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Thomas Campfield, of Newark, was, after his release from the Provost, imprisoned in the Old Sugar House, for it is on record in 1780, that "Lieut. Eben Ward and 5 Refugees went from New York to New-

ark, and took prisoners Major Joseph Hayes, Thos. Campfield and Zophar Lyon, *all atrocious rebels*, brought them to New York and lodged them in the Sugar House.

JOHN WHITALL: A CORRECTION

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IT HAS BEEN STATED that John Whitall, who married Hannah Thackara, daughter of Thomas Thackara, at the house of her father in Newton Township, Gloucester County, N. J., on the 13th of 9th month (November, O.S.), was a son of James and Hannah Whitall of Red Bank, in the same county. The statement apparently stems from an abstract of James Whitall's will, dated 22nd of 5th month (July, O.S.), 1714, in *New Jersey Archives* 23:507. The will abstract names wife Hannah; children *John*, Mary Wood, Sarah, Job; granddaughter Hannah Wood; executors, the wife and son Job.

The inclusion of John as a son of the testator is incorrect. James Whitall devised his Red Bank plantation "unto my only son Job Whitall," and the fact that Job *was* his only son is further substantiated by two deeds recorded in the books of conveyances now in the New Jersey State Archives, Trenton.

In the first deed,* dated 25th of 3rd month (May, O.S.) 1719, by Job Whitall to his brother-in-law John Wood, the grantor called himself the "only son and heir of my father James Whitall, deceased." In the second deed,† dated 25th of 11th month (January, O.S.) 1721/22, by Job Whitall to John Snowden, the grantor calls himself the "son and heir of James Whitall, deceased," and in another place "his only son the above named grantor."

This correction should settle for all time the erroneous conception that John Whitall, of Newton Township, was a son of James Whitall of Red Bank.

* Gloucester County deeds, Liber C, p. 71. Recorded 13 January 1730/31, after Job's death.

† *Ibid.*, Liber EF, p. 542. Recorded 16 October 1744 on affirmation of Joshua Lord, one of the witnesses.