Eakwilly amongst them, after all my Just Debts is paid off and funeral Charges - I aknol-idge this and no other to be my Last will and Testament as witnes my hand and Seal the Day and Year above Writing.

THOMAS WRIGHT (SEAL)

WITNESS PRESANT

James Dunlop)
John Dickinson)
Edward Mullin)

At a Court Cond. and held for Augusta County Nov 20, 1755 This Last Will and Testa-ment of Thomas Wright deed being proved by the Oaths of John Dickenson and James Dunlop two of the Witness's thereto was Ordered to be recorded.

Recorded in Augusta County Clerk's
Office, Staunton, Virginia in Deed
Book 2, page 126.

A COPY,
TESTE (signed) J. M. Blackburn CLERK

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In the Name of God Amen & I PETER WRIGHT of Botetourt County being Sick of body but of Sound mind and memory do make this My Last Will and Testament first After my Deceased I Order my body to be Decently burried and all my funeral Expenses paid with all my Just Debts by my Executors whom I have here Constituted and when the things Are done I do give and bequeath and Devide the Remainder of my Worldly Estate among my wife & Children As followeth Viz first to my Son Peter Wright I do give and bequeath the whole of the Land of the Plantation which I Now Own and the Still and Still Vessels Also three head of horse Creatures two Greys and one other horse they Call Jolley: Also I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Sprowle one Negro Slave Named Kery to be her property Durring the time of her Natural life and in Case that She sould Die without Issue of her bod begotten then to Return to my Daughter Mary Smyth and the heirs of her body begotten. Also I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Rebecca Kinkead one female Negro Slave Named Milly the Daughter of my Slave Named Karter to her and the heirs of her body begotten as her property forever. Also I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Jane the one third part of my plantation and the Room of the Dweeling house that the Stone Chimney Stands at on the North End of the house Durring the Remainder of her Natural Life and at her Dacease to Des- cend to my Son Peter Wright as Signified above. Also to my wife Jane I bequeath one female Slave Named Eve to be at her Command and for her use durring her Natural Life time and at my wifes decesd I allow and Devise the said Slave and her ofSpring Or Children that may be born after this Date to be publickly Sold and the Momey to be Distributed in General Among all the Other heirs in this will. Also I give and bequeath unto my wife the home Creature Viz one black mare that goes by her Name and her Choice of Among the Cows as Many as two in Number to be her Property and to Dispose of at Plesure as She thinks fit - Also I give to my wife as her Property forever one feath- er Bed and the Usual Bed Ferniture to Dispose of at Pleasure. Also I give and bequeath Unto Jane Wright in Greenbrier that is my Son Thomas Wrights Daughter Named Jane Wright One female Slave Named Mattye the Daughter of my Slave named Eve to her and heirs forever And In Case of her Decease Without Issue to Desend to her next younger Sister And heirs forever - Also I bequeath unto James Wright in Greenbrier that is to my Son Thomas Wright Son James One Male Slave Named Nelson the Son of my female Slave Named Eve to him and his heirs forever and in Case of his Death without Issue to Desend to his next Younger brother And his heirs forever. Also I give and Bequeath unto my Son Peter Wright One female Slave Named Hester with the Children which after this Date May be born of her to him and his heirs forever to Dispose of at pleasure. Also I be- queath unto my Son Peter Wright the Male Slave Named Harry to Stay on the plantation to Raise Bread and work for my wife so long as She May Chuse to live with my Son Peter Wright And at

my wifes Decease to be Sold with Eve and the Money to be given as the former Slave Eve Among the Other heirs. Also I give and bequeath unto my Son Peter the Waggon Now a Making and Six head of the Cattle as leting him have his Choice out of the flock And the Remaining horses Not before Mentioned to be his Property forever. Also I give and bequeath All the Remaining Cattle to be Disposed of at publick Sale and Equally Devided Among Mary Smith Agness Clark Rebecca Kinkead Jane Estill and Rachel Proctor by the Executors of this will. Also I Devise and Will the Remaining part of all my goods furniture And hogs And Sheep *Except* five of the Sheep Which is to be given to Nancey (colloquially a pet name for Agness--W.R.M.) to be given to my Son Peter and his mother for their use as think fit to Devide left in their hands for their uses while they live together. And I Constitute and Appoint Jacob Parsinger and my Son Peter Wright Executors of this my Last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seal this twelfth Day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Ninety three.

Sined and Sealed in)
the Presence of)

PETER WRIGHT (SEAL)

Christopher Clark
William Wright
Agness (her mark) Clark
Wallis Estill

At December Botetourt Court 1793 -

This Instrument of Writing was Exhibited in Court and Proved by the Oath of William Wright & Wallace Estill two of the Witnesses thereto Subscribed and Ordered to be Recorded - the same Wallace Estill having first Relinquished his legacy therein Contained -

Book A, page 365.

A Copy Teste Henry Bowyer C.B.C.

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The following is quoted from *Collections of the New-York Historical Society*, 1902, Vol. XI, pp. 195 and 207 --

"In the name of God, Amen. I, Thomas Wright, being in sound mind. I will and order that after a reasonable time after my decease, at discretion of my executors, all my estate, real and personal, be sold, except the homestead wherein I lately lived, and the negro man, "Peet," which is reserved for my wife during the time of 25 years. I also except a negro girl for my wife, and I also leave her all her wearing apparell and effects which she had when I married her. I leave to my daughter Sarah a negro wench "Tamar," and another to my daughter Elizabeth. When my homestead is sold the proceeds I bequeath as follows. To my wife Mary, two shares. To my daughter Elizabeth, two shares. To my daughter Sally, and my sons, Steven and Thomas, each one share. And lastly I leave to my trusty and loving friends, Benjamin Hildreth, Sr., and Thomas Griswold, whom I make executors, the sum of 50 pounds, and also make my wife executor.

"Dated December 1, 1776. Witnesses Caleb Sutton, Joseph Thorne, Elizabeth Drake." Page 195.

"On July 10, 1786, appeared before Thomas Tredwell, Judge of the Court of Probate, Caleb Sutton, of New York, being of the People called Quakers, who affirmed that he wrote the will from the direction of Thomas Griswold, and Mary, the wife of said Thomas Wright, who told him that they had talked to the testator before upon the subject. And that during the whole time, both of writing the said will, and of executing it, which was near two hours, the testator appeared to be of insane mind, and he heard him speak but little, but that all he heard him speak appeared to be totally irrational and flighty. And he was very ill and near his end, and he believed that he died the same day the will was wrote and executed.

"It was adjudged that the will was null and void, through the insanity of the testator.

"Affidavit of Elizabeth Wright. That after her father's death she conversed with Elizabeth Drake, one of the witnesses, as to how her father was previous to his death. And she said it was difficult telling, as he did not appear to be in his rational senses for some days before his death, July 8, 1786. (*See will of Thomas Wright on p 195*)" - see above. Page 207

Abbreviations: b. - born; m. - married; d. - died; i. - interred; f. - father; q.v. - see elsewhere herein

A Clark-Wright Lineage

by Miss JULIA CLARK of Paris, Kentucky

- I LIEUTENANT ROBERT CLARK, whose parents were James and Elizabeth Clark of Augusta County, Va., moved into Bourbon County, Ky., in 1784; he was b. about 1745 in Augusta County, Va.; m. there 1768 Agnes Gay; she was daughter of Wm. Gay, Jr. of what is now Rockbridge County, Va. (parents Wm. and Margaret Hamilton Gay). They had ten children, nine being --
Isabella Clark, b. 1778, d. 1836, m. April 18, 1799 Abraham Langston.
Margaret Clark m. Bellis.
Sarah Clark, m. Oct. 22, 1795 Daniel Wilson.
Elizabeth Clark, m. Nov. 3, 1796 Benjamin Hardin.
Mary Clark, m. Aug. 8, 1799 Noah Lyons.
Ann Clark, d. 1814. John Clark, d. 1812. James Clark, d. 1812.
Robert Clark II, b. 1772; d. - q.v.
- II ROBERT CLARK II, d. 1834 (age 78), m. 1813 Elizabeth Walls (1792-1829), both i. family farm "Clark's Run", Bourbon County, Ky. She was daughter of Major George and Jane Bryant Walls of Virginia. They had three children, as follows --
John Clark who went south with a drove of hogs and died there of yellow fever.
Lucinda Clark, d. 1834, m. Apr. 18, 1814 Silas P. Kenny.
Robert Clark III, b. Jan. 5, 1819; - q.v.
- III ROBERT CLARK III, b. Jan. 5, 1819; d. 1886; m. Dec. 1, 1840 to Sarah Ruth Ward who was b. Mar. 26, 1824, d. Jan. 5, 1874, and who was daughter of James (b. Aug. 2, 1777, d. Mar. 2, 1852) and Martha Wright Ward (b. Sept. 25, 1787, d. Jan. 18, 1854, m. Mar. 20, 1811). Martha Wright was daughter of Captain James Wright (about 1751 - Jun. 24, 1825) m. Feb. 29, 1776 Martha Hamilton (1755-Apr. 22, 1827), Captain Wright being a member of the Society of Cincinnati. Robert and Sarah Ward Clark had four children, as follows --
Martha Elizabeth Clark, b. 1842; d. 1898, m. Richard P. Barnett; no heirs.
John Franklin Clark, b. Nov. 7, 1844, q.v.
William Clark, b. Aug. 24, 1848; d. Sept. 10, 1852.
William Hervey Clark, b. Oct. 10, 1853; d. Jun. 25, 1930; m. 1873 Lillie Beulah Weathers (Oct. 23, 1855-Nov. 10, 1920). Their six children -- Hattie Platt, John Franklin, Robert Jefferson, Lucy Ruth (d. an infant), Lelia Beulah, and Mary Elizabeth.
- IV JOHN FRANKLIN CLARK, b. Nov. 7, 1844; d. Apr. 17, 1894; m. (1st) Betty Throckmorton and had three children - no heirs; m. (2nd) Nov. 16, 1886 Kate Strothers (Aug. 16, 1861-Jan. 26, 1932) and had four children, as follows --
William E. (Strothers) Clark, b. Nov. 14, 1887 in Boyd County, Ky. - q.v.
Julia Ruth Clark, b. July 6, 1889; in Bourbon County, Ky.; unmarried.
Major Richard Barnett Clark, b. Jul. 7, 1891 in Bourbon County, Ky.; d. June 23, 1924.
Robert Bryant Clark, b. Sept. 11, 1893 in Bourbon County, Ky.; d. Feb. 6, 1900.
- V WILLIAM E. (STROTHERS) CLARK, b. Nov. 14, 1887 in Boyd County, Ky.; m. Mar. 6, 1916 Eileen Schwartz, b. Jan. 21, 1892 in Paris, Ky. Their three children are --
John Richard Clark, b. Aug. 13, 1917 in Paris, Ky. - q.v.
Marian Clark, b. June 3, 1919 in Paris, Ky. - q.v.
Dorothy Clark, b. Sep. 28, 1921 in Paris, Ky. - q.v.
- VI JOHN RICHARD CLARK, b. Aug. 13, 1917; m. May 8, 1943 Anne Elizabeth Masland, b. Feb. 7, 1919 in Philadelphia, Pa. Their four children are --
Elizabeth Anne Clark, b. Oct. 6, 1944 in Lexington, Ky.
Katherine Clark, b. Oct. 25, 1946 in Lexington, Ky.
Richard John Clark, b. Jan. 1, 1948 in Carlisle, Pa.
Michael Lambert Clark, b. Oct. 9, 1949 in Williamson, W. Va.
- VI MARIAN CLARK, b. Jun. 3, 1919; m. Jun. 21, 1948 Harold Leroy White, b. Aug. 31, 1918 in Broomfield, Vernon County, Mo. Their three children are --
Mary Ann White, b. Feb. 17, 1950 in Paris, Ky.
John Reid White, b. Jul. 9, 1954 in Paris, Ky.
Susan Todd White, b. Feb. 11, 1956 in Paris, Ky.
- VI DOROTHY CLARK, b. Sept. 28, 1921; m. Aug. 28, 1941 Thomas Meeko Poole, b. Nov. 29, 1921 in Bluefield, W. Va. Their three children are --
William Thomas Poole, b. Nov. 24, 1946 in Lexington, Ky.
Robert Clark Poole, b. Jan. 26, 1948 in Lexington, Ky.
Rebecca Meeko Poole, b. Mar. 12, 1954 in Paris, Ky.

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Numerals in parenthesis, e.g. (3), signify the third generation of Wright blood; and (Cm) signifies a spouse married to a third generation Wright, but not generally of that blood. A child of such a marriage would be of Wright blood, and designated (4). Names without numerals, with few exceptions, either are forebears of the spouse or are of unascertainable Wright heritage.

- ALLEN, Eliza(7)-7; Isaac(6m)-7; Mary Wright(6)-7; Sallie Jane(7)-7; Andrew H.(7)-7.
 ALEXANDER, Margaret(3m)-3.
 ANDREWS, Edward(3)-4; Hannah(3)-4; Hester(3)-4; Jacob(3)-4; Mary(3)-4; Mary Wright(7)-4; Mordecai(3)-4; Peter(3)-4; Sarah Ong(3m)-4.
 ARDERY, Fannie(8m)-8.
 BARKER, Abigail(3m)-4.
 BARNETT, Martha Wright(6)-7; Martha Clark(8)-19; Richard P.(8m)-19; Robert(6m)-7.
 BAYLES, or Bayless, Laura Wright(8)-8; Nathaniel(8m)-8.
 BEAUPRE, Anne(Cm)-3.
 BELLIS, Margaret Clark-19.
 BENNETT, Jacob-12.
 BENSON, George-13; Margaret Hamilton-13.
 BIRCH, Jeremiah(4m)-4; Mary Wright(4)-5.
 BOHANNON, German-14; Sally Hamilton-14.
 BOSWELL, Clara Mae(9)-9; Malcolm Temple(8m)-9; Martha Wilson Wright(8)-9; Virginia Wilsie(9)-9.
 BOUDE, Marca (an Estill)-15.
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PERSINGER, Abraham(2, 13; Catherine(4m)6, 13; Christopher(2, 13; Elizabeth(4m)13; George(13; Henry(2, 13; Jacob(13; Jacob Sr(2, 6, 12, 18; Jacob Jr(2; John(2, 13; Mary(2, 13; Margaret(13; Moses(13; Philip(2, 13; Sarah(5m)12; Rebecca(13.
PERKY, Betsey(14; David(14; Joseph(14; Sally(14; Samuel(14.
PICKLE, Dorothy Clark(1m)10; Rebecca(4m)11-12; Robert Clark(11)10; Thomas Meek(1m)10; William Thomas(11)10.
PISKY, John A(7m)7; Mary Ward(7)7; William(7m)7.
PITCOCK, Mary(4m)4; Rachel(4m)2, 6, 15, 18; Joseph(4m)4.
PENNICK, Sarah Hamilton(13; William(13.
PENNICK, Mary(2m)4.
RICHARDSON, Mary(4m)4.
RILEY, George(7m)7; Newton E(7).
ROBINETTE, Abigail(8)8; Anne(8)8; James(8)8; John(8)8; Sarah Ruth Wright(7)8.
ROCKFORD, Elsie of John & Mrs. W. B. Acker(7).
ROGERS, Mattie Shropshire Wright(9)8.
ROSSITER, Abigail Wright(5, 14)10.
RUBIN, James.
RULIK, Carl(4m)9; Jennie(4m)10; Myra(4).
SAWYERS, Rachel(5m)6.
SCHWARTZ, Elmer(9m)10.
SCHWARTZWELDER, M. (8)9; Samuel(9).
SKAMAN, Temperance(2m)5.
SMITH, George(7m)7; Sally Allen(7)7.
SMITH, Jesse(4m)5; Mary Wright(4)5.
SMITH, Mrs. Duke(9)8; Susannah(5).
SMYTH, Mary Wright(5)2, 6, 17, 18.
SPIDOW, Elizabeth Wright(5)2, 6, 17, 18; Alexander(4m)6; John(5m)6.
STEVENSON, Nancy Hamilton(14; Thomas(14.
STOKES, Thomas(4m)10; Deliverance Hornor(10)10; Thomas(10)10; Rachel Wright(10)4.
TAYLOR, Anna Rowell(10)10; Anna Greenwald(10; Hines(4m)10; Vernon Ott(10)10; Virginia Rowell(10)10.
THOMAS, Amanda Wright(7)8; Dorcas Hinton(8; Harriet(8)8, 9; James(8)8; John(8)8; Lindsey(8; Margaret(8)8; Martha Rebecca(8)8; Morris Sr(7m)8; Morris Jr(8)8.
TOWNSEND, Dan(4)4, 5; Elizabeth(4m)4; Elizabeth Montgomery(4; Prescya(4m)4; Hannah(4)4; Hannah of Gideon Wright(4, 5; Hannah(5) of Job Wright(4; James(4m)5; James(4m)1; Jane(4m)5; John(5; John(4; Rachel(4m)4; Robert(4m)4; Susannah Hartsart(4; Thomas(4)5.
TURNER, Eliza Allen(7)7; Robert(7m)7.
TWHARTT, or Trespachart (Tugharta, John(12; Margaret(4m)12.
VARNON, Maria Warren(7).
WALLACE, Lucia (an Estlin)15.
WALLS, Elizabeth(10; Jane Bryant(10; Major George(10.
WAHE, James Harvey(7)7; James Sr(4m)7, 10; John D(8; Martha Wright(6)7, 10; Martha Jane(7)7; Mary(8; Mary Margaret(7)7; Naomi Ruth(7m)8; Rebecca W. (7)7; Sarah Ruth(7)7, 10; William Russell(7)7.
WASON, Thomas (7m)7.
WEATHERS, Lillie Bonah(8m)7, 10.
WHITE, Harold Leroy(10m)10; John Beath(14)10; Marion Clark(10)10; Mary Ann(11)10; Susan Town(11)10.
WHITMAN, Benjamin F(7m)7; Margaret, or Mary(1m)5; Rebecca Ward(7)7.
WILSON, Alma Lockey (an Estlin)15; Amanda; Daniel(10; George(11; Isaac(8; Rebecca Layton(8; Samuel(8; Sarah Carl(10).
WISSE, John S(14).

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WRIGHT, Abigail(4)1, 2, 5; Abigail Barker(4m)4; Adam Jr(2)4, 2, 3, 5, 10; Adam Sr(2)1, 5; Adam (4) of Denmark(5; Admitt(4 of Joseph(4; Agnes(5)2; Amelia(5; Ann(4m)7-8; Ann(4)5; Ann(5)5; Ann Paterson(4m)5; Andrew H(4)7; Andrew William(7)8; Anthony(4 of Gibson(4; Anthony(4 of Job(4; Anthony(4 of Oyster Bay(4)4; Ann(4; Ann Henry(4m)5; Anne Beards(4m)5; Ann(8)7; Anne Archer(9)8; Anne(5)4m(8)7; Catherine(2)4; Catherine(4m)10; Charles(4)5; Charles James(8)8, 9; Catharine Robert(4m)8, 9; Doreen(8)8; Deborah(2)4; Deborah(2, 5, 6, 17; Deborah(5; Dennis(4)5; Edmund(2)4; Edwin(7)7; Elizabeth(2)5; Elizabeth(4) m. Anthony(4; Elizabeth(4 of Gibson(4; Elizabeth(4 of Job(4; Elizabeth(4)5; Elizabeth(5)4, 5, 6, 11, 17, 18; Elizabeth Kirk(4m)5; Elizabeth Townsend(4m)4; Ellen Gilbert(4m)5; Fannie(4)5; Fannie Anderson(8)8; Fannie Lathrop(8; Fannie Smith(8)8; Francis(10)8; Frank(10)8; George(4)5; George W. B. (4; George Hines(7)7; Gibson Sr(2)4; Gibson Jr(2)4, 1; Hannah(2) the Devoe(4; Hannah(4 of Gibson(4; Hannah Townsend(4)4; Isaac(4)7; Isaac Kelly(4)8; Isaac Kelly(8)8; Jacob(4)4; James(4)1, 2, 5, 10, 17; James(4)2, 6, 7, 11, 12, 16; James of Adam Jr(2)4; James(4)2, 17; James(4)8; James Kelly(8; James Henry(10)8; James Wilson Sr(2)1, 8, 10; James Wilson Jr(8)8; Jane Hughes(4m)1, 2, 6, 11, 17; Jane, or Jennie(4)2, 6, 11, 15, 18; Jane(8)2, 5, 17; Jane Goodwin(8); Jeremiah(4m)4; Job(4)5; Job(4)5; Job(4)5; John(4)5; John(4)4; John(4)5; John(4)5; John(4)4, 6, 11, 17; John(4)4, 7, 8; John Alexander(7)8; John Wason(8)8; John Ward(8)8; Joseph(4)4; Joseph(4)5; Frances Love(4m)5; Kenneth(4)4; Laura(4)8; Laura(8)8; Leah(2)5; Margaret Jane(7)7; Margaret Jeffers(4)4; Margaret Nesbit Ann(4; Margaret Trespachart(4m)4, 12; Margaret (or Mary) Williams(4m)4; Margaret Ayscough(4)4; Maria Varmon(8)7; Maria Beeth(8)8; Martha(2)4; Martha(5)4, 6, 11, 15; Martha(6)7; Martha(8)8; Martha Ann(7)7; Martha Hamilton(7)8; Martha Kelly(4m)7, 8; Martha Wilson(8)8, 9; Mary(2)4; Mary, or Meres(2)4; Mary(4)5; Mary(5)2, 6, 11, 17, 18; Mary(5) of James(5; Mary(6)7; Mary(7)7; Mary(8)7; Mary Ann(7)8; Mary Dennis(2m)5; Mary Estlin Corbin(8; Mary Proctor(4m)4; Mary Rhodes(4m)4; Mary Richardson(4m)4; Mattie(4)8; Mattie Shropshire(9)8; Merdery(2)5; Nancy, or Agnes(5)4, 2, 6, 11, 18; Nancy Cook(4m)12; Nancy Kelly(8; Nancy Rebecca(7)8; Naomi(9)8; Nicholas(3, 4, 10)4; Nicholas(4) of Oyster Bay(4; Peter(4)4, 2, 3, 4; Peter(2)4; Peter(3) of Adam Sr(4)5; Peter(3) of Gibson(4; Peter(4)4, 2, 6, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18; Phoebe(5)5; Phoebe Seaman(4m)5; Peter Jr(5)4, 2, 6, 11, 12, 17, 18; Rachel(4)4; Rachel(4)4, 2, 6, 10, 17; Rachel(5)4, 2, 6, 11, 15, 18; Rachel Sawyer(5m)5; Rachel Townsend(2m)4; Rebecca(2)4; Rebecca(4)4, 2, 6, 11, 17, 18; Rebecca(8)8; Rebecca(7)7; Rebecca(4)4, 2, 3, 10; Ruby Frances(9)9; Sally Beeth(8)8; Samuel(5; Sarah(2)4; Sarah(2) of Nicholas(4; Sarah(5)4, 10; Sarah(5) of James(5; Sarah(4)4; Sarah(5)4; Sarah Gay(7m)7; Sarah Henderson(5m)10; Sarah Vokes(4m)5; Sarah Persinger(4m)12; Sarah Ruth(7)8; Sarah(4)4; Sir Thomas(3; Solomon(4)4, 2, 5, 10; Susanna Jr(5)5; Susanna Smith(4m)5; Sylvanus(4)4; Tabitha(4)4; Tamar(2)4; Temperance Seaman(4m)5; Thomas(4m)4; Thomas of Peter of Charleston(2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, 16, 17; Thomas (an) Kelly(4; Thomas of Webster(4)4; William(8; William(8; William(4)2, 6, 11; William Sr(4)1, 7; William Jr(4)7; Wm. Cook(4)8; Wm. McVann(8)7; Wm. Volney(8)8; William of London(4; William(4)9; William(4)5.
YOD, MANS, Phoebe(4m)5.

Abbreviations: b. - born; m. - married; d. - died; l. - interpreted; f. - father; m. - mother; s. - son; d. - daughter; m. - married.

Saturday, May 5, 1984

STEEPER, CHARLES H. 2-28-28/4-30-84 Survivors: Wife, Patricia Moyer Steeper; Sister, Margaret Steeper Edwards; Son, Scott C. Steeper; Daughters, Paula M. Steeper, Janet Steeper Burkle; Grandchildren, Carrie Anne Burkle, John Joseph Burkle. Memorial Service to be held May 6, 1984 3PM, Friends meeting house, 727 W. Harrison, Claremont, Ca. Friends encourage to call family for information regarding flowers & donations. C. H. Steeper was a direct descendant of Wubur & Orville Wright.

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The information following is the Sources Of Information on James and Mary WRIGHT! It is in now way my opinion, but is of extraction of the Data contained in the stated sources.

When the word "NOTE" appears in the text, this is of my thoughts and mine only.

The data contained herein is as stated in the information found. I have made no attempt to change the data. So if some of the information found here is not true, correct the information. I have proof-read the information found, with this typed listing. If in doubt, consult the quoted information.

Although I have proof-read the information. This doesn't mean that there is now mistakes. If one is found let me know !

If you have additional information in reference to James and Mary WRIGHT, it would be most greatfully appreciated if you would let me know what it is so I can add it to the Sources Of Information.

William Lee SLOAN
30 March 1987

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The Friends Calendar

Prior to 1752 the tenth month was December; ninth month was November; eighth month was October, and seventh month was September....March was the first month.

Further, the ingenuous descendant should understand "Old Style" and "New Style" dates as well as double dating. But above all, the compulsive modifiers and changers of dates need comprehend the loss of eleven days at the time of the change. The day following September 3, 1752, became September 14, 1752. In Quaker parlance September was Ninth Month.

Friends handled the change of the months thus - London Yearly Meeting issued the following advice which was followed by all Friends meetings:

"The opinion of the said committee, agreed to by the Yearly Meeting was, that in all the records and writings of Friends, from and after the last day of Tenth Month, called December, next, the computation of time established by the said act (of Parliament), should be observed; and that according to the first day of Eleventh Month, commonly called January, next shall be reckoned and deemed by Friends, the first day of the First Month of the year 1752...."

Prior to the 3rd of the Ninth Month 1752, the following month system was in use.

- 1st. Month was March
- 2nd. Month was April
- 3rd. Month was May
- 4th. Month was June
- 5th. Month was July
- 6th. Month was August
- 7th. Month was September
- 8th. Month was October
- 9th. Month was November
- 10th. Month was December
- 11th. Month was January
- 12th. Month was February

The above was extracted from GENEALOGY by Willard HEISS, A Publication Of The Family History Section, Indiana Historical Society, October, 1984 - Indianapolis - No. 88, Page 9.

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(I) WRIGHT-BRISCOE PIONEERS by John C. WRIGHT. Published in 1974. 165p. Indexed. Library Of Congress Catalogue Card Number #73-94235. John C. WRIGHT, North Kent, Arlington, VA 22201. James WRIGHT (1671-1760) Mary (1689-1764) Page 1-15. A list of children on page 10. Copy of original Wills of James and Mary WRIGHT on page 12, 13, 14 and 15. Page 2, "James Wright....is thought to be a descendant of one of three Wright brothers, Joshua, Thomas and Samuel Wright of Yorkshire, England, who settled in New Jersey around 1677." Page 10 also gives the children's places of birth as follows: "It is believed that all except the last two (Sarah and Lydia) were born in Chester County, Pennsylvania." Page 11. "Since James and Mary WRIGHT were so closely connected with the Hopewell Meeting House, it is believed that they are buried in the cemetery there in unmarked graves.".

(II) THE HAWORTH RECORD. Vol. 3. High Point, N.C. July 1908. No. 1. Published Monthly. Devoted to the Historical and Genealogical Interest of the Family Everywhere. Subscription the year - - - 50c. Address all communications and make all orders payable to: Chas. B. Davis, Box 23. R. 4., High Point. N.C.

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"According to the notes of Dr. Isaac Summner Wright, son of Joshua, son of John and Jemima (Haworth) Wright, the Wright families emigrated from England to Georgia in 1732. General James Edward Oglethorpe, who was born in London, England, in 1688, and who was also the founder of the Colony of Georgia, married a Wright in England and when he came to the colony of Georgia the Wright families came also. We are not informed as to the number of the families in this emigration, neither is there anything in the Doctor's papers to tell us why some of the Wright families were in South Carolina as early as 1743, however, the writer believes that the reason can very easily be found in the following sentence from Eggleston's history of the United States. Speaking of the Colony of Georgia he says: "The complaints of the settlers became very bitter and many of them left the colony." This occurred between the founding in 1732 and the surrendering of the government to the King in 1752.

John and James Wright who married into the family of James Haworth,

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son of the Emigrant in South Carolina, were of this same family. We are also informed that Joseph A. Wright, who at one time was Governor of Indiana, was a son of a brother to John and James Wright, but as to whether John and James were the sons of John and Rachel (Wells) Wright or not I do not know."

(III) THE WRIGHT ANCESTRY Of Caroline, Dorchester, Somerset and Wicomico Counties, Maryland, By Capt. Charles W. WRIGHT, 1907. Baltimore City Printing and Binding Co., 153-163 Equitable Building. Pages 9 thru 20.

ORIGIN OF THE SURNAME WRIGHT. By S. Grant Oliphant, A.M., Ph.D.

WRIGHT IS OCCUPATIVE. WRIGHT is a familiar occupational surname. The Anglo-Saxon *wyrhta* and Middle English *wrighte*, *wrihte*, *wruhte*, *wurhte* and *write*, in their widest sense, signified a workman of any kind, but especially an artificer in hard metals. As *smith* became a general term for a worker in metals and then more specifically the worker in iron, the blacksmith, so *wright*, when unqualified, came to mean the worker in wood, then specifically the carpenter.

In this sense it was understood in Chaucer's time, as he writes in his Prologue, 614:

"He was a wel good wrighte, a carpentere."

Some idea of its application, however, may be gathered from its many compounds which became surnames, e.g., Allwright (awl), Arkwright, Boatwright, Cartwright, Goodwright (goad), Plowright, Shipwright, Sievewright, Wainwright, Wheelwright, Millwright, Tillwright, etc. The names Cheesewright, Copperwright, Glasswright and Shoewright show workmanship in other materials than wood.

The Hundred Rolls have the surname as *Le Wricte* and *Le Wrytte*. In mediaeval records it was frequently Latinized as *Faber*, both in England and on the Continent.

The Anglo-Saxon *wyrhta* is literally "a worker," as it is derived from the verb *wyrcan*, "to work." The Old High German *wurchen*, Old Norse *yrkja*, Gothic *wuaurkjan*, "to work;" Gallic *vergo*, "work;" Breton *guerg*, "effective;" Irish *do(f)airci*, "work;" Greek *(v)ergon*, "work;" Armenian *gorts*, "work;" Persian *barz*, *varz*, "field labor;" Avestan *verezyeiti*, "work, labor;" Sanskrit *varjati vrnakti*, "turn," and *vrjanam*, "offering" sufficiently represent the many cognates of this word.

PREFACE In compiling and writing this little book, or record, no attempt has been made to have it interesting to any person except those whose names appear herein, their relatives, or friends.

My intention was to begin with the first Wrights that settled in

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Dorchester and Somerset Counties, Eastern Shore of the Province of Maryland; thence follow each family through their several branches to the present generation.

The work was first begun nearly twenty years ago, by obtaining information from well-authenticated traditional sources, examining thousands of pages of books and records, writing hundreds of letters, traveling as many miles, and scores of personal interviews.

The work had not progressed far before it was found necessary to abandon the idea of following the branches of a greater portion of the families, on account, mainly, of the failure to interest a sufficient number of the hosts of Wrights to give such information as they had, or could easily procure, for compilation. A few, however, contributed cheerfully, and to them I am very thankful for their assistance.

Owing to the inquiries received from many of the present generation of Wrights, seeking information pertaining to their paternal ancestors, the following plan has been decided upon: that the first part of this book be devoted to the Wrights in general, giving as much information concerning them as I have in hand from their first record known by me after they settled on the Eastern Shore, on and until after the Colonial period, except in a few cases where the information has been obtained, will be continued until more recent years. The second and remaining part, or parts, of the book to be devoted exclusively to the record of Jesse Wright, his paternal ancestors, and his descendants, and also the names of those connecting with this family by marriage.

Great difficulty was experienced by the almost total absence of middle names from the first name that was found on the records until more than one hundred and twenty-five years afterwards. The work was also made very tedious and perplexing by the Christian names of many persons being seldom spelled or used as when first given them in infancy, but an entirely different name used instead of the correct or real one.

The question is frequently asked, is this family of Wrights related to that or the other one. Carefully guarded tradition, as handed down and told by more than one very aged person, is to the effect that there were five brothers that came from England and settled on the Eastern Shore: no one possessing the information could give the names of more than two of the five. And from still another person well versed in the traditions pertaining to the Wrights, ventures the statement that there were seven brothers that left England, five of which located as previously stated, and the other two in Baltimore County.

I am not able to prove conclusively that there were seven, or even five, of the Wrights that were brothers, neither can I gainsay it.

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I have information, however, based on facts, showing that John Wright resided in Talbot County in 1698; also did one Samuel Wright in 1704.

William Wright and his brother James settled Dorchester County about 1682.

And Edward Wright settled in Somerset County previous to 1680.

Also that some Wrights settled in Baltimore County about the same time as the other five did on the Eastern Shore. There was great similarity in the Christian names of the descendants of the Wrights of Dorchester and Somerset, also in the names of the descendants of an Edward Wright that settled in Dorchester County, Md., near the line between the states of Maryland and Delaware, many years after the arrival of the other five.

Owing to there being an incomplete and in most cases no record kept in the offices of the various counties, of the licenses issued for persons to marry, previous to about 1775 or 1780, that character of information could not be given to any great extent any further back.

It can be well said of the Wrights whose names appear in this Preface as having emigrated to the Eastern Shore of the Province of Maryland, that they were manly and of the high type of moral character, adhering strictly to the tenets of the religious faith of their choice, and none of their descendants should think of them without a feeling of pride and satisfaction, of having descended from such worthy and noble ancestry.

Rev. Frank M. Bristol, D.D., pastor of the Metropolitan M. E. Church, often called "the President's Church", at Washington, once said that there were many persons that could not follow their family tree far without finding some relative hanging from a limb. It is a pleasure to here state that I have not found where any member of the many families mentioned in this little book has had their animation thus suspended.

Respectfully,
Chas. W. Wright,
Baltimore, Md.

January 1, 1907.

CHAPTER I.

"WRIGHTS OF MARSHYHOPE, DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND. William and James Wright, two brothers, came from England, supposedly from Bristol, about the year 1682, with one of William Penn's Colonies, and settled in the Province of Maryland above Noris Ford* on the Marshyhope Creek, the head water of the North-West Fork River, a tributary of the Nanticoke that extended through that portion of

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Dorchester that in 1773 became a part of Caroline County, Md. The Marshyhope extended far beyond Maryland and well up into the Province of Delaware, and the emigrant brothers may have settled far enough up this Creek so that when the line was finally established between Maryland and Delaware they were near the line dividing the two provinces.

The Ship "Welcome," Capt. Cuthbert Greenaway, arrived at Philadelphia in 1682 with 176 of Penn's colonists, but the name of neither William nor James Wright appear on her passenger list. About that time the ships "Sarah and John" and "Bristol Factor" arrived with a large number of colonists. The name "Bristol Factor" is rather suggestive that they may have arrived on her.

The two brothers were finally known as Nicholite or Quaker Wrights, on account of their strict adherence to a very pious and religious sect called Nicholite Friends which had its stronghold in that section of country bordering on the upper Northwest-Fork River and Marshyhope Creek. This sect derived the name Nicholite from a very influential and pious Joseph Nichols, who organized the society which styled themselves friends and called their organization or society "Northwest-Fork Nicholite Friends", and, no doubt, there was much similarity between them and Friends. The two Wright brothers were not only co-workers with Mr. Nichols, but became more prominent by making long journeys as preachers to large meetings of Friends. The Nicholites' first permanent place of public worship was in a meeting house they erected on the banks of what is still known as Quaker Meeting House Branch, a stream flowing into the Northwest-Fork River, near Federalsburg. William and James were not the only Wrights that worshipped here, for also did several generations of their descendants, even after the Meeting House was moved to Piney Grove, about two miles west of Federalsburg, where they continued to worship in the plain old temple that had been made larger to accommodate an increased attendance. Piney Grove was not a more sacred or hallowed spot than that of the old location but more convenient to a greater number of the homes of the devout and faithful.

Of James Wright's descendants, if there be any, no record is known to have been kept. A record, however, has been kept of many of William's descendants and may be traced through some branches down to the present generation; more especially down through the line of his son William, his son John, and his son Peter; and the reader will not follow the branches of his offspring far before being convinced that he was the head of the most numerous families of Wrights on the Maryland and Delaware peninsula.

Naomie Wright is supposed to have been a sister of the brother emigrants and was also a devout Friend residing in Sussex County, Del., near the Marshyhope, who, with Joseph Atkins, also of same county and faith, appeared before the Friends at "Thirldhaven" on the 23rd day, 12th month, 1698, and publicly announced their

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intention to become husband and wife. They likewise made the same public declaration on the 30th day, 1st month, 1699, before a Friends' meeting at the house of William Stevens, on Dividing Creek, Talbot County."

(IV)

(V) BIRTH RECORD: James WRIGHT born (3rd. or 30th.) two entries 6mo., 1668 or = 03 or 30 August 1668. Information on birth provided by Miss Mary-Helen PEMBERTON, 150 W. High Street, West Milton, Ohio. (Note: She was born in 1899 and has worked on WRIGHT Genealogy for 40 to 50 years.) NOTE: HAVE NO REFERENCE AS TO WHERE THE DATA WAS FOUND.

(VI) FAMILY DATA: The family of James WRIGHT appears in New Garden Monthly Meeting, Pennsylvania (RS 645 p. 13). Information from Mary-Hellen PEMBERTON, 150 W. High Street, West Milton, Ohio 45383.

(VII) DEATH RECORD: THE FRIEND, RELIGIOUS AND LITERARY JOURNAL. Volume XXXII. Philadelphia: Printed By PILE & M'ELROY. 1859. Page 413. Biographical Sketches Of Ministers and Elders and other concerned members of the Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia. Copy from Lilly Library - Friends Collection, Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana 47374.

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James Wright, an elder of Hopewell Monthly meeting, was one of the first settlers in that part of Virginia. He was a sober, honest man, grave in manners, and solid and weighty in his conversation. He was diligent in the attendance of his religious meetings, exemplary in humble waiting therein, and of a sound mind and judgment. He was cautious of giving just offence to any one, and was earnestly concerned for the unity of the brethren, and the peace of the church. "He appeared," say his friends, concerning him, "for some time before his last illness, as one who had finished his day's work, and who was waiting for his change." He departed this life Fifth month 15th, 1759, in the 83d year of his age.

(VIII) From National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Administration Building, 1776 D Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006-5392. Application For Membership To The National Society Of The Daughters Of The American Revolution, Washington, D.C. National Number 260252-272, Mrs. Laura Pearson Esarey wife of Logan Esarey, 340 S. Henderson Street, Bloomington, Indiana. Descendant Of John Wright. Application approved May 28, 1934.

LINEAGE

I, Laura Pearson Esarey being of the age of eighteen years and

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upwards, hereby apply for membership in the Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from John Wright who was born in Pennsylvania 1716 and died in Newberry Co., S.C. after 1790. His place of residence during the Revolution was South Carolina, Newberry Co. I was born in Cartersburg County of Hendricks State of Indiana.

1. I am the daughter of Silas McClure Pearson born 1-26-1840 died 1-22-1920 and his (1) wife* Melissa Little born 4-7-1849 died 4-23-1933 married 1-3-1866.

2. The said Silas McClure Pearson was the child of Henry Stideman Pearson born 1-17-1799 died 7-29-1880 and his (1) wife Ann Speer born 10-30-1806 died 8-18-1878 married 6-20-1822.

3. The said Henry Stideman Pearson was the child of Samuel Pearson born 3-11-1767 died 9-29-1846 and his (1) wife Mary Coate born 1775 died 2-22-1860 married 1790.

4. The said Mary Coate was the child of John Coate (Little) born abt. 1740 died between 1802-1804 and his (1) wife Rachal Wright born abt. 1745.

5. The said Rachal Wright was the child of John Wright born Penn. 1716 died S.C. after 1790 and his () wife Rachal Wells died after 1790.

6. The said John Wright was the child of James Wright born 1677 and his () wife Mary born 1681 married 1707.

* Wife in every instance in this paper means legal and lawful wife.

The said John Wright is the ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of private in Col. Thompson's Rangers, in S.C. 1775.

State Volume and Page of References To Authorities Or Give Certificate Of Unpublished Authority.

2. page 2 following; also page 4.

3. pages 1 and 3 following.

4. page 3 following.

5. pages 5-8 following; also Christian Worker, Vol. 12,

6. No. 19, p. 234, May 11, 1882.

7. Data in File Case.

ANCESTOR'S SERVICES

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

John Wright #30 served 1 month 20 days at L20 per month, L33.6.4 Capt. Ely Kershaw's Pay Bill. A Return of the officers and non-commissioned officers and privates of the 3rd. company of Rangers commanded by Col. William Thomson from the first day of Sept. to Oct. 20, 1775. p. 15 S.C Hist. & Gen. Mag. Edited by A.S. Salley, Jr. Vol. 3, 1902.

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Give references by volume and page to the documentary or other authorities for - Military Record:

S.C. Hist. & Gen. Mag.; A.S. Salley, Jr. Ed., V. 3, 1902, p. 15.

Give, if possible, the following data: My Revolutionary ancestor was married (1) to Rachal Wells probably in Frederick Co., Va. before 1740.

CHILDREN OF REVOLUTIONARY ANCESTOR

Names	Date of Birth	To Whom Married, noting if Married more than once
Mary Wright		Wm. O'Neal
Charity Wright	1743	Isaac Cook
Joseph Wright		
Margaret Wright		...Hammar & Joseph Hollingsworth
William		
John Wright		Jemima Haworth
James Wright		Sarah Haworth
Hannah Wright		A. Parmer
Rachal Wright		John Coate
Susannah Wright	1755-1851	Isaac Hollingsworth
Elizabeth Wright		Gabriel McCoote
Sarah Wright		James Brooks
Nathan Wright		Jay
Thomas Wright		Jay
Kezia Wright	1763	William Hanks
Isaac Wright	6-13-1764	Susannah Haworth

The following form of acknowledgment is required:

Applicant further says that the said John Wright (name of ancestor from whom eligibility is derived) is the ancestor mentioned in the foregoing application, and that the statements hereinbefore set forth are true to the best of her knowledge and belief.

The applicant also pledges allegiance to the United States of America and agrees to support its Constitution.

(Signature of Applicant) Laura Pearson Esarey

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Bloomington, Ind. this 8 day of May A.D. 1934, Vestie Bucks. (Signature of Notary)

(IX) DEATH RECORD: Abstracts of Wills, Inventories, and Administration Accounts Of Frederick County, Virginia 1743-1800. With Cemetery Inscriptions, Rent Rolls, and Other Data. J. Estelle Stewart King. An Improved Edition. With a New Index by Elizabeth Petty Bentley. Originally published: Scottsdale, Arizona, 1961. Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1982, page 13, 25,

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and 26.

WRIGHT, James

Will, 4 October 1751. -- March 1760.

Wife: Mary Wright, named as Extrx. Son: Thomas Wright.
Children: John, James, Isaac, Lydia, Mary Ballenger,
Hannah Ballenger, Martha Mendenhall, Elizabeth Mathews,
Ann McCall, Sarah Pickering (?).

WRIGHT, James

Mary Wright, extrx. of James Wright, August 1764.

WRIGHT, Mary

Will, 8 May 1763. March 1764.

"Aged and sick." Legatee: grandson Thomas Wright, son of
Thomas and Esther Wright. Mentions land left by her
husband, James Wright. Daughters: Mary, Hannah, Martha,
Elizabeth, Ann, Sarah, Lidia. Daughter Sarah Pickering.
Sons: Thomas, James, Isaac and John Wright. Exrs: Mary
Ballinger (daughter), Jesse Pugh, William Pickering.

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Wright, James

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(a) Last Will And Testament Of James WRIGHT. Transcribed, from
photo-copy of Original Will received from, Clerk Of The Circuit
Court, Frederick County, Winchester, Virginia 22601. Will Recorded
in Will Book 2, Pages 172 and 373.

Last Will And Testament
Of
James WRIGHT

I, James Wright of opekon in the County of Frederick and
Colony of Virginia being aged but of a Sound and well disposing
mind and Memory do make this as my last will and Testament hereby
revoking and disannulling all other Wills that have heretofore been
made or done by me.

FIRST, my will is that my body be decently Buried and all my
Just Debts of funeral charges I leave to be defrayed at the

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Discreation of my Executrix hereafter mentioned.

SECONDLY, I give bequeath and demise unto my Son Thomas Wright the land and Plantation whereon I now Dwell with all the buildings and improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging the which I bequeath and demise to the Proper use and behoof of him his heirs and assign forever it being I thing 194 acres of patent Land and he to be in full possession therof after his Mothers Decease, but his Mother to have full possession thereof During her natural life. I also Give and bequeath unto my wife all my goods and Chattels and all my personal Estate for a Comfortable maintenance dureing her life or Else to dispose of among her children as in discreation she shall think fit or when and where she shall think fit only Paying to our ten children to Each of them five Shillings, Virginia Currency (Viz), John, James Jr., Isaac Wright, Lydia Wright, Mary Ballinger, Hannah Ballinger, Martha Mendenhall, Elizabeth Matthews, Anne McCool, Sarah Pickering.

Lastly, I ordain and constitute my loving and well beloved wife Mary Wright Sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament witness my Hand and Seal Dated at opekon aforesaid the 14 th. Day of the 8th. Mo. October 1751.

Signed Sealed and acknowledged to
be the last will and Testament of
the said James Wright in the
Presence of us

James Wright (LS)
Be it further remembored
that I would have no
appraisement upon
my Goods.

Testes

John Mendenhall Shedule

Be it further remembered that
Share is 160 acres of Land lately Surveyed at the South Side of the
aboversaid tract be where of I add to the said Tract lying along
the said line the which I demise as aboversaid to my son - Thomas
Wright this before Sealing and acknowledgement In the other 100
acres I leave to my wifes disposal after my Decease as also the 300
acres lately Surveyed lying by Thomas Thornberry upon middle Creek,
I Wright I would have no appraisement upon my Goods Witnefs my Hand
and Seal the 30 th. of the 4 th. Mo. April 1753.

Signed Sealed Testified and declared
to be the last will and Testament of
the said James Wright in the
Presence of us.

James Wright (LS)

Testes

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Evan Rogers
James Ballinger
Sarah Rogers

At a Court Held for Frederick County the 4 th. Day of March 1760 This will was presented in Court by Mary Wright the Exorp - therein Named who made Oath thereto according to Law and the Same being proved by the oath of Evan Rogers and James Ballinger two of the witnefsas thereto of ordered to be Recorded and on the Motion of the said Extrix who Entered into Bond with Said Evan Rogers and James Ballinger her Securitys in the penalty of five Hundred Pounds Conditioned according to Law Certificate is Granted her for obtaining a probate thereof in due forme.

Test Arch Wager Clk.

(b) The Administrator's Final Report Of James WRIGHT. Transcribed, from photo-copy of the Original Administrator's Final Report received from, Clerk Of The Circuit Court, Frederick County, Winchester, Virginia 22601. The Administrator's Final Report Recorded in Book 3, Page 172.

A true and perfect Inventory of the Goods, chattles and personable Estate & c of James Wright deceased. Taken this 4th day of the 4 th mo. 1761 by me William Jolliffe at the Request of Mary Wright Executrix - Imprimis.

1 old gray Horse	L1. 5.0
1 Mare and yearling colt	3. 0.0
1 Bed beding and bedstid	1. 0.0
1 Chest and Dough Trough	7. 5.0
2 old bedstids	0. 7.6
3 old Ironpots and hooks	1. 5.0
2 pot Lacks	0.12.6
some old pewter	0.10.0
1 Brass Morter & Vinegar curuet	0. 3.6
2 Spining Whells	0.15.0
1 old loom & 5 old Reed Warpingbars	1. 5.0
1 pr. spoon molds & Ladle	0. 9.0
1 pr. Tongues brand Iron fleshfork	0. 7.0
1 old saddle and bridle and 1 old Hackle	0.15.0
3 old chairs & 1 bucket	0. 8.6
2 old casks	0. 2.0
1 Ewe Lamb	0.10.0
1 old frying pan 3 glass bottles	0. 2.6
1 pr. plow irons and old ax	0.16.0
3 cows at 2.70	7.10.0
1 3 year old Heifer L 2 & yearling & pr 2 of	3. 0.0

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w 2 year old Bull	1.10.0
2 small Beeves	4. 0.0
purce and apparil	3.12.6
1 Box Iron & Heaters	0. 2.6

L40.13.6

William Jolliffe, Junr.

At a Court continued and held for Frederick County February 10th. 1761.

This appraisment of James Wright's Estate was Returned & ordered to be Recorded.

By the Court

Ja Keith C.C.

NOTE: 3 Columns for money: Pounds (L) . Shillings . Pence

(XI) ESTATE SETTLEMENT

Last Will And Testament Of Mary WRIGHT. Transcribed, from photo-copy of Original Will received from, Clerk Of The Circuit Court, Frederick County, Winchester, Virginia 22601. Will Recorded in Will Book 3, Pages 173 and 174.

Last Will And Testament Of Mary WRIGHT

I, Mary Wright of Frederick County, in Colony of Virginia being aged and sickly but of a sound and well disposing mind and memory, do make this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking and disannuling all other Wills that have heretofore been made or done by me.

FIRST, my will is that my body be decently buried and and all my just debts and funeral charges I leave to be defrayed at the discretion of my executors hereafter named.

SECONDLY, I give and bequeath unto my grandson Thomas Wright, son of Thomas Wright and Ester Wright, one hundred Acres of land which my husband James Wright left to me mentioned in his Last Will and Testament, the which land I bequeath and devise to the proper use and behoaf (behalf) of him. the Sd Thomas Wright, his Heirs and Assigns forever.

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THIRDLY, I give and bequeath all and singular of my wearing apparel unto my seven daughters, viz: Mary, Hannah, Martha, Elizabeth, Ann, Sarah and Lidia to be equally divided among them.

FORTHLY, I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Pickering one brass mortar.

FIFTHLY, I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Wright all and singular of my stock and household goods. I also will that what money remains after my decease from the Land, sold on Middlecreek it be equally divided among my ten children, viz: James, Issac, Mary, Hannah, Martha, Elizabeth, Ann, Sarah, Lydia and John.

LASTLY, I ordain and constitute my well beloved daughter Mary Ballinger, Jesse Pugh and William Pickering sole Executors of this my Last Will And Testament, as witness my hand and Seal this 5 th. Day of the 8th. Mo., 1763.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged by the sd Mary Wright as her Last Will and Testament in the presence of us.

Mary Wright (S) SEAL

Testis: Elizabeth Powell,
her
Susanna X Bevin
mark

her
Elinor X Rogers
mark

At a Court held for Frederick County, March 6, 1764.

in Court by Jesse Pugh and William Pickering the Executors herein named who being people called Quakers made Affirmation thereto and the same being proved by the Affirmation of Elizabeth Powell and Susanna Bevin witnesses thereto is ordered to be recorded and upon the motion of the Sd Executors who entered into bond with James McGill and Joseph Babb their securities in the penalty of five hundred pounds conditioned for their due and faithful administration of the sd estate, certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate in due form.

By the Court
Ja Keith

(b) The Administrator's Final Report Of Mary WRIGHT. Transcribed, from photo-copy of the Original Administrator's Final Report received from, Clerk Of The Circuit Court, Frederick County, Winchester, Virginia 22601. The Administrator's Final Report Recorded in Book 3, Page 207 and 208.

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We the subscribers by Vertue of an Order of Frederick County Court being first Qualified Before a Majestrate have met and appraised such of the Estate of Mary Wright Deceased as was brought to our view by William Pickering and Jese Pugh Executors.

To a small black horse	3. 0.0
To a small bay mare	2. 0.0
To a black Cow & Calf	3.10.0
To an old pide cow	2.10.0
To 1 pide heafer	1.10.0
To white heafer	2. 5.0
To old loom tackling	0. 5.0
To wearing apparil	2.10.0
To an old book	0. 2.0
To 3 old books	1. 0.0
To cash one due upon bonds	80. 0.0
To cash lent Out	5.10.0
To a pair of money scales and box	0. 7.6
To some old pewter	0. 5.0
To an old chest	0.15.0
To an old Daugh brough	0. 5.0
To a bed and furnature	3. 0.0
To some tea ware	0. 2.0
To Lumber	0. 2.6
To brass Mortar	0. 5.0
To books debts	1. 0.0
To pot hanger	0.14.0
To old Iron	0. 7.0
To 3 Iron pots	1. 0.0
To old plow Irons	0.10.0
To spoon moulde and Laddle	0. 7.6
To an old Whell	0. 8.0
To 5 old sheep and 2 lams	1.15.0
To 4 Swine	1. 4.0
To 2 old chairs	0. 5.0
To an Iron wedge and Shears	0. 2.0
To 2 old hatchets	0. 5.0

Phil Babb, William Barret, William Supton.

At a Court held for Frederick County the 7th day of August 1764.

This Appraisment was Returned and Ordered to be Recorded.

By the Court
Ja Keith SS

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(XII) Charity COOK a Liberated Woman by Algie I. NEWLIN, First Printing 1981 by Friends United Press. Library of Congress No. 81-66294. Lists on page 132, the children of James and Mary WRIGHT, also, John and Rachel (WELLS) WRIGHT, giving their dates and places of birth. Algie I. Newlin died before 9 March 1986.

Page 2, 3, and 4.

"Land-hunting had become almost an obsession for a large segment of the people. Quakers were not immune to the appeal of virgin land, and events in the life of James Wright and his son John indicate that they, too, were addicted to its lure. They and their wives, the grandparents and parents of Charity Wright, were in the midst of this eager search for new land and new homes, and each experience added a new chapter to their migratory life.

We get our first glimpse of James and Mary Wright and their son, John Wright, at East Nottingham in the western part of Chester County, Pennsylvania. It is not known if the Wright family was among the first settlers in that community, but John, the fifth of the eleven children, was born there in 1716. At that time East Nottingham settlement was only twelve years old: it was truly a part of backcountry of Chester County.

The James Wright family left East Nottingham in 1725 and joined with other Quakers in founding a colony on Monocacy Creek, a few miles south of the present city of Frederick, Maryland. Here the family continued to experience the rigors of pioneer life through the first nine years of the history of that settlement. At Monacacy the James Wright family grew from eight to eleven children, but the size of the family did not deter James and Mary from pulling up stakes and striking out for another new frontier.

In 1734 James and Mary Wright, and at least some of their children, joined Alexander Ross, Josiah Ballinger, and a few other Friends in beginning a Quaker settlement at Hopewell, near the present city of Winchester, Virginia. Here James Wright joined John Littler in acquiring 438 acres of land on Apple Pie Creek, five miles north of Winchester. At the time of this surge to the farthest point into the interior of the English settlement, it is not known how many of the children of James and Mary Wright were with them. At least two were married: Mary and her husband Josiah Ballinger were among the first settlers, and it is possible that Hannah and her husband Henry Ballinger were among them. It is assumed that John Wright, at that time eighteen years of age, was with his parents when they moved into Virginia.

When the Hopewell Meeting records were burned, the account of the wedding of John Wright and Rachel Wells must have been obliterated, but since their first child was born in April, 1738, it is assumed that they were married in 1737. It is known, however, that they made their home within the limits of Monocacy Meeting, and it seems

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probable that they were married there.

Quakerism seems to have provided a strong moral and religious fiber in the life of James Wright and his family. He was held in high esteem by Friends in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. He has been characterized as "... a distinguished minister of Friends and with minutes from Hopewell Monthly Meeting traveled widely in the exercise of his ministry." His place in the minds of Friends who were at the center of the yearly meeting may be inferred from the action of the Meeting for Sufferings of that yearly meeting:

He sustained much loss at the time of the French and Indian War and, with his wife Mary, was the object of much concern of the Meeting for Sufferings in Philadelphia which issued instructions that one-fifth of the money sent at that time for the relief of Friends in the ravaged district be lay'd out for the use of our aged Friends James Wright and his wife.

The Clerk of Hopewell Meeting throws some light on the plight of James and Mary Wright. He recorded that "Also our ancient Friend James Wright and wife are much reduced, being driven from their Habitation and unable to labour for a livelihood."

Some historians are inclined to speak disparagingly of the character of the society which settled on the frontier, and at least one traveling minister of the Society of Friends left a description of the community of Friends in the Fairfax Meeting of northern Virginia which was less than complimentary. Though the cultural level of some of the Quakers in the backcountry settlements could have been low, there is sufficient evidence to suggest that the Wright family stood above that level. The testimonials given above, relative to the position of the leadership and religious stature of James Wright, lead to the belief that he and his family were in a respectable cultural level. Just before leaving East Nottingham, James Wright was appointed by that meeting to write wedding certificates, a position which must be an indication of his educational qualifications.

Being classed as "a distinguished minister of the Society of Friends...who traveled widely in the exercise of his ministry," places him among the spiritual leaders of the Society, and he initiates, in his family, a succession of itinerant ministers in three successive generations in the line of his descent: his daughter Martha Wright Mendenhall; his daughter-in-law, Rachel Wells Wright; and two of his granddaughters, Charity Wright Cook and her sister Susannah Wright Hollingsworth. Much of the history of the Wright family, and much of the spirit and achievements of the family, must have been planted in the mind and life of Charity Wright by her parents and other relatives."

(XIII) Letter dated 12 September 1981 from Mary-Helen PEMBERTON, 150 W. High Street, West Milton, Ohio 45383 in reference to the

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LITTLER Sirname. "No, I do not agree that the wife of James WRIGHT was Mary DAVIS as I have checked a number of DAVIS families and find no Mary of the proper age. None who gives that as her name gives a reference so why would anyone accept it. James was NOT the son of James and Susannah (CROWDSON) WRIGHT. It is my belief that the father of James was named Thomas as both the son Thomas was given preference in the Will of both his father and mother as was also the grandson. It is quite possible that this James came from Ireland..."

(XIV) Letter dated 07 May 1976 from Willard HEISS, 4828 North Illinois Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46208, in reference to the DAVIS Sirname. "Loudon County, Virginia Wills (Book and Page lacking) Sarah DAVIS "sojourning in Loudon County," 10 mo. 1759: May 1759 Legatees - John DAVIS, Brother; Mary WRIGHT, Sister; Elizabeth THOMAS, Sarah PLACKNERY (HACKNEY?); Exec. Rachel DAVIS. Witts: Thomas KELLEY, William ONALLEY, Jonathan DAVIS" "Perhaps not proof but interesting...needs amplification."

(XV) Letters dated from 05 July 1964 thru to the present, from Mary Wright DENNIS, R. R. 1., Modoc, Indiana 47358. Including Family Group Record Sheets, pages of information, etc. on the WRIGHT Family.

(XVI) Pennsylvania Archives, Second Series. Printed under direction of William Francis Harrity. Secretary of the Commonwealth. Edited by Wm. H. Egle, M.D. Vol. XIX. Harrisburg: E.K. Meyers, State Printer. 1890. Minutes Of The Board Of Property Of The Province of Pennsylvania. Volume I. Edited By William Henry Egle, M.D. Harrisburg: E.K. Meyers, State Printer. 1893, Minute Book "H.", Page 596 and 597.

"12, 1 mo., 1715-6
Present, T. Logan.
The Proprietor, by Indentures of Lease and Release...

Signed the sev'll following Warr'ts at Sundry Times:

	Acres.
Richard Friveller, . . .	100
Hans Graeff,	200
Tho. Eldridge,	250
John Whitesides,	200
James Wright,	200
Benedictus Venerick, . .	200
William Taylor,	250
Joseph Hains,	100
Thomas Clark,	300
William Sherrard, . . .	200
Tho. Nicholls,	500
William Cloud,	300
....."	

All in Chester County, grant. at
L10 p. C't and 1s sterling quit-
rent.

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(XVII) Seventeenth Century Isle of Wight County, Virginia. A history of the County of Isle of Wight, Virginia, during the Seventeenth Century, including abstracts of the county records. By John Bennett Boddie. 756 pp. Originally published: Chicago, 1938. Pages 434-449, CHAPTER XXIII. Captain James Davis of New England and Virginia.

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"I. James, m. Margaret, daughter of Thomas Jordan, Burgess for Nansemond, his father's neighbor. This is proven by the Quaker Registers, where in 1687-88, James Davis and Margaret Davis, his wife signed as witnesses at the several marriages of John Jordan, Robert Jordan and James Jordan, sons of Thomas Jordan, Jr., and they signed as "Aunt Margaret Davis", "Uncle James Davis", proving that Margaret was an aunt to the three sons of Thomas Jordan. (So. Historical Association Transactions, Vol. 6, pp. 226-27-28.)

Children:

i. Thomas, at the marriage of James Jordan, son of Thomas Jordan in 1688 signed the register as "Couzen".

NOTE: Where did the information come from stating that James WRIGHT's wife was the daughter of James and Margaret (JORDAN) DAVIS. There is no mention in this chapter of a daughter Mary or the Surname WRIGHT!

(XVIII) HOPEWELL FRIENDS HISTORY 1734-1934 Frederick County, Virginia. Records Of Hopewell Monthly Meetings And Meetings Reporting To Hopewell. Two Hundred Years Of History And Genealogy. Compiled from Official Records and Published by a Joint Committee of Hopewell Friends. Assisted by John W. Wayland. First printed by Shenandoah Publishing House, Inc., Strasburg, Virginia, 1936. Recent Printing by GENEALOGICAL PUBLISHING CO., INC. Baltimore 1975. Page 487 lists the children with date of birth of James and Mary WRIGHT, Sr., James and Luce WRIGHT, Jr., James and Phebe WRIGHT, John and Susanna WRIGHT, Richard and Rachel WRIGHT, Thomas and Esther (Hiatt) WRIGHT, and William and Eunice WRIGHT. Page 16 lists James Wright Senr. as a witness of the Will of Alexander Ross in 1748. Also James WRIGHT, Sr. name appears on pages 15, 24, 27, 31, 50, 54, 63, 69, 118, 119, 120, 180, 240, 241, 244, and 407.

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Name	Born
Wright, James Sr.	1671
w. Mary	2 12 1689
Mary	3 6 1708
Hannah	24 1 1709

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Martha	14	2	1713
Elizabeth	23	11	1714
John	4	11	1716
James	8	11	1718
Thomas	14	1	1720
Isaac	25	3	1723
Ann	29	1	1725
Sarah	15	3	1727
Lydia	31	8	1730

(XIX) GENEALOGY by Willard HEISS, January-February, 1976, Indianapolis, No. 19-20. A Publication of The Genealogy Section Indiana Historical Society. Page 21, Iowa Surname Index. "In 1972 the first Iowa Surname Index was published. I thought then that it probably could not be surpassed. I now have before me "The Iowa Genealogical Society Surname Index, Vol. 2, 1975". It has 475 pages and lists more than 25,000 entries along with names and addresses of those who submitted the query. I think I can safely say that this can not be surpassed without resorting to the use of a computer.

The value of this kind of an index is generally well known. However, a useful purpose may be served by giving a sample entry -

NAME	BIRTH	DEATH	MARRIAGE	SPOUSE	CODE
WRIGHT, James	1671	1764	1707	Mary	B71
WRIGHT, James	1671	176?		Mary	W21
WRIGHT, James	1671	1760		Mary Davis	S53

B71 is Mrs. Robert M. Bowery, 903 North "E", Indianola, IA 50125

W21 is Larry E. Warren, 4302 - 40th St., DesMoines, IA 50310

S53 is Marie Hauer Settler Rte 2, Sperry, IA 52650

....."

NOTE: References to Birth, Death, Marriage, Spouse and Person submitting the information on James and Mary WRIGHT. Three entries. Information for the above article came from the compiled book of The Iowa Genealogical Society Surname Index, Vol. 2, 1975, page 444. Persons submitting information are found under their codes on pages 457, 469 and 471.

(XX) NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY QUARTERLY, Volume 70, December 1982, Number 4. Page 282-294. Early Settlers Of The Nottingham Lots, by A. Day Bradley. Published by the NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, 4527 17th. Street, North, Arlington, VA 22207-2363.

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James and Mary Wright were in Nottingham by 1718 and removed to the Hopewell settlement. He was on the East Nottingham tax list 1718-1727. "James Wright, an elder of Hopewell Monthly Meeting was

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one of the first settlers in that part of Virginia. He was a sober, industrious honest and solid and weighty in his conversation. He departed this life Fifth Month 15th, 1759 in his 83rd year."

- i. Mary, b. 3 6mo. 1708, m. 31 6mo. 1727 Josiah Ballinger of near Potomac, s/o Henry of Burlington.
- ii. Hannah, b. 24 1mo. 1709/10, m. 12 1mo. 1726 Henry, s/o Henry Ballinger of Burlington.
- iii. Martha, b. 14 2mo. 1713, m. Mendenhall.
- iv. Elizabeth, b 23 11mo. 1714, m. Mathews
- v. John, b. 4 11mo. 1717.
- vi. James, b. 8 11mo. 1718.
- vii. Thomas, b. 14 1mo. 1720
- viii. Isaac, b. 25 3mo. 1723.
- ix. Ann, b. 29 1mo. 1725, m. McCool.
- x. Sarah, b. 15 3mo. 1727, m. Pickering.
- xi. Lydia, b. 31 8 mo. 1730.

(NOTE: References are there-in.)

(XXI) HISTORY AND DATA: The following was received from Mrs. David R. STEVENS, 509 Franklin Dr., San Marcos, TX 78666, who received it from Mary Wright DENNIS, R. R. 1., Modoc, Indiana 47358. "A good many years ago Willard HEISS gave me the following....It gives the names of children of Thomas WRIGHT:

From the Furnas Collection Book A, page 9 et seq."

"I inscribe the following to my son Isaac H. Furnas. I was born in the state of South Carolina, Newberry district, on the 2nd of the 11th month 1798, my parents names were Thomas and Elizabeth Wright. My father was a son of John and Rachel Wright.

I think my grandfather John Wright was born in Pennsylvania. My grandmother was born in Wales. Her maiden name was Wells.

My mother's maiden name was Jay her parents went from North Carolina to South Carolina, where they died, before I was born. I do not know their given names. My grandmother Jay's maiden name was Vestal.

My mother deceased in the 10th month 1803. I am not in possession of the day of the month that she died.

I was taken soon after mother's death from South Carolina to the state of Ohio, which accounts for my limited knowledge of our familys history, I being then very young. I went with Uncle Isaac Hollingsworth and his wife Susanna my own aunt, she being my father's sister. My father remained in Carolina years after that but I do not know exactly how many years.

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He deceased in Indiana the 30th of the 4th 1835 - And was buried in Friends burying ground at White River Monthly Meeting Randolph Co., Ind. near Winchester Town, the County seat. My mother was buried in friends burying ground at Bush River Monthly Meeting. She being a member of the Society of Friends was received at her request.

As also I was received by request at Center Monthly Meeting, Ohio, Clinton County in 1818, near Wilmington the county seat. My grandparents were buried in South Carolina too - I suppose in the same burying place with my mother.

My fathers parents were married in Pennsylvania, from there they moved to North Carolina where for a time grandfather traded in dry goods until by misfortune he went security for the sheriff that failed, which cost grandfather many thousands of dollars. After that change of circumstances they removed to the south where they ended their days. She was a valuable minister and much esteemed by friends to the end of her time in this world. When my mother died she left seven children, I being the youngest except one. The oldest one Gabriel died in Carolina and left a family there. Sally the next oldest 79 years old at this writing lives in Indiana. Susanna the next died in Ohio. Isaac the next died in Georgia and left a family there. Charlotte the next lives in Iowa. I was next. Our youngest brother Thomas Wright died in Illinois. All of us (mother's children) lived to be married and have families..."

5th month 5th 1869
Isley Furnas

The heading of this information is dated October 25, 1982.

(NOTE: Mary DENNIS, R. R. 1., Modoc, Indiana 47358, stated in her letter dated 28 February 1986, "This is a valuable source for children of Thomas.")

(XXII) HISTORY AND DATA: From HAWKINS FAMILY RECORDS, Vol. IV, No.3 - June 1, 1976. Compiled by Carl H. HAWKINS, 402 S.W. "G" Street, Richmond, Indiana 47374. Most of this issue of HAWKINS Family Record is devoted to James and Mary WRIGHT, with history on them and listings of many generations of their children. He has died as reported prior to August 1981.

(XXIII) A Collection Of Haworth Material By Faye Roberts HAWORTH, 5362 75 th. Street North, St. Petersburg, Florida 33709.

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Pedigree Chart No. 4, lists James WRIGHT as person #4, born 03 June 1668 in Bristol, England. Died 15 May 1759 in Frederick County, Virginia. Married about 1707.

Person #5, Mary DAVIS (wife of James WRIGHT) born 12 February 1689, in Prince George County, Maryland. Died 06 March 1764 in Frederick County, Virginia.

Person #2, John WRIGHT born 04 November 1716 in Chester County, Pennsylvania. Died 17 September 1790 in Newberry County, South Carolina. Married 1736/37.

Person #3, Rachel WELLS born 27 March 1720 in Prince George County, Maryland. Died 23 December 1771 in Newberry County, South Carolina.

Person #6, Rachel WELLS' father, Joseph WELLS and has as her mother, Person #7, Margaret.

Person #1, Isaac Joel WRIGHT born 13 June 1764 in Newberry County, South Carolina. Died 20 February 18 in Howard County, Indiana. Married 19 February 1784 to Susannah HAWORTH.

NOTE: SOURCES OF INFORMATION NOT GIVEN.

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Family Group Record Sheet on Isaac Joel WRIGHT and Susannah HAWORTH, born 27 July 1766 in Frederick County, Virginia. Died 26 April 1844 in Haward County, Indiana. Her parents are stated as Richard and Ann (Anna) (DILLON) HAWORTH. Also at side of page is a brief historical account of Isaac Joel and Susannah (HAWORTH) WRIGHT.

NOTE: SOURCES OF INFORMATION NOT GIVEN.

(XXIV) INDIANA SOURCE BOOK Genelagical Material from THE HOOSIER GENEALOGIST, 1961-1966. Volume One, Edited by Willard Heiss. THE GENEALOGY SECTION, Indiana Historical Society, 1977, 315 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202.

Page 195 and 196.

EARLY WRIGHT FAMILIES IN RANDOLPH COUNTY by Willard Heiss, Indianapolis.

"In the census of 1820 for Indiana there were eleven heads of families in Randolph County who carried the name of Wright. Although they migrated here from various parts of the country, there seems to be a thread of attraction among them that would indicate some remote relationship. After considerable research it would appear that most of these Wrights descend from James and Mary

SOURCES OF INFORMATION James and Mary WRIGHT

Wright, who were early settlers near Hopewell Friends Meeting, Frederick County, Virginia. They died there in 1760 and 1764 respectively. The following sketch briefly outlines some of their progeny and apparent kinsmen who were among the first residents of Randolph County."....."Tucker in his History of Randolph County, quotes Jeremiah Smith on the subject of the Wright family, as saying, "Whole colonies of them have emigrated westward. If they and all the other descendents of the Wrights who were here in 1818 had remained in the county, there would be little room for anyone else.""

(XXV) Letter dated April 29, 1986 from Daniel D. WRIGHT, P.O. Box 007, Bentonville, Virginia 22610.

April 29, 1986

Mr. William Lee Sloan
1406 MarLee Lane
Lebanon, IN 46052

In Re: Wright

Dear Mr. Sloan:

Just a preliminary Reply as we have far to go. Might I suggest you purchase "Wright Briscoe Pioneers," written by John C. Wright. With the help of my sister Mrs. Marguerite W. Essex, 7427 Westwood Park Lane, Falls Church, Va., 22046. The price was \$8.50. This Book has most of the information you desire, however I will later send you corrections of some of your family group's you sent to me.

I have finished my research of 18 years, a lot of traveling etc. Although John C. Wright's Family Tree beginning with James and Mary Davis, intermarried and was clanish in settling various sections of the country after their arrival in the U. S. in the seventeen hundreds. We all are distantly related. I found in my research that I had to eliminate others like James and Mary to insure mine. However they all came to England in 1066 with King William. There were five brothers. William who was sent to Ireland by King William, John who settled in County Essex as a Lord and the other three were rewarded by titles and settled in Essex and later constructed Kelvedon Castle which I believe is still there. When I send you the corrections and other recommendation I will furnish the names of the other three. They all fought with King William in France. They were Vikings.

Many sources of info are furnished in John's book, however that clan of Quakers all appear in the Mackenzie volumes which are

SOURCES OF INFORMATION James and Mary WRIGHT

excerpts from the various Monthly Meetings of the Quakers.

Let me know if you purchase John's book which will make unnecessary to send you all the data you requested. His book is catlog #73-094235 in the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C. Also let me know what name you are trying to prove to.

Keep at it, you will succeed.

Daniel D. Wright
P.O. Box 007
Bentonville, Va. 22610

P.S. Did I send you Willis Wright data?

(XXVI) CHILDREN

Child #1, Mary WRIGHT

(a) ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN QUAKER GENEALOGY by William Wade HINSHAW, Volume I. Bush River Monthly Meeting, Newberry County, South Carolina.

Page 1026, Ballinger

1787,8,25. Josiah dis.

(b) THREE CENTURIES OF BALLINGERS IN AMERICA. Compiled By Emma Barrett Reeves. Copyright 1977. Library of Congress Catalog Card No. 77-84546. Printed by Texian Press.

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"5. Josiah Ballinger (Henry) b c 1697 in N.J.; d 7-12-1748 in Frederick Co., Va.; = 31-6-1727 Mary, b 3-6-1708, d/o James & Mary (Davis) Wright."

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"5. Josiah and Mary (Wright) Ballinger had only 3 ch:

- 20. i. Josiah Ballinger, Jr. = Elizabeth ----
- 21. ii. Sarah Ballinger = Evan Rogers
- 22. iii. James Ballinger = Lydia Taylor

....."

SOURCES OF INFORMATION James and Mary WRIGHT

(c) Abstracts of Wills, Inventories, and Administration Accounts Of Frederick County, Virginia 1743-1800. With Cemetery Inscriptions, Rent Rolls, and Other Data. J. Estelle Stewart King. An Improved Edition. With a New Index by Elizabeth Petty Bentley. Originally published: Scottsdale, Arizona, 1961. Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1982.

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BALLINGER, Josiah

Will, 4 November 1748. 7 December 1748.
Wife Mary, Extrx. Sons: James Ballinger (eldest),
Josiah Ballinger. Daughter: Sarah Ballinger.
Mentions father-in-law James Wright.

Child #2, Hannah WRIGHT

(a) ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN QUAKER GENEALOGY by William Wade HINSHAW, Volume II. Burlington Monthly Meeting, Burlington County, New Jersey.

Page 166, Ballinger

Thomas, s Henry & Mary, b. 6-13-1685

Page 195, Ballinger

1684, 9, 4. Henry, Northampton River, m Mary Harding, Burl., at
Burl. Mtg.

(b) ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN QUAKER GENEALOGY by William Wade HINSHAW, Volume IV. Fairfax Monthly Meeting, Loudon County, Virginia.

Page 468, Ballinger

Hannah has cert to visit mtgs in Md., Pa. & N.J. 30-2-1748

Henry, s Henry & Mary (HARDING) Ballinger, of N.J. & Pa., roc'd Salem MM, N.J. by New Garden MM, Pa., dtd 27-4-1726; m 18-6-1726 at Nottingham MH, Md., Hannah WRIGHT b 24-1-1709, dt James & Mary Wright of Monocacy Valley, Md., under auspices New Garden MM, Pa. (Note: When Hopewell MM, Va. was set up 1735, Henry & Hannah Ballinger were automatically transferred to that mtg; in the same manner, they were transferred to Fairfax MM, Va., from Hopewell MM when Fairfax MM was set off from Hopewell 1744, they being mbr of Monocacy PM, Md., which was assigned to Fairfax MM). Henry & Hannah (WRIGHT) Ballinger & ch "such as desired to go with their parents", gct Cane Creek MM, N.C., 31-6-1751 (Note: When New Garden MM, N.C. was set off in 1754 from Cane Creek MM, this fam was transferred to

SOURCES OF INFORMATION James and Mary WRIGHT

that mtg)

Ch: (from New Garden MM, N.C. Records)

Rachel b 8- 7-1727 (O.S.) 10-19-N.S. d 6-12-1808
Mary b 11-10-1728/9 (O.S.) 1-22-1729 N.S.
William b 7-11-1730 O.S. 9-23-N.S.
Henry b 3- 5-1733 O.S. 5-17-N.S. d 2-21-1757
Hannah b 10-28-1735 O.S. 12-7 N.S.
Rebeckah b 12-15-1738/9 O.S. 2-22-1739 N.S.
Moses b 12-22-1741/2 O.S. 2-6-1742 N.S.
Martha b 12-22-1744 O.S.
John b 11-22-1748/9 O.S. 1-4-1749 N.S.

Henry Ballinger (the subject above) b 6-24-1695 O.S. 8mo-5-N.S. d 5mo 4-1774 (All the above ch were doubtless b at Monocacy, Md.) (Appointed to settle affairs of Sarah Beals, wd, 26-12-'47)

Page 585, Wright

Hannah dt James & Mary Wright of Monocacy Valley, Md. & of New Garden MM Pa., m 18-6-1726 at Nottingham MH Henry BALLINGER s of Henry & Mary (HARDING) Ballinger of Burlington MM, N.J. (See Ballinger)

(c) ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN QUAKER GENEALOGY by William Wade HINSHAW, Volume I. Cane Creek Monthly Meeting, Orange (now Alamance) County, North Carolina.

Page 372, Ballinger

1751,10,7. Henry & w & ch roc f Fairfax MM, Va. dated 1751,6,21.
1753,1,6. Mary & Rachel roc.

(d) ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN QUAKER GENEALOGY by William Wade HINSHAW, Volume I. New Garden Monthly Meeting, North Carolina.

Page 490, Ballinger

Henry Ballinger, s. Henry & Mary, b. 6-24-1695 O.S., 8mo.-5 N.S.

Henry Ballinger d. 5-4-1774
Hannah Ballinger

Ch: Rachel b. 8- 7-1727 O.S., 10-19- N.S.; d. 6-12-1808.
Mary b. 11-10-1728/9 O.S., 1-22-1729 N.S.
William b. 7-11-1730 O.S., 9-23 N.S.
Henry b. 3- 5-1733 O.S., 5-17 N.S.; d. 2-21-1757.
Hannah b. 10-28-1735 O.S., 12-7 N.S.
Rebeckah b. 12-15-1738/9 O.S., 2-22-1739 N.S.
Moses b. 12-22-1741/2 O.S., 2-6-1742 N.S.
Martha b. 12-22-1744 O.S.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION James and Mary WRIGHT

John b. 11-22-1748/9 O.S., 1-4-1749 N.S.

Rebecca Britton d. 9-27-1803. (appears to have been dt Henry & Hannah Ballenger)

(e) THREE CENTURIES OF BALLINGERS IN AMERICA. Compiled By Emma Barrett Reeves. Copyright 1977. Library of Congress Catalog Card No. 77-84546. Printed by Texian Press.

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"4. Henry Ballinger (Henry) b 5-8-1695 in N.J.; d 4-5-1774 in Guilford Co., N.C.; rocf Salem M.M. in N.J. by New Garden M.M. in Penn. on 27-4-1726 for the purpose of marrying, which he did on 18-6-1726 before the Nottingham M.M. to Hannah, b 24-1-1709, d/o James and Mary (Davis) Wright."

"New Garden M.M. Minutes tells that Rachel and Martha were disowned 25-6-1768; John gct Philadelphia, Penn., on 25-6-1768; disowned 27-10-1770. There were 9 ch :

- i. Rachel Ballinger, b 7-8-1727; d 12-6-1808
14. ii. Mary Ballinger = Nathan Dicks
15. iii. William Ballinger = Cassandra Plummer
16. iv. Henry Ballinger = Phoebe Stuart
- v. Hannah Ballinger, b 28-10-1735; = 2-7-1753
to David Edwards
17. vi. Rebeckah = William Britton (Brittain)
18. vii. Moses Ballinger = Hannah Allen
19. viii. Martha Ballinger = Thomas Thornburgh, Jr.
- ix. John Ballinger, b 22-11-1748; d 1829; = 1768
Nancy Eastham; moved to Garrard Co., Ky.

Child #3, Thomas WRIGHT

(NOTE: DIED YOUNG)

Child #4, Martha WRIGHT

(a) ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN QUAKER GENEALOGY by William Wade HINSHAW, Volume I. Springfield Monthly Meeting, Guilford County, North Carolina.

Page 861, Mendenhall

John Mendenhall
Martha Mendenhall

Ch: Samuel b. 7-10-1802.
Josiah b. 10-16-1803; d. 1-23-1806.
Anna b. 6- 5-1806.
Mary b. 5-21-1810.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION James and Mary WRIGHT

John Mendenhall d. 1-26-1831.

Child #5, Elizabeth WRIGHT

(a) ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN QUAKER GENEALOGY by William Wade HINSHAW, Volume VI. Fairfax Monthly Meeting, Loudon County, Virginia.

Page 532, Matthews

George s Oliver Matthews & w of the "Potomac" Va. m 4-6mo-1731 at Nottingham, MH, Md. Elizabeth WRIGHT b. 23-11-1714; dt James & Mary WRIGHT of "the Potomac" (Va.)

Ch: (from Nottingham B & D, p8; only one listed here)

Edward s of George & Elizabeth b 3-12mo-1731; gct Cane Creek MM, N.C. by Fairfax MM, 30-9-1752; rocf Cane Creek MM, N.C.(with his brother, William, who had been gct same mtg. 25-11-1752), dated 6-4mo-1754. Mary Matthews was gct Cane Creek MM, N.C., with Edward 30-9-1752; Margaret Matthews was gct same Mtg 27-9-1755, along with George & Elizabeth, who may have been her parents, tho this is not proven, but that she was granted a separate cert shows that she was adult. George & Elizabeth MATTHEWS, with 6 minor ch were gct Cane Creek MM, N.C. 30-8-1755 (just how many ch were b to George & Elizabeth is not known; but Cane Creek MM minutes show that Elizabeth MATTHEWS dt of George m 7-12mo-1762 Isom HALEY) (See h-v1,p408) (Note: Until 1734 when Hopewell MM was established most members of Hopewell PM were attached to Nottingham MM; the above records show that both the Matthews & Wright families had already moved into the valley of the Potomac before the marriage of Geo. Matthews & Elizabeth Wright. That the Matthews families were members of Fairfax MM shows that they lived within the verge of Fairfax PM when Fairfax MM was set up in 1744/5; or within the verge of Monocacy PM. See Historical Sketch).

Margaret doubtless dt of George & Elizabeth (WRIGHT) gct Cane Creek MM, N.C.; she was rocf New Garden MM, N.C. 30-6-1759; rem she was gct West River MM, Md. 29-11-1760.

(b) ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN QUAKER GENEALOGY by William Wade HINSHAW, Volume I. Cane Creek Monthly Meeting, Orange (now Alamance) County, North Carolina.

Page 408, MATTHEWS

1755, 10, 4. George (MATTHEW) roc.

1755, 10, 4. Elizabeth (with h) rocf Fairfax MM.

1762, 12, 7. Elizabeth, dt George, Orange Co., m. Isom Haley.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION James and Mary WRIGHT

Child #6, John WRIGHT

(a) ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN QUAKER GENEALOGY by William Wade HINSHAW, Volume I. Cane Creek Monthly Meeting, Orange (now Alamance) County, North Carolina.

Page 369, WRIGHT

John Wright, s James & Mary, b. 11- 4-1716, Chester Co., Pa.
Rachel Wright, dt Joseph & Margaret Wells, b. 3-27-1720, Prince George Co., Md.

Ch: William	b. 1- 2-1738, Prince George Co., Md.
Mary	b. 7-24-1739, Prince George Co., Md.
Joseph	b. 12-12-1740, Prince George Co., Md.
Margaret	b. 11-12-1742, Prince George Co., Md.
Charity	b. 11-13-1742, Prince George Co., Md.
Rachel	b. 11-10-1747, Prince George Co., Md.
John	b. 12-12-1748, Prince George Co., Md.
Sarah	b. 12-23-1749, Orange Co.
Hannah	b. 9-27-1751, Orange Co.
James	b. 5-23-1753, Orange Co.
Susannah	b. 4-16-1755, Orange Co.
Elizabeth	b. 12-15-1756, Orange Co.
Nathan	b. 10- 7-1758, Orange Co.

(b) ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN QUAKER GENEALOGY by William Wade HINSHAW, Volume VI. Fairfax Monthly Meeting, Loudon County, Virginia.

Page 585, WRIGHT

John (a Charter mbr of Fairfax MM) (For history see Hopewell MM, Va. H-v1, pp343/4/359-Cane Creed, nc) appointed overseer for Monocacy PM, Md. his w Rachel (WELLS) Wright was appointed overseer for Monocacy (Women's Mtg) PM, Md. 31-5-1745 (John appointed overseer 31-5-1745). John & Rachel (WELLS) Wright & 7 minor ch: William, Mary, Joseph, Margaret, Charity, Rachel & John Jr., were gct Carvers Creek MM, N.C. 29-5-1749, settled in Orange Co., N.C. along with many other families from Md. & Va. They became Charter Members of Cane Creek MM, Orange Co., N.C. when that Meeting was set up 10mo-1751 there they had 6 more ch. born to them (see H-v1p369). John Wright, s James & Mary, was b 4-11-1716 in Chester Co., Pa. rem with parents to the Valley of Monocacy, Prince George Co. (now Frederick Co) Md. Rachel (WELLS) Wright, dt Joseph & Margaret Wells, was b 27-3-1720 in same Co. (Note: the m of John Wright & Rachel Wells would have been recorded in Hopewell MM, Va. Marriage Records - the books of said Meeting were burned in a fire 1759, so we do not know the exact date of their marriage but assume it was about 1736-7, since their eldest ch, William, was b 2-1-1738 in Prince George Co., Md. as were the 6 other ch. All 13 ch are listed in Cane Creek MM, N.C.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION James and Mary WRIGHT

Rachel (WELLS) w of John Wright, a Charter mbr of Fairfax MM, Va. appointed Overseer for the Women's Meeting of Monocacy PM, Prince Georges Co. (now Frederick Co.), Md. (She was dt Joseph & Margaret WELLS of Monocacy PM, Md.) 31-5-1745 (See John WRIGHT)

(c) ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN QUAKER GENEALOGY by William Wade HINSHAW, Volume I. Bush River Monthly Meeting, Newberry County, South Carolina.

Page 1025, WRIGHT

Rachel Wright, a friend of the Ministry, w John, one of the first Beginers of a mtg at Bush River, d. 12-23-1771, aged about 52 yrs.

(d) WELLS FAMILY RESEARCH BULLETIN, Volume 2, No. 8, October 1974. Elaine Ramsten WELLS, Editor (Mrs. Perry WELLS), Drawer 220, Grandview, Texas 76050.

PROFILES: Joseph WELLS, Quaker; By Flo MONTGOMERY, Page 327.

"JOSEPH WELLS (a twin-sister Sarah) was born 30 Sept. 1697 to Thomas and Frances Wells as recorded in Queen Anne Parish Register, Prince George's County, Md. His daughter Rachel was born 27 March 1720 in Pr. Georges County and baptised 12 July 1721 as "daughter of Joseph and Rachel Wells" at All Hallows in Anne Arundel County. Likely her mother had died at her birth for Joseph had remarried 11 April 1721 at All Hollows to Margaret Swanson."

WELLS FAMILY RESEARCH BULLETIN, Volume 3, No. 2, June 1975. Page 413.

"PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN MARYLAND - Parish Registers

ALL HALLOWS PARISH REGISTER - Davidsonville, Anne Arundel County

Wells, Joseph son of Joseph and Margaret his wife born July 30, 1729

Wells, Joseph and Margaret Swanson married April 11, 1721

Wells, Mary wife of Thomas Wells buried October 31, 1733

Wells, Rachel daughter of Joseph and Rachel baptized July 12, 1721

Wells, Thomas and Mary Disney married October 17, 1723

Wells, Priscilla dau. of Kitty and John Wells born 1848
slave of Mrs. Contee"

WELLS FAMILY RESEARCH BULLETIN, Volume 3, No. 4, December 1975. Page 479.

"American Immigrants Mentioned in England Records

Page 163 - quoted from Principal Probate Register of London

SOURCES OF INFORMATION James and Mary WRIGHT

January 15, 1682/83 - Elizabeth Mellowes of St. Olaves Southwark, Surry - widow "aged and weake" in her will names THOMAS WELLS "my son who went into parts beyond the seas to Maryland or other parts in America or elsewhere when he shall come and arrive in England. Her daughter Mary was wife of John Parker, Executor.

The above is a possible clue for Thomas Wells of Prince George's County, Maryland -- 1653/1718 - whose wife was Frances and children were Thomas Wells Jr, Frances Wells, Mary Wells, George Wells, Robert Wells, Nathan Wells, Joseph Wells, Sarah Wells and Elizabeth Wells."

(e) The Annals of Newberry In Two Parts, Part First By John Belton O'NEALL, LL. D. Part Second By John A. CHAPMAN, A. M. Complete in One Volume. Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, 1974.

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"John, Joseph and William Wright, next mentioned in the Annals, settled and died, I think, (except John, who died in Newberry,) in Clinton County, Ohio, in Indiana and Illinois. Two other brothers not mentioned, namely, Thomas and Isaac Wright, came West also, where, in 1834, the author saw Isaac, his great uncle. He was then a little old, dingy man and said to be intemperate."

(f) QUAKERS IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA BACKCOUNTRY WATEREE AND BUSH RIVER. Indiana Quaker Records, 4020 East 34th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46218. 1969. Willard HEISS.

PART TWO - QUAKERS AT BUSH RIVER, Newberry County, South Carolina.

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"The readers of the Annals of Newberry will be glad to find, I think, the following supplementary chapter to Judge O'Neill's work, contributed by Mr. David Jones, of Ohio, a relative of Lambert J. Jones, Esq., of Newberry. The chapter is strictly supplementary and not a continuation in time of the former work:"

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Child #7, James WRIGHT

(a) ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN QUAKER GENEALOGY by William Wade

SOURCES OF INFORMATION James and Mary WRIGHT

HINSHAW, Volume VI. Fairfax Monthly Meeting, Loudon County, Virginia.

Page 585, WRIGHT

James Jr. & w Lucy & ch rocf Hopewell MM, Va. 30-6-1759 dated 24-4-1759, rem within verge Hopewell MM Va. James & Lucy Wright & ch gct sd MM 27-2-1762 names of ch: Ralph, James, Ann, Susannah, Bowater & Micajah (Note: their dt. Elizabeth is not listed in the cert. For births of ch. see Hopewell B & D Records. James Wright, Jr. of this record was s of James & Mary Wright of Monocacy Meeting, Prince George Co., Md. While it is not certain, the various records indicate that James, Jr. & Lucy Wright lived in Prince George's Co., Md. until 1760, when they rem to within verge of Hopewell MM Va. & that their cert from Hopewell to Fairfax in 1759 was issued to regularize their mbrp in Fairfax MM. The m of James Jr. & Lucy Wright took place prior to the establishment of Fairfax as a MM, and would be recorded in Hopewell books, which were burned in 1759 and are lost. James & Lucy & 5 ch. are listed among those who suffered at the hands of Indians in 1757, they rec 10 pounds from Philadelphia YM Comm for Sufferings James & Lucy lived too remote to visit)

(b) ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN QUAKER GENEALOGY by William Wade HINSHAW, Volume VI. Hopewell Monthly Meeting, Virginia.

Page 460, WRIGHT

1759, 4, 23. James Jr. & W & ch gct Fairfax MM
1762, 9, 6. James (Wright) & w, Lucy, & ch, Ralph, James, Ann, Susannah & Micajah, rocf Fairfax MM

(c) ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN QUAKER GENEALOGY by William Wade HINSHAW, Volume I. New Garden Monthly Meeting, Guilford Co., North Carolina.

Page 583, WRIGHT

1765, 8, 31 Jeams & w & Ch Ralph, Jeams, Ann, Susanna, Micaiah, Elijah & John rocf Hopewell MM, Va., dated 1765,3,4.

1786,2,25. James (Right) & fam gct Deep River MM.

(d) ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN QUAKER GENEALOGY by William Wade HINSHAW, Volume I. Deep River Monthly Meeting, Guilford Co., North Carolina.

Page 846, WRIGHT

1786,3,6. James & fam (s: Joshua) rocf New Garden MM. dated 1786,2,25.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION James and Mary WRIGHT

Child #8, Thomas WRIGHT

(a) ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN QUAKER GENEALOGY by William Wade HINSHAW, Volume VI. Hopewell Monthly Meeting, Virginia.

Page 459, WRIGHT

Thomas b. 11-1-1711, d. 18-8-1765 m. Esther Hiatt b. 1- 4-1731

Ch: Martha b. 15-5-1748
Jonathan b. 27-4-1750
Mary b. 8-5-1752
Thomas b. 1-7-1756
Hannah b. 14-2-1758
Ruth b. 6-2-1759
David b. 14-3-1763

1767, 2, 12. Esther, a wd, Frederick Co., Va.; m Robert HAINS

Child #9, Isaac WRIGHT

(a) HAWKINS FAMILY RECORDS, Vol. IV, No. 3 - June 1, 1976. Compiled by Carl H. HAWKINS, 402 S. W. "G" Street, Richmond, Ind. 47374.

Under listing for James WRIGHT is the following:

9. Isaac (Mar) 5/25/1723 "Will" proved 1777
m- Sidney (ROGERS ca. 1749)

NOTE: Mrs. David R. STEVENS states she m. 2 nd. to Isaac PICKERING ca. 1780.

Child #10, Ann WRIGHT

(a) ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN QUAKER GENEALOGY by William Wade HINSHAW, Volume I. Bush River Monthly Meeting, Newberry County, South Carolina.

Page 1034, McCOOL

1801, 1, 31. Ann Wright (from McCool) dis mou.

Page 1021, McCool

James McCool.
Ann McCool.

Ch: Mary b. 11-27-1743.
John b. 8-10-1745.
James b. 12-12-1747.

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Martha b. 10-31-1749.
Gabril b. 8-17-1751.

James McCool, the elder, d. 2-9-1751, aged 42 yrs.

Page 1023, Pugh

Thomas Pugh
Ann Pugh

Ch: Alice b. 7-10-1754.
Bette b. 9- 6-1755.
Sarah b. 3- 8-1758.
Jane b. 3-21-1762.
Ann b. 7-26-1764.
Lydia b. 3-16-1767.
Rachel b. 2-15-1770.

Page 1034, Wright

1801, 1, 31. Ann Wright (form McCool) dis mou.

Page 1039, Wright

1801, 1, 31. Ann (from McCool) dis mou.

1801, 3, 28. Ann dis.

(b) COMMEMORATIVE BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD OF PROMINENT AND REPRESENTATIVE MEN OF INDIANAPOLIS AND VICINITY CONTAINING BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN AND OF MANY OF THE EARLY SETTLED FAMILIES. ILLUSTRATED. J. H. BEERS & CO., CHICAGO, 1908.

Pages 153, 154 and 155. The Sketch of Eli JAY

"John JAY, son of William and Mary, was born in Virginia, Oct. 26, 1752. On March 4, 1773, he married Elizabeth PUGH, who was born Sept. 6, 1755, daughter of Thomas PUGH (born in 1731) and his wife, Ann WRIGHT (born in 1725). The PUGH family moved from Pennsylvania to Frederick County, Va., about 1750. Ellis PUGH, the founder of the family in America, was born in Wales in 1656, and emigrated in 1687 with his family to Pennsylvania, where he died in 1718. He was an approved minister of the Society of Friends, preaching in the Welsh language both in his native land and in America. Thomas PUGH, son of Ellis, was born in Wales in 1686, and his son Jesse, born in Pennsylvania in 1711, became the father of Thomas, whose daughter Elizabeth married John JAY."

(c) Abstracts of Wills, Inventories, and Administration Accounts Of Frederick County, Virginia 1743-1800. With Cemetery Inscriptions, Rent Rolls, and Other Data. J. Estelle Stewart King. An Improved Edition. With a New Index by Elizabeth Petty Bentley. Originally

SOURCES OF INFORMATION James and Mary WRIGHT

published: Scottsdale, Arizona, 1961. Baltimore, Genealogical publishing Co., Inc., 1982.

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McKOOL, James, of Back Creek near Opekon.

Will, 9th of 2nd month (April) in the year of 1751.
4th day of May, 1751. To well beloved wife, Ann McKool,
all goods and personal estate - all property to be used
in bringing up our small children. Exr: wife. Wit:
James Wright, Mary Wright, Lydia Wright.

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PUGH, Thomas

30 August 1786. 2 June 1789.
Exrs: wife Ann Pugh and John McCoole. Daughters: Rachel,
Jane Denny (hus. Walter), Lydia Pugh, Ann Dillion,
Elizabeth, Sarah Rogers. Sister Sarah Rogers.

Child #11, Sarah WRIGHT

(a) SOME QUAKER FAMILIES, SCARBOROUGH-HAWORTH, compiled by Roger S. BOONE, Springfield, Ohio. (1980-1985)

Page 5, PICKERING

43. William Pickering b. 01-01-1727(20), d. Jan 10, 1789 Frederick Co., Va. m. 1749 Sarah Wright b 3(5)-15-1727, dau James Wright & Mary Davis(Wells); mvd to Va.; mbrs Hopewell MM, Va.. Son of Samuel & Mary (Scarborough) Pickering.

(b) Abstracts of Wills, Inventories, and Administration Accounts Of Frederick County, Virginia 1743-1800. With Cemetery Inscriptions, Rent Rolls, and Other Data. J. Estelle Stewart King. An Improved Edition. With a New Index by Elizabeth Petty Bentley. Originally published: Scottsdale, Arizona, 1961. Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1982.

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Will, 22 August 1789. October 1789.
Wife: Sarah. Sons: John, Jacob.
Daughters: Hannah Berry, Mary Ellia, Lydia Adams.

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Child #12, Lydia WRIGHT

(a) ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN QUAKER GENEALOGY, Volume VI. Virginia by William Wade HINSHAW, Author and Publisher, Thomas Worth MARSHALL, Editor. Douglas Summers Brown, Collaborator and Historian for Virginia. Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. Baltimore, 1873.

Fairfax Monthly Meeting, Loudon County, Virginia.

Page 553, ROGERS

Evan & w Sarah (BALLINGER) Rogers & ch, John, Josiah & Evan, Jr. rocf Hopewell MM, Va. 29-1-1757, returned gct Hopewell MM, Va. 27-5-1758

Owen & w Lydia rocf Hopewell MM, Va. with their s John 29-1-1757, gct Hopewell MM, Va. 29-4-1758 (For full list of Ch see Hopewell MM, Va.)

Owen of Hampshire Co., Va. m 29-11-1780 at Fairfax MH, Va. Mary ROACH b 16-5-1743, dt Richard & Hannah (SANDS) Roach of Loudon Co. Va. Mary (ROACH) Rogers gct Hopewell MM 1mo-1781 (Note: It is believed that the above "Owen Rogers" is the one whose 1st w Lydia d 27-6-1778. If so, this marriage to Mary ROACH would be his 2nd marriage WWH)

(b) HAWKINS FAMILY RECORDS, Vol. IV, No. 3 - June 1, 1976. Compiled by Carl H. HAWKINS, 402 S. W. "G" Street, Richmond, Ind. 47374.

Under listing for James WRIGHT is the following:

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Additions and Corrections

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Page 7, Item 2, Henry Stedeman Pearson should read Henry Steddom Pearson. Corrected by Mary-Helen Pemberton, 150 W. High St., West Milton, Ohio 45383.

Page 7, Item 4, John Coate (Little) should read John Coate (Big). Corrected by Mary-Helen Pemberton, 150 W. High St., West Milton, Ohio 45383.

Page 6, (V), James WRIGHT born (3rd. or 30th.) should read (30th. or 31st.) depending on who is translating it. Corrected by Mary-Helen Pemberton, 150 W. High St., West Milton, Ohio 45383. She said that this information she computed from THE FRIEND, RELIGIOUS AND LITERARY JOURNAL.

Page 6 & 7. Application For Membership to the DAR on Laure Pearson Esarey. Mary-Helen Pemberton of 150 W. High St., West Milton, Ohio 45383 stated in phone conversation with me on 06 September 1987 that, Laure Pearson Esarey got membership to DAR under the wrong person, and it should have been the (Big) John Coate who married Rachal Wright and not the John Wright that is stated in the application. She also stated that she helped Laure Pearson Esarey with the research for this application. She stated that she never new of a John Wright in this direct line of Wright's that ever served in the Revolutionary War.