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THE SWEDISH-FINNISH TERCENTENARY

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The settlement of the Swedes on the Delaware in 1638 was a very minor phase of that great Norse migration which during the past one thousand years has changed the face of the world. Its driving force (long irresistible) in the 9th, 10th and 11th centuries poured successive waves of "Danes" over Great Britain, and finally swept into power, as sovereigns of England, a dynasty of Scandinavian kings.

This impulse colonized remote Iceland and Greenland; inspired Ruric the Red to bring about some degree of order (by establishing the royal line of the Czars) in chaotic Russia; and set up the Varangian Guard in Constantinople to support the tottering throne of the Eastern Roman Empire. It carved the dukedom of Normandy out of France and thence sent forth those daring Norman-French nobles who subdued England in 1066 and whose successors overran Ireland in 1169. Today in a modified form it is effecting the peaceful settlement and development of vast sections of our Middle Western States.

During the period of the first colonization of America, the Northern European nations failed to live up to the traditions of their enterprising and adventurous past. Norse blood, except as it flowed in the veins of British and French immigrants of Norman extraction, was inconspicuous in the founding of our original thirteen colonies. Some individuals

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John Matson			

LITTLE MANTOES

Woola Dalbo	175	15	
Petter Dalbo	375	16	
John Rambo	175	..	

WOODBURY CREEKE

John Wood	300	8	
Joshua Lord	I
Thomas Mathews	100	5	
Thomas Gardner	500	10	
Thomas Bethell	283	6	
John Bethell	200	11	
James Thomas	200	..	
Thomas Hester	150	6	
Jeffre Wainwright	100	..	
William Higgins	100	..	
William Salisbury	100	..	
John Test	100	..	
William Warner	300	6	

RIVER SIDE

Henry Tradway	550	11	
John Lawd	1000	8	

TIMBER CREEKE

John Reding	560	5	
John Ithell	1000	15	
Mrs. Bull	500	1	
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EARLY SWEDES AND FINNS OF NEW JERSEY IN
PUBLIC OFFICE

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PETER MATSON alias DALBO

Peter Matson alias *Dalbo* (1647-1701) was one of the two Representatives from the Fourth Tenth (present Gloucester County) at the General Assembly of the Province of West New Jersey at Burlington, 12th of 3rd month (May) 1685, having been "chosen by the free people of the said Province" in accordance with the Act of November 25, 1681, erecting the said General Assembly. He was the first Swede so elected. He appears in the minutes again in 1697 as a member of the House of Representatives at Burlington, May 20th.

He was residing at "Schorekill," Penna., on April 10, 1684, the date of a Deed conveying to him 200 acres in West New Jersey, 100 of which were surveyed to him at the head of Little Mantua Creek, in the Fourth Tenth, now Gloucester County, and he soon removed thereon. Peter Matson Dalbo married, March 16, 1674, in Penna., Catharine Rambo, daughter of the eminent Swedish emigrant, Peter Gunnarsson Rambo of Philadelphia County who was a Justice 1654, Commissary 1660, Councillor under the government of the Duke of York 1667, member of Deputy Governor Carr's Council 1668, and Justice from 1674 to 1680.

Peter Matson alias Dalbo, of Little Mantua Creek, died between October 3, 1699, and September 1, 1701, the dates of signing and of proving his will.

Children of Peter Matson Dalbo and Catharine Rambo:

1. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 7, 1678; md. Rev. Andreas Rudman, rector of the Swedish Lutheran Church at Wicacoa (i. e. Gloria Dei Church, Philadelphia).
2. Catharine, b. Dec. 29, 1679; md. John Cock.
3. Maria, b. May 11, 1682; md. Feb. 22, 1702, Rev. Andreas Sandel, successor to Rudman at Wicacoa.
4. Peter, b. May 27, 1685.
5. Mathias, b. Aug. 12, 1688.

6. Margaret, b. Feb. 1, 1692; md. Peter Cock of Philadelphia Co.
7. John, b. June 14, 1694.
8. Jacob, b. May 25, 1697.
9. Bridget, b. after 1697; md. John Hendrickson.

ISRAEL HELM

Israel Helm (1627-1702) appeared with Woola Dalbo and Anthony Nealson as the three Swedes among the ten Representatives from the Fourth Tenth at the General Assembly of the Province of West New Jersey, at Burlington, the session of 25th of 9th month (Nov.) 1685. Previously, he had served as one of the bench of Justices of the Court of Upland (Chester, Pa.), 1674-1680, and as a member of the Governor's Council, 1667-1673.

Israel Ackesson alias Helm came perhaps from Skeppsholmen, if his alias was derived from that place-name, and arrived with Governor Printz in New Sweden in 1643 as companion to the latter's son. Evidently he made two return voyages to his native land in some official capacity as in 1655 he was at Skeppsholmen, and in 1663 he arrived at New Castle on December 3rd in the ship "de Purmerlander Kerck" with the Dutchmen, Alexander D'Hinayossa, who was Vice Director of the Colony, and Pieter Alrichs as "Members of the High Council," he having accompanied Armgoet Printz the former Swedish Governor's daughter, to Europe. In 1659 he was appointed Collector of Customs at Passyunk, Captain in 1677 or earlier, Member of the Deputy Governor's Council 1667-1673, a Justice in the Court of Upland (Chester, Pa.) 1670-1680, Interpreter at the conference of Governor Andros and the Indians 1675, and at that of the Commissioners of the Proprietors of West New Jersey with the Indians for the purchase of the lands between Oldman's and Timber Creeks 1677. Israel Helm on March 10, 1679/80, recorded at Upland Court the conveyance of his houses and land and plantation at Upland to James Sanderlin dated the previous day, and shortly afterwards removed to his plantation called "Helmstatt," at the present Thompson's Point in Gloucester County, N. J. He died there

between June 17, 1701, and March 2, 1701/2, the dates of signing and of probate of his will.

Children of Israel Helm and ———:

1. Harmanus, d. 1740 in Greenwich Twp., Gloucester Co.
2. "Capt." Israel, disappeared before the date of his father's will and did not return.
3. Ocke, d. 1750 in Greenwich Twp.
4. Helene, md. Peter Cock, Jr., of Passyunk, Philadelphia Co., Pa.
5. Ingabor, md. as 2nd wife of Erick Palsson Mollicka, of Mullica River, N. J.
6. (apparently) Elizabeth, md. George Laurance of Lower Hook, Gloucester Co., whose will dated May 5, 1721, names his "brother Harmanus Helme" as Executor.

WOOLA DALBO

Woola Dalbo appeared with Israel Helm and Anthony Nealson as the three Swedish Representatives among the ten from the Fourth Tenth (present Gloucester Co.) at the General Assembly of the Province of West New Jersey at its Session of 29th of 9th month (Nov.) 1685, and again in 1686. He was one of several Proprietors of undivided shares of West New Jersey in 1687; one of the original four Wardens of the Swedish Lutheran Church at Raccoon (now Trinity Episcopal Church, Swedesboro); one of the Surveyors within the lower Division of Gloucester County to lay out the highway through that section from Salem to Burlington in 1687; as also one of the two Overseers of Highways in that County in the same year. In 1677 Oele, or Woola, Dalbo, and Lace Dalbo, were residents of Taokamink,* the region along the western bank of the Delaware above Carkoens Hook; but by 1685 Woola Dalbo had removed to Little Mantua Creek, Gloucester Co., N. J., next to the plantation of his brother Peter Matson Dalbo. He is said to have been a descendant of Anders Larsen Dalbo who came from Sweden with Minuit or with Hollandare. His mother, Elizabeth Dalbo, was living with him in 1697.

Woola Dalbo, his name anglicised as William Dalboe, died at Little Mantua Creek aforesaid shortly before Feb. 19, 1711/2, the date of Inventory of his personal estate, leaving a widow

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