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Genealogical Dictionary of New Jersey

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BY CHARLES CARROLL GARDNER (Continued from page 56)

> ANDREWS By John P. Dornan

13. MORDECAI³ ANDREWS, JR. (Mordecai²), b. abt. 1702, either in Mansfield or at Little Egg Harbor, Bur. Co., N.J.; md. Mary Taylor at L.E.H. Mtg. (after 12 Dec.) 1723/4 and died there in 1763. His widow was still living there 20 Apl. 1764 (WJD Z:93). Mordecai and his mother were apptd. excrs. of his father's will (13 Aug. 1721) and in his absence probate was granted to her on 4 Nov. 1736 (NJW 4:74; NJA 30:20).

He was a member of the L.E.H. Mo. Mtg. and represented it at the quarterly mtg. 1734 and 1738; apptd. surveyor of L.E.H. Twp. highways in May, 1746, and 1747 (Bur.Q.S.Ct.R 46, 55) and on May 18, 1763, petitioned the N.J. Sup. Ct.:

Mordecai Andrews, now near nigh sixty-one years of age, having served as Overseer of the Poor in Egg Harbour Township for fourteen years and has been in one office or another every year except one or two since the settlement of the Township and last week being appointed Constable without his knowledge desires to be released. [NJSCD.]

The petition is the only record of his age.

He was a creditor against the estate of John Collard of Middx. Co. 28 Mch. 1746 (NJW D:207; NJA 30:104) and with his first cousin Nehemiah Andrews (20) wit. the will of Nicholas Wainwright 26 Aug. 1750 (NJW 5101C; NJA 32:344). On 1 Dec. 1761 Mordecai and his first cousin Isaac Andrews (21) purchased 529 acres of unappropriated land from William Hewlings and Daniel Smith, Jr. (WJD S:104), but no deeds are recorded whereby either of them ever divided the tract between them or sold their respective shares.

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of the serious illness of little Alice Nasholds, and on Sunday evening . . . we learned that she was no more of earth . . .

Funeral services were held at the parsonage . . . and yesterday (Tuesday) the remains were taken to Knox, Albany county, for burial.

Obituary: Died... Oct. 15th, at his residence, in the town of Wheatland, Hon. John Humphrey, aged 72 years.—He was born in the town of Hopewell, Hunterdon Co., N.J., on the 21st of May, 1798, where he spent his earlier years; and from there he moved to Geneva, N.Y., where he remained a number of years. During his stay there he married Miss Jane, daughter of Dea. Moses Hall, with whom he afterwards removed to Canandaigua, N. Y., where they resided ten years.

He settled in this town in the year 1838, spending nearly thirty-two years among us . . .

Gen. Wm. Humphrey, of Lansing, (our State Auditor General); Mr. James Humphrey, of Wheatland, who assumed the care of his Father in his declining years; Mr. Charles Humphrey of Adrian; Mr. Henry Humphrey, the youngest son; with their only sister . . . all met at their old home . . .

The funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 18th, at the Congregational Church . . .

Wheatland, Oct. 22, 1870.

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CLARKSON FAMILY

These record are entered on a single page measuring $10\frac{1}{2}$ by $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches, which may have been one of the blank leaves in a family Bible. From the writing it would appear that the first seven entries, and possibly the eighth and tenth, were set down at one time (*circa* 1764?) and by one hand. The ninth, eleventh, and all remaining entries were written at later dates. The page has been folded at one time and endorsed: "Age of the Clarkson Family." Also on the verso is stamped "L. Clarkson."

The Clarksons were a prominent New York colonial family. David Clarkson (1694-1751) was father of the first family below by his wife Ann Margaret Freeman. His biography is given at some length in *The Clarksons of New York* (1875-76), Vol. I, pp. 143-75. Six of the seven children were baptized at the Dutch church in New York.

David's son Levinus Clarkson (1740-1798), head of the second family in this record, "continued to reside with David [his brother] until 1761, when he made a trip to Europe," returning the following year and marrying not long after (*ibid.*, pp. 197-98). First living, apparently, in New York and Flatbush (note children's birthplaces, below), he established himself in 1772 as a commission merchant in South Carolina, but came north again after about three years (*ibid.*, p. 269). He then lived for a number of years in New Brunswick, N.J., occupying a house on what was later called Livingston Avenue (W. H. Benedict, *New Brunswick in History*, 1925, pp. 49-50). He died at Jamaica, L.I., and was buried in the Flatbush cemetery (*The Clarksons of New York*, p. 270).

[Family of David and Ann Margaret (Freeman) Clarkson] Freeman Clarkson born 24th Decemr 1724 David Clarkson born 3d June 1726 Ob't 14th Nov [17]82 Matthew Clarkson born 20th Septr 1728 Streatfield Clarkson born 4th Novr 1731 Matthew Clarkson born 12 March 1732 [Old Style, i.e. 1732/3] Lev's Clarkson born 28 July 1737 Lev's Clarkson born 8 October 1740

[Family of Levinus and Mary (Van. Horn) Clarkson] Levs Clarkson Maryed to Mary Van Horn the 21st Febuary 1763 Mary Clarkson the wife of L Clarkson born Nov 19th 1747

New York Samuel Clarkson born ye [—]st Jany 176[4?]* David Clarkson born ye 11th Decemr 1764 Maria Ann Clarkson do 22 October 1769. Ob't 10 Nov 1773 Sea Charles Clarkson do 19th July 1771

Flatt Bush Eliza Clarkson do 2 August 1772 Ob't 20th May Bruns[wick] 1777

Ch^s Town So Carolina Kimble Clarkson do 6 September 1774

N Brunswick Maria Clarkson do 15 January 1776

do Henerietta 22 March 1777

do . Cornelia Ann Cla[rkson] 22 Nov 1778

do Wm Sheriff Clarkson 23 Nov 1780

Mary Clarkson Ob't the 4th Jany 1781 Aged 33 Years & Buried the 7th in Philip French Burying Ground?

COOPER-KENTON RECORDS

The following records are found in a copy of Francis Howgil's *The Dawnings of the Gospel-Day, and its Light and Glory Discovered* printed in 1676. Various inscriptions found in the book attest to its ownership through the generations. On the last printed page is the signature "Mary Kenton." On the title-page is written "James Coopers," and below in the same hand: "Rebecca Cooper's Book Given Me 'by my Father John Cooper In his last Will." A

*Day of month and last figure of year smeared, the date having been changed. It appears that the date of the next child, "11th Decemr 1764," may originally have been entered here by mistake.

[†]Mary (Van Horn) Clarkson's mother was Ann, daughter of the first Philip French. The French family burying ground was located in New Brunswick; its site, on the east side of George Street, is now occupied in part by tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad. No visible trace of the old burials remains.

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date, "12Mo 1789," accompanies the latter entry. Also on the titlepage: "Joseph Tomlinson's Book Given By my Mother Mary Edwards 1816." And on one of the end-papers: "Hannah T. Lamb Medford N.J. 1916."

The first four children below are those of a Quaker blacksmith, William Cooper (d. 1691), of Salem Co., N.J., by his wife Mary Bradway. After his death, she married (1692) William Kenton, who soon also died, a few months after their son Joseph (see last entry below) was born. Then less than a year later Mary took unto herself a third husband, Hugh Middleton. (W. W. Hinshaw, *Encycl.* of American Quaker Geneal., 2:25, 33, 62, 82, 87; N.J. Arch., 1st Ser., 23:55, 107-08, 272, 318.)

John Cooper was born the 22nd day of The 9th month 1683 Hannah Cooper was born the 7th day of the 6th month 1686 Mary Cooper was born the 27th of ye 12 month 1688 Sarah Cooper was born the 13 of 7 mo 1691 Joseph Kenton son of William Kenton and Mary Kenton his wife was

born one the 27 day of the 8th month 1693

GEORGE W. DESHLER FAMILY

These records are from a Bible printed and published by Mathew Carey, Philadelphia, 1811.

George Wagener Deshler (1793-1837), head of this family, of Pennsylvania German ancestry, married Catharine, daughter of Dr. Jacob Dunham, of New Brunswick. (See Dunham family Bible.) His son Charles Dunham Deshler (1819-1909) was a prominent citizen of New Brunswick, active in state politics, and the author of many historical articles. (S. K. Brecht, Geneal. Rec. of the Schwenkfelder Families, 1923, p. 1510; P. J. F. Hallerberg, Charles D. Deshler, Versatile Jerseyman, M.A. thesis, Rutgers University, 1939.)

Marriages

On the 4th of May, 1818, by the Right Revd. Croes Geo W. Deshler to Cath. Dunham.

Births

Geo. W. Deshler was born September 17, 1793, George and Susanna Deshler are his sponsors.

Charles Dunham Deshler was born 1st of March, 1819, at 10 o'clock at night

Elizabeth Deshler was born December 26th 1820

Mary Deshler was born July 7th 1824

[Diseases]

Charles Deshler has had the Kine pock, Measles & Hooping Cough. Elizabeth Deshler has had the Kine pock Measles Hooping Cough. Mary Deshler has had Kine pock, Hooping Cough & Measles. (To be continued)

Morris County Pension Applications of Revolutionary War Veterans

CONTRIBUTED BY HENRY W. PILCH

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JAMES ROGERS

Aged 56, a resident of Morris township, Morris County, N.J., declares "that he served in the U.S. Army in the Revolutionary War, in Col. Matthias Ogdens Regiment, in Capt. Gillis Meads Company of the New Jersey line,—that his declaration for a pension was made on or about the 3rd or 4th March, 1819, & his certificate of pension is numbered 14,445... By occupation I am a carpenter & carraige maker, & am now personally engaged in laboring at my business, as far as my health will permit, which is considerably impaired by hard work & the approach of old age. My family consists of myself, my wife Martha, aged fifty four years, & very weakly & able to do but little, & much of this time under the physicians care in consequence of liability to Bilious colic.—My daughter Martha aged 17, & my son Edward, aged 12 years, both live with me, & depend on me for support, & are in pretty good health.—I have one other son, Jabez, & two daughters, Harriet & Elizabeth, all married & provide for themselves."

Schedule of assets includes: "One Acre of land, with a two story wooden house, partly finished (some rooms being unfinished) one small old barn, one wooden work shop." Also recites: "There is an incumbrance of a mortgage upon my house & lot, given by me to James Wood Esqr about two years since." Etc.

Application dated July 11, 1820.

A second application, dated March 26, 1821, contains virtually the same information with, however, the following additional details: "This deponent has no landed property whatever. His house & lot Contained in the schedule & appraisement exhibited to this Court in the Term of July 1820 & afterward forwarded to the Pension Officer in the War Department was conveyed by deed to James Wood some time in February last past, the same having been Mortgaged to said James Wood several years since"

JONATHAN CRANE

Aged 76 years, a resident of Morris township, Morris County, N.J. declares "that he served in the Revolutionary army of the United States from 1776 to 1781, or 1782.—That he served one year on the expedition against Canada in 1776 in Col. Winds Regiment, & Capt. Silas Howells company in the New Jersey line, from that time he served in Col. Matts Ogdins Regt. in Capt. Mitchells company.—that his declaration for a pension was made on or about the 1st April 1818—& his certificate of pension is No. 2,986... That I am by profession a Blacksmith, but am entirely unable to follow my trade, & have been disabled these last 14 years in consequence of a wound received in my right arm during the war.—That my other bodily infirmities are such,

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