

WOOD OF SHEFFIELD, YORKS., AND OF BUCKS CO., PENNA.;
 BILES OF DORCHESTER, DORSET, AND OF MAIDENHEAD, N.J.;
 AND BREARLEY OF MAIDENHEAD

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In Miles White's 40-page definitive account of "William Biles of Falls Township, Bucks County, Penna., in the Penna. Magazine of History and Biography, 1902, vol. 26, p. 58 et seq., it is stated, page 60, that "Whether Charles Biles brought with him a wife is unknown; no record of his marriage or death has been found, and as no wife or children are recorded in the List, it is quite probable that he married in America. He was a brother of William, and appears to have resided in New Jersey." The present report supplies both lacunae, identifies the wife's family, and continues the lineage.

"John Wood, of Attercliffe, in the parish of Sheffield, Yorkshire, England, husbandman, arrived in Delaware River in the ship Shield, the master Daniel Foos, in the 10th month (Dec.) 1678. Children: John, Joseph, Esther, Mary, and Sarah Wood."—Official Register of Bucks County, Penna., Families, 1684, published in the Penna. Magazine (above cited), vol. 9, p. 225.

"In the 10th month O.S. 1678, arrived the Shield, from Hull, Daniel Towes commander, and dropped anchor before Burlington, being the first ship that came so far up Delaware. She moored to a tree, and the next morning the people came ashore on the ice, so hard that the river had suddenly frozen. In her came John Wood and four children," and others named, q.v.—Samuel Smith, History of New Jersey, 1765, 2nd ed. 1877, p. 108.

The will of John Wood, of Crookhorn, Bucks County, Penna., yeoman, dated 20 March 1692 and recorded 12 Nov. 1692, devises to son Joseph Wood; to eldest daughter Hester Smalley; to daughter Mary wife of Thomas Colman 100 acres upon Crosswicks Creek in West New Jersey; to son-in-law Isaac Smalley, husband of daughter Hester; and to daughter Sarah wife of Charles Biles.—Bucks County Will Book A-1, p. 61. "Crookhorn" or Crewkern, a new town at the Falls of the Delaware River, in Falls Township, Bucks County, Penna., was the site of the present Morrisville, across the river from Trenton, N.J.

By Deed of 9 March 1697/8, Joseph Wood of Bucks Co., Penna., yeoman, conveyed to Sarah, late widow of Charles Biles of Maidenhead, Burlington Co., N.J., deceased, and to Alexander Biles, second son of said Charles Biles and Sarah Biles, now Brearley, with mention of the "two daughters of Charles Biles," names not stated, a tract

of 100 acres in West Jersey, bought of Daniel Coxe by Deed of 10 June 1692.—N.J. Archives, 21:518-19 & 488.

By Deed of 20 Nov. 1692, Thomas Colman of Bucks Co., Penna., tailor, and wife Mary, conveyed to Robert Murlin of Burlington, N.J., yeoman, a tract of 100 acres on Crosswick Creek, bequeathed to said Mary by her father, John Wood of Crookhorn, Bucks Co., Penna., deceased.—Ibid. 21:451.

By Deed of 16 May 1693, Isaac Smalley, of Piscataway, Middlesex Co., N.J., yeoman, and wife Hester, conveyed to Robert Pearson a tract of 240 acres in the First Tenth of West Jersey, of which 40 acres were conveyed to grantors by Godfrey Hancock of Assiscunck, and 200 acres were bequeathed by John Wood of Bucks Co., Penna., deceased.—Ibid. 21:472.

Children of John Wood, as named in his will of 20 Mar. 1692:

- i. Joseph Wood of Bucks Co., Penna.; the grantor in 1697/8.
- ii. Hester Wood, m. by 1692 Isaac Smalley of Piscataway Twp., Middlesex Co., N.J., who d. testate in Feb. 1724/5.—Ibid. 23:423.
- iii. Mary Wood, m. by 1692 Thomas Colman of Bucks Co., Penna.
- 2 iv. Sarah Wood, m. (1) Charles Biles, (2) John Brearley.

2. Sarah Wood, born in England about 1670-72, arrived with her father, brother and sisters from Attercliffe, Sheffield, Yorkshire in the ship Shield at Burlington, N.J., in December 1678, as abovesaid, and they settled in Crookhorn, Falls Township, Bucks Co. Penna. She married there, first, by 1692 as shown in her father's will, Charles Biles of the same place, and they removed to Maidenhead Twp., Burlington Co., N.J., where he died intestate, and the administration on his estate was granted 2 Nov. 1696 to "Sarah Byles, widow."—Burlington Court Records, in Stillwell, Hist. and Geneal. Miscellany, 2:79; and N.J. Archives, 23:79.

Charles Biles had arrived from Dorchester, Dorsetshire, England, with his brother William Biles and family in the ship Elizabeth and Sarah on 4 June 1679, and they settled in Crookhorn, Bucks Co., Penna.—Penna. Magazine of Hist. & Biogr. 9:226. Sarah (Wood) Biles married second, by March 1697/8, as revealed in the Deed from her brother Joseph Wood, abovesaid, John Brearley of Maidenhead, as his second wife, and he died there testate in October 1722.—N.J. Archives 23:59. Sarah (Wood)(Biles) Brearley survived him also and she died testate in Maidenhead in October 1731.—Ibid. 30:59.

John Brearley came, as one of his three indentured servants, with George Pownall of Laylock, Cheshire, England, in the ship Friends Adventure, arriving in

the Delaware River on 28 Sept. 1682 [Penna. Magazine of Hist. and Biogr. 9:223], and settling in Solebury Township, Bucks Co., Penna. He was free of service on 28 Sept. 1686, and removed to Nottingham Township, Burlington Co., N.J., where he was chosen one of the two Overseers of Highways at the 19 Jan. 1694/5 session of the Burlington Court, and Constable of Maidenhead Township (set off from Hopewell on 20 Feb. 1696/7) at those of 21 Feb. 1697/8 and 15 Mar. 1698/9.

John Brearley and his first wife Mary, whose surname has not been recovered here, had a first child born within the year before 21 Feb. 1694/5.—The Burlington Court Book 1680-1709, pages 177, 180, 183. The child was evidently the daughter Mary wife of John Olden, so named and described in John Brearley's Will of 1722. The Chesterfield Monthly Meeting of Friends recorded the birth of John Olden, 5 Apr. 1687, and death 18 Feb. 1757, birth of his wife Mary, 18 Sept. 1694, and her death 3 Aug. 1766, with a list of their eight children born in 1719 to 1737. The Will of said John Olden, of Windsor Twp., Middlesex Co., N.J., dated 13 Jan. 1757 and proved 3 May 1757, is published in abstract in N.J. Archives 32:239. These data revise Cooley, Trenton and Ewing, p. 13.

Children of Sarah Wood and first husband, Charles Biles, as named in her will of 16 Sept. 1731:

- i. John Biles, d. testate in Maidenhead Twp., Hunterdon Co., N.J., in July 1740, leaving wife Elizabeth and issue: Sarah, John, and Charles Biles.—N.J. Archives 30:45.
- ii. Alexander Biles, d. intestate in Maidenhead Twp., in Feb. 1782, and Benjamin Biles gave bond as administrator, dated 4 Mar. 1782, with John Rozell fellow bondsman, both of said place.—Ibid. 35:44.
- iii. Sarah Biles, m. by 1731 one Watson.
- iv. Ann Biles, unmarried in 1731.

Children of Sarah Wood and second husband, John Brearley (his will of 7 May 1722 and hers 16 Sept. 1731):

- v. John Brearly, d. intestate in Maidenhead Twp. in Feb. 1777 and James Brearly gave bond as administrator dated 4 Mar. 1777, William Mershon on his bond.—Ibid. 34:62.
- vi. Benjamin Brearley, d. testate in Maidenhead Twp. in Mar. 1757, leaving widow Elizabeth and children: Benjamin, Rachel, Sarah, Rebeckah and Elizabeth.—Ibid. 32:39. Benjamin Brearley and Elizabeth Cook were m. with a license of 24 Mar. 1732.—Ibid. 22:32. She survived him and d. testate in Maidenhead Twp. in Sept. 1759.—Ibid. 32:38. Apparently she was the unmarried daughter Elizabeth named in the Will of Henry Cook of Maidenhead Twp. dated 15 Nov. 1723.—Ibid. 23:106.
- vii. David Brearley, d. intestate in Maidenhead Twp. in Nov. 1785, and Joseph Brearley gave bond as administrator

- (with David Brearley), 4 Mar. 1786.—Ibid. 35:58.
- viii. Joseph Brearley, d. intestate in Maidenhead Twp. in Jan. 1740, and his brother Benjamin Brearley gave bond as adminr. 23 Jan. 1740 (John Ely and John Allen sureties), the widow Phebe Brearley having renounced her right.—Ibid. 30:59.
- ix. Ruth Brearley, m. by 1731 one Gumley.

Cook - Wood of Sheffield

John Wood

England Burlington NJ
arrive Delaware
w/ family Dec 1678
settled in Crookhorn Bucks Co Pa
(now Morrisown PA across from Trenton)

