

William Matlock's Bible

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THE BURLINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY has arranged with the Genealogical Society of New Jersey to have all their Bible records photocopied and filed in the Genealogical Society collections, maintained at the Rutgers University Library, to the mutual benefit of both organizations and all genealogists. Their foresight in this matter is most commendable.

An interesting Bible owned by the Burlington County Historical Society is that of the Matlock family, printed in 1761. This excellent record begins with Mary Matlock (so spelled in the record) who died Jan. 2, 1728/9, aged 62 years. Her husband was William Matlock but his vital statistics do not appear in the record. Compilations of the late John P. Dornan indicate that William came to Burlington in 1677, a native of Cropwell Bishop in Nottinghamshire, and that his wife was Mary Hancock from Brayles, Warwickshire; also that they were married March 7, 1681. Those interested should consult the large amount of data on this family assembled by John P. Dornan,

part of the Genealogical Society collection, available at the Rutgers University Library.

The record continues with William Matlock (1690-1730) of Chester Township Burlington County, whose wife was Ann Antrum (1691-1732/3). (See N.J.A. wills I:15, 311, and II:326.)

Rebeckah Matlock (b. 1714) mar. Oct 22, 1737, John Bishop (1713-1761) of Northampton, Burlington County. (See N.J.A. wills, IV:43 and N.J.A. XXII:25.)

Sarah Bishop (b. 1747) married Joseph Gaskill (1743-1798) of Northampton Township, Burlington County. (See N.J.A. wills, IX:137.) Their daughter Sarah married William Troth.

It should be noted that the pages of Gaskill and Bishop data may have been inserted from another Bible as they are slightly smaller. The page of Bishop data is in poor condition, indeed very difficult to read. Close examination reveals a page of Bishop data missing. The leaf bearing Matlock data has lost a portion of its edge and some writing.

Mary Matlock wife of William Matlock Departed this life the 2nd. of ye 11th mo. 1728.9 aged 62 year

William Matlock (1690-1730) family

William Matlock Son of William & Mary Matlock was born the 2nd of ye 12 mo. 1690

Ann Matlock my wife Daughter of John & Frances Antrum was born the 9th mo. 1691

Rebeckah Matlock Daughter of William & Ann Matlock [was born] the 16th of ye 8th mo. 1714 between 3 & 4 in ye morn.

Jeremiah Matlock the Son of William & Ann Matlock was born the 4th of the 3rd mo. 1716 between 8 & 9 at night.

Rachel Matlock Daughter of William & Ann Matlock was born the 7th of ye 8th mo. 1718 between 10 & 11 at night

[Lea]h Matlock daughter of W. & Ann Matlock was born [the] 29th of ye 8th mo. 1720 & Departed this life the —th of ye 2nd mo. 1731 aged ten years & 6 months. [Dornan says she died 2-28-1731]

[A]nn Matlock daughter of W. & Ann Matlock was born [the] 20th of ye 12 mo. 1722.3 and Departed this life the 26 of ye 7th [month] 1728 aged about 5 years 7 months & 15 days

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[Wil]liam Matlock son of W. & Ann Matlock was born [the] 31st day of ye 6 month 1725.

[J]ames Matlock Son of W. & Ann Matlock was born [the] 13 of ye 6 mo. 1728 and departed this life the 24th of ye [———] aged about 5 months & seven days

Mary Matlock the daughter of William & Ann Matlock was born the Sixth Day of ye 6 mo. 1730

William Matlock Son of William & Mary Matlock Departed this Life the 25th of ye 8th mo. 1730 aged 40 years & nine months

Ann Matlock wife of William Matlock Departed this life about the middle of ye 12th mo. 1732.3 aged 40 years 9 months

John Bishop family

[John Bi]shop son of Thomas & [——] Bi]shop was born [the] 11 of the 4th mo. 1713 and Departed this Life the 24th Day of ye 1st mo. 1761 aged of 47 years 13 days

Ruth Bishop Daughter of John & Rebeckah Bishop was born the 17th of ye 7th mo. 1740

William Bishop son of John & Rebeckah Bishop was born the 22nd Day of the 3rd mo. 1742

Ann Bishop daughter of John & Rebeckah Bishop was born the 12th of ye 5th month 1744

Sarah Bishop Daughter of John & Rebeckah Bishop was born the 18th Day of the 5th month 1744

John Bishop Son of John & Rebeckah Bishop was born the 28th of ye 9th mo. 1749

Rebeckah Bishop Daughter of John & Rebeckah Bishop was born the 16th of the 5th mo. 1752 and Departed this life the 2nd of the 10th mo. 1752

Hannah Bishop Daughter of John & Rebeckah Bishop was born the 28th of the 3rd 1754 and Departed this life ye 11th of ye 9th 1760

Joseph Gaskill family

Joseph Gaskill departed this life May the twenty fourth seventeen hundred and ninety eight aged 55 years 4 months 3 days

Ruth Haines daughter of Joseph Gaskill and Sarah his wife departed this life November Ninth eighteen hundred sixteen aged 46 years 7 months 2 weeks 2 days

Hannah Gaskill daughter of Joseph Gaskill & Sarah his wife departed this life July 16, 1819 aged 26 years 4 months 10 days

Mary Gaskill daughter of Joseph Gaskill and Sarah his wife departed this life August 16 1821 aged 39 years 5 months 3 weeks 5 days