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Mr. W. S. Ely,

Doufletown Pa.

My dear Sir:

A few weeks ago, after many years delay, I received a letter from our distant cousin Alex. V. Phillips who stated that he was thinking of publishing a short Biles History of his own line, after a few lines passed between ^{us}, a delay followed, Then today I received a letter from him at Calcutta, dated March 9th 1927. in which he requests me to write you direct. to save time, and tell you what I have gathered on the Biles, that will assist you if possible, in solving the varied steps in his ancestral lines. especially the Biles and the Up Dike (or Dyke) lines. I do not expect that I can help much on the Up Dike work, but I hope I can assist somewhat with the Biles line.

Permit me briefly to take a glance at my line back as far as I can trace it which may help somewhat before we are done with the work and researches.

My father Jacob Place Biles was born in Middle Smithfield New Monroe Co. Pa. Jan. 29. 1816. ^{born 28 Oct 1783.} a son of Alex. Patterson Biles, and Rosannah Place. Alex. P. - was named for his uncle or grandfather, Alexander Patterson a Revol Officer from near Easton Pa. Alex. P. Biles parents were Henry Biles born Feb. 29th 1748 near Easton, and Eleanor Patterson born 1750, daughter of Capt. Alex. Patterson, Henry Biles, father was John Biles near Easton who he said (Henry) from Bucks County Pa. opposite Trenton. I have not located his parents. But I have learned that John Biel (Biles) was appointed a Justice of the Peace 1779 Apr 28 for Dover Saucon township Northampton Co. Pa. (see Pa. Records Vol. VI, P. 760.) also John Beye (Biles) Esqr serves in Militia see Pa. Arch. 3rd Series, Vol. VIII, P. 339 + 358. and was pensioned by Penna. State Mar. 28, 1809. (see Pa. in Revol War Vol. II, P. 762.) I will now go to my trip of 1853, partially sent by my father to

his old home in Monroe county, to see what I could learn of his people. I did find that Henry Biles took ^{up} land by Patent, located in Monroe Co. (New) Pa. and near were also William, and Charles Biles, having taken up land also, whom I suppose to be brothers of Henry Biles, since his three eldest sons, were named, John, ¹⁷⁷³ William, & Charles. Did you ever use the first U.S. Census to assist in learning the number of children in each family in 1790. It also shows, how many Males over 16 years of age, and how many under 16 yrs, and the number of females all together. VIZ. Henry Biles shows 2 Males over 16 yrs Himself and 1 son. I will go to another sheet to tell you of my Visit to Trenton in Feb. 1883 and what I learned, so this part of my letter can be laid aside until you want to look at his line back to John Biles Esqr. of Lower Merion Pa. I find two or three Johns, that I do not prove to be the same man, as yet.

Yours Truly.

John A. Biles.

Wyalusing Pa. R.D. April 7, 1927.

Mr. Warren S. Ely, Esq.

Dorchester Pa.

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My Dear Sir:

Having gone over your notes, to A. V. Phillips, a copy of which he kindly sent to me, for reference when writing to you, with your permission I will offer some comments that may help along somewhat. The line of Mr. Phillips, from Charles Riles and Sarah Wood, as I have shown on the Chart I sent to you, is as follows: Charles Riles died July 1696. His son² Alexander being mentioned in his estate settlement, shows that he was born 1696 or earlier. ³Alexander 1720? was the father of ⁴William (M. 1768 Mary Updyke) (who was Thos. Jefferson's gr. father), who has a brother Alexander, making three Alexanders, who could be the author of the Willow Letters of 4th Mar. 1782 granted to Benjamin Riles (I do not have him), and indicates that if he is a son of the deceased, it must be the first Alexander, (Son of Charles) even though it would make him 90 years old. because if you make him ^{Benjamin} a son of the second Alexander he would become a brother of ⁴William, (Thos's gr. father) and his brother Alexander third, which would not agree with Thos. J. who said William, his gr. father had one brother Alexander. (We must locate this Benjamin sure.) For, suppose he should take the place of my Alexander second, and ^{1720?} the connecting link between Alex¹⁷⁹⁶ first and ⁴William, 1740. it would be important in our line-up. Of course these two may be entirely out side of our line, but I doubt it, for where would they come from, I have no Benjamin that far back. The brother Thomas Riles, possibly left descendants, but I do not have them. From ⁴William 1740? on it is easy. His son ⁵Charles ¹⁷⁶⁹ and wife Catherine Updyke, then ⁶Geo. Bullock. ⁸A. V. Phillips grandfather. I met his ⁷Mother, ⁷Mary, and sisters at the St. Louis Fair in 1904.

You speak of several Williams, being confusing in record researches. In 40 years work as a surveyor, I find that when I am looking up a certain man's titles, it is helpful to ascertain the date of his decease, since all his transfers precede that date. Then if you have the place of his residence, at all times of his career, you spot him quickly with those helps.

Charles Biles of Maidenhead N.Y. (d. 1696) has sons John & Alexander, and two daughters, Sarah (Watson) & Ann Biles, all of whose names appear in Estate Settlements and land deeds. All born before the demise of Charles in July 1696. In Sarah Wood, Biles, Brearleys Will 1731 she bequeaths her clothing to Sarah (Biles) Watson Ruth (Brearley) Lumby and Ann Biles, 3 of her daughters. Sarah is designated as the eldest daughter of Chas. and Sarah Biles. She was probably married to Watson before 1722 when her step father John Brearley deceased.

The Ann Biles in the Will of Isabel Tindal, is plainly designated as a daughter (1732-3) but does not state husband's name. In the Will (1740) of John Biles wife Elizabeth Daughter Sarah Biles and sons John & Charles are all mentioned and also brother Alexander Biles, as per Chart. In the John Abbot Will (Apr. 1740) wife Ann, and among children appears the name Ann Biles. But no husband's name given. Here are 3 Ann Bileses, Chas's daughter, John Abbots, daughter and Isabel Tindal's daughter. Could there have been an adoption of Ann Biles, Chas's daughter by one of these persons. Or a step-daughter relationship. I have in William Biles II (Son W^m I) family - his son W^m III marries 1725 Ann Stevenson ^{the same as Ann} also son Charles, marries 1728, Ann Mary Baker, and W^m IV also has a daughter Ann Biles who married 1725, Isaac Pennington. So there is apparently no birth of Ann Biles in our records. But we have 3 Alexanders, and a Charles, and a Benjamin, mentioned and no wives named. The Naomi, mentioned in Abraham Freeze's Will, of 1746-9. I mistrust is a daughter of John Biles & Elizabeth ^{decd. July 1740} since legacy is to be paid when she is 18, showing she is a girl. I think your suggestion a good one that Naomi might have been born after father's death and that the widow soon married Moore. Witnesses Peter Biles & Martha Biles (may be his wife) and Sarah Overton Brothers Isaac and Joseph (that is the Abraham Freeze does it mean?) William Biles I^s Son John M-1707 Mary Lambert. And the John Biles that M 1738 Eliz. Cartenter we thought to be John^s (1740) son. Prior Biles who M, 1729 Eliz. Lambert, was a son of W^m II and Sarah Laughton Biles. Will look up more later, and would like to hear from you.

Yours Truly John A Biles

I have not yet solved the statement of Thos. Jefferson Biles, viz. "That he lived with his Grandfather (William) who had in his youth lived with his grand father." But I do not yet find the name of this Grand father. If Thos. J. told me his name, I am persuaded it must have been Alexander also, since that name was farthest back that I remember, his giving, And ~~his~~^{Grandfather Wm} would certainly remember the Alexander that was represented by the Will of 1782. even though it be his grandfather. He (Thos. J.) did not mention any Stephen Biles as I can recall. My theory that Thos. J.'s Grand father William was a grand son of Charles Biles son Alexr mentioned in Wife Sarah's Will, and not a son as he would then be near 50 years old, yet it would be possible with a younger wife. It is certain that there was two generations between William (Thos. J.'s Gr father) and the first Charles, for Thos. J.'s Grandfather (Wm) could not have lived with Charles as a Grand father who died over 40 years before Wm was born. I believe a solution will be found some way. I am going to search every old scrap I have for some word or note to solve. If I could talk with A. V. Phillips, I could get at what his mother told me, yet she says she knew no farther back than her grandfather Charles.

Yours Truly

John A. Biles

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Myalusung Pa, R.D. 5 April 7, 1927.

Cousin W. S. Ely.

Dougleston Pa.

On the 22nd of Feby. 1883, I visited Trenton N.J. I registered for night at the Clinton Hotel. I well remember the day since it was the only time I ever saw a salute of 21 guns fired in honor of George Washington.

I did some research at the State House, and soon located several Biles people living in the City, so I went to call on them, and therein, lies my best work of that trip. Since I met several aged Biles Men, who gave me data, that has been very helpful in tracing out that branch of the family. I will just tell you what I learned and make a copy of a chart, for you that I constructed while on that visit, or when I get home, I think I can clear up some points.

The Men I visited that day, were, Israel Biles, born March 2, 1802 (Nearly 82 years old) He married 1824 Rachel Closon. They had no children. Thomas Jefferson Biles born Nov. 25, 1804, (In his 80th year) He married Susan Alhara Jan. 1829. They have no children. He resided at No. 223 N. Green St. Trenton. Also Charles Biles, born July 22, 1814. He married March 11, 1841, Elizabeth Alhara (Sister of Thos. B's wife) They had 4 children - Henry, - William, Charles - William, and Kate. I will use the Chart to show other relatives and data, and give the main story from Thos. Jefferson Biles who told most of all, others corroborated and added some things. These Men were the sons of James William Biles, who, was born about 1765. Married 1793 Mary McIntosh. They had children besides the three I have mentioned, William Biles, born about 1795. M. & had 7 children, - Samuel G. Biles, born April 14 1800 M. and had 4 children, - then Israel & Thos. J., - Daniel Biles, born June 29, 1807, Had no children, George Biles, born Aug. 1809, Married - and, Charles, born not far from time of his father's death. I have added a brief outline in pencil, that these men told me, to the Main Chart of Charles Biles and family (see chart) showing relationships.

Wyalusing Pa April 4 1927.

Mr W. S. Ely.
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Thomas Jefferson Biles gave me a general outline of the family. His father died in 1814 leaving a family of children. He was in his tenth year and was sent to live with his grandfather William Biles, born 1740,^{or 1745} who married ^(N.Y. Phillips) Mary Updike, or Updyke, he gave both spellings. who had a son Charles Biles, born about 1769 (d. 1858) He married Catherine Updike. (I think a niece of Mary's and some girls besides his grandfather, Jas. W. Biles.) Thos. J. gave several of the names of Charles' children, among them, George, - the grand father of A. J. Phillips, so it tied them together. He living with his grandfather, saw some of them, often and knew them well. His grand father, had one brother Alexander, who had only one daughter Martha, who married W. M. Anthony. His grandfather's father, was Alexander Biles, born about 1720, at Maidenhead N.Y. (Named for a place in England where the Biles had lived.) Now the next step is a clincher. He said that his grandfather, when a boy, ^{had} lived with his grand father, and I think his name was also Alexander Biles. He could not tell, or remember, which of the first Biles men, they descended from. If I understood him correctly in this, you will readily see, and his dates indicate it, that there were two Alexanders, between Thos. J.'s gr. father William, and the Charles, who married Sarah Wood. And the date he gave for the birth of his gr. father's - gr. father, was 1700, or before. This would eliminate the question of a date that is apparent, with but one Alexander, in this line. And the gr. father's, gr. father, born back in 1700 or before, would just fit Charles' Alexander, who, was only a small child, at his (Charles) death, in July 1696. Thos. J.'s gr. father, William, was born about 1740, or more than 40 years, after Charles' death (1696). So it is impossible for that to take place. But with Charles' son Alexander, born (before 1696) he would be about 45, at birth of William, making it very easy.

In the pencil work on the Chart, with the dates, given by Mr. Thomas Jefferson Biles and his brothers Israel and Charles. It is apparent that the Alexander Biles, ^{1720^s} the father of William Biles, ^{1740^s} could not have been the son of Charles Biles, who died July 1696. For Charles death occurred 20 years or more before this Alexander, ^{1720^s} was born. Also it, in that case, would make Charles ^{d. 1696} the grand father of William ^{b. 1740} (Thos. J's gr. father). And, how then, could Thos. J's gr. father, Wm live with his gr. father Charles ^{d. 1696} who was dead more than 40 years before his birth.

Therefore it becomes imperative, if Thos. J's assertions were correct, in regards to the approximate dates of births, given by him, and the claim that his gr. father, William, had in his boyhood days lived with his grand father, (Alex. of Wendenhead) ^{1700 or before} that there must be two Alexanders, ^(1680 + 1720) in the Ancestral line of A. V. Phillips as I have shown in the annexed pencil portion of the Biles Chart enclosed. This arrangement makes all come together like clock work, as per dates, and grandfathers, as given by Thos. J.

While with but one Alexander in the line it nullifies Thos. J's assertions and makes them impossible and the great age of one Alexander you mention would be an absolute necessity, And Thos. J's gr father William, ¹⁷⁴⁰ would of necessity be nearly 50 year younger than his father. I will go over all my old letters and see if I can find any data to help out any. Now as to the Johns you mention I have been looking them up because of our ancestor John of Loucon Twp. and have practically eliminated most of them as a possibility of their being our ancestor John, Williams ^{1st} John, M-Mary Lambert 1707. Too old for the father of our Henry (b. Feb 29, 1745) unless he had a second wife. There were Biles (Boiles) in N.J. ^{nearby} my father said were not related. And Charles, ^{1st} John is accounted in the enclosed Chart but his son John who M. Elizabeth Carpenter, would meet the dates M-1738, but I do not find their family. I also find a John who was attacked in 1776 I think near Phila-Pa. but could never trace him. So you have my difficulties in trying to connect up my line. Will post you if I learn more. Yours Truly John A Biles.

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"WILLIAM BILES, of Dorchester in the County of Dorset, Vilemonger, and his wife Johannah, his wife arrived in the Delaware River in the ship, Elizabeth and Sarah of Weymouth, the 4th of the 4th Month, 1679,
Children, William, George, John, Elizabeth, Johannah Rebecca and Mary Biles.
Servants, Edward Haneock, to serve 8 years
Elizabeth Patty, to serve seven years."

"CHARLES BILES, of the Town and County next above named, arrived in the ship aforesaid, at the time aforesaid"

The above two entries are from the "Book of Arrivals in Bucks County" Entitled "A Rehistry of all the people in the County of Bucks, within the Province of Pennsylvania that have come to settle in that County"

This book is in the handwriting of Phineas Pemberton, first Deputy Register of Wills, and Clerk of the Courts of Bucks County, and was for many years in the office of the Register of Wills of Bucks County. It was published in Battle's History of Bucks County pages 672-680, and a copy has also been published in Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, Vol. 9, p. 223 et seq.

William Biles, first above mentioned was from the time of his arrival in 1679, until his death in 1709 one of the most prominent men of Bucks County. He was an officer for Bucks County appointed by the Court at Upland, many years a member of Provincial Council, and Pennsylvania; Treasurer of Bucks County, and one of the leading Justices of the Courts, and active in all the affairs of the County. The first Meeting of the Society of Friends was held at his house on the old river road below the Falls of Delaware, where he owned and occupied a large plantation and the island in the Delaware, opposite still known as "Biles Island" which he bought of the Indians.

He was one of the largest landowners in Bucks County and owned also many large tracts in New Jersey and elsewhere.

CHARLES BILES, who accompanied his brother to Pennsylvania in 1679 was much less prominent in public affairs than his distinguished brother.

William Penn, Proprietor and Governor of Pennsylvania by Deed dated 2mo. 30, 1683, granted unto William Biles and Charles Biles, his brother a tract of 474 acres of land in Bucks County, which was later surveyed and confirmed to them by Patent, 5mo. 9, 1684.

On 8mo. 14, 1686, a deed of partition was made by William and Charles Biles recorded at Doylestown in Deed Book 1, page 102 by which they divided this tract equally between them.

CHARLES BILES conveyed his portion of this tract 235 Acres to Abel Janney 7mo. 12, 1694 as CHARLES BILES of Maidenhead, Province of West Jersey. See Deed Book 2 page 49.

He had married some years previous to this date Sarah Wood, daughter of John Wood of Bucks County. During his residence in Bucks County he probably resided on the above tract. In the Inventory of the Estate of John Wood is this item, under date of 8mo. 17, 1692,

"1 Pair of Oxen, 1 Wain, Buckles & Yoke, plough & Chain 00 - 10 00
for which Charles Biles is Debtor to the Executors"

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A Testimony from the Meeting of Sufferers at
Philadelphia dated 1 mo 24 1773, was read at
Richland Monthly Meeting, and a committee was
appointed to collect money for the Relief of
the Funds

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CHARLES BILES, probably removed with his family to Maidenhead, New Jersey in 1693 or early in 1694. Although his brother William was a prominent member of the Society of Friends it would seem that his brother Charles was not a member of that Society. The Wood family into which he married were not members, and there seems to be no minute on the records of Falls Meeting showing that he was dealt with for marriage to one not a member, as was the universal custom of the Society. Joseph Wood whose sister he married was a Baptist minister. (See Wood data, attached heretp)

CHARLES BILES of Burlington County, Yeoman, by Deed dated Nov. 5, 1695 purchased of Joseph English, of the same place 200 acres of land "Above the Falls of Delaware part of the Daniel Coxe tract and therefore probably adjoining the 100 Acres conveyed to his widow Sarah Biles and her son Alexander, March 1698/9. W.J. Deeds Liber B, Part 2, page 658.

On November 2, 1696 Letters of Administration were granted on the Estate of **CHARLES BYLES**, to his widow, Sarah. Burlington Records page 28.

SARAH (WOOD) Biles, widow of Charles Biles, married soon after the death of her first husband **JOHN BREARLY**, of Maidenhead, whom she also survived and died in 1731 leaving a will dated September 16, Probated October 27, 1731. West Jersey Wills, Liber 3, page 161.

Will of Sarah (299%) Biles- Brearley

Sarah Rearly of Maidenhead, in West Jersey, widow, being very sick. It devises or bequeaths rather, her clothing to Sarah Watson, Ruth Gumly, and **ANN BILES**, - Personal estate to Children **JOHN BILES**, **ELICKSANDER BILES**, John Brearley, David Brearley, Joseph Brearley, Benjamin Brearley, - and Sarah Watson and Ruth Gumly. Son John Brearley named as executor. Remits to David Brearley her "Thirds in Plantation up the River"

Note - the daughter Sarah is not mentioned in her husband's will in 1722, and therefore must have been born after his death or have been by Charles Biles.

The latter is probably the reasonable hypothesis as but nine years intervened between the date of death of her husband and herself.

The Ann Biles, must have been the wife of Alexander as John's wife was named Elizabeth.

JOHN BREARLEY of Maiden Town, Burlington County Yeoman by Deed dated Nov. 14 1699, W.J. Deeds Liber B, part 2, page 656, conveyed to John Hutchinson of Hutchinson Manor, in same County 650 acres "late appendant of said Manor" above the Falls of Delaware adjoining lands of the grantee, Thomas Hough, late Thomas Kirle and Delaware River.

On June 2, 1701, Ibid page 701, John Brearley, Yeoman conveyed to William Rumbach, bachelor, and John Lanning, yeomen, all of Maidenhead 150 acres to Read part of 200 acres on Shabbaconek Creek bought of Mahlon Stacy Nov 22, 1695 and the other 50 acres to Lanning.

Jan. 11, 1702/3, John Brearley of Maidenhead, Burlington Co. Yeoman to John Rumble of Abington twp. Phila. Co. yeoman deed for 400 acres in West Jersey Society's 30,000 Acre Tract in Burlington County, Ibid page 789

The Will of JOHN BREARLY, or Braly, of Maidenhead, Hunterdon County, yeoman,
Dated May 27, 1722 - Probated October 23, 1732 - Inventory made Oct. 8, 1722.
Registered in Liber 2, page 192.

Wife Sarah - Children, John, Benjamin, David, Joseph, Mary Wife of John Olden, and Ruth.

Home Farm near Five Mile Run, called Farm bought of Joseph Reeder -
Farm on Delaware River, called Grady Crag, - 1/16 and 1/40 shares of West Jersey Lands. Wife and Son in Law John Oulden, Executors.

Witnesses JOHN BILES, James Price and Joseph Worth.
Appraisers, Wm. Hixen, Benj. Clark and Joseph Worth.
Personal Estate £ 343 lrs. 11d.

NOTE - Was he a widower before he married Sarah Biles? She makes no mention of a daughter Mary, wife of John Olden.

ALEXANDER BILES, in list of debtors to estate of John Seyerns of Trenton whose will was proven in 1732 Liber 3, p. 202. Thomas Biles of Bucks Co. Pa. also on the list.

ALEXANDER BILES, was one of the Appraisers of the Estate of Robert Tyndal of Trenton, Sept 18, 1732 Liber 3, p. 202.

Will of Isabel Tindal of Winsor township, Middlesex County, Widow of Thomas Tindall Senr. Dated Nov. 17, 1732, Proved May 15, 1733 - Invty Made Jan. 25, 1732 Daughters Isabel Vanroomer, ANN BILES, (the great Bible) Sarah Budd, Sons William, Joseph and Isaac.

Grandchildren, Mary, Margaret, Elizabeth, & John Pullin - Catrin, Mary, Elizabeth, Rachel, Sara and Anne Pearson.
Son Joseph, Executor.

ALEXR. Biles, & Abner Phillips, witnesses to will of Edward Hunt, son of - Ralph Hunt of Maidenhead and Theophilus Phillips appraiser.
The will mentions "Father in Law Philip Phillips"

Will of JOHN BILES, of Maidenhead, Township, Hunterdon County, yeoman,
Dated May 29, 1740, Proved July 22, 1740 Liber 4, page 247. Invty. July 1, 1740 Wife Elizabeth - Daughter Sarah Biles - Sons John & Charles.
BROTHER ALEXANDER BILES, Executor, with wife. Land where he lived to sons.
Witnesses George Rozel. Samuel Lee Mary Carpenter.

Will of John Abbot of Northampton township, Burlington Co. Yeoman,
Dated Proved Apr. 12, 1740. Liber 4, page 228.
Children, John, Timothy, Samuel, Mary Williams. ANN BILES, Jane Burr, Rachel Abbot, Elizabeth Williams, and Sarah Abbot. Wife Ann sole executor.
Land adjoining Robert Pearson on South side of Crosswicks Creek.

Mary Braley, mentioned as child and legatee in will of Benjamin Clarke Senr of Stony Brooke Middlesex Co. Mch 13, 1742/3 Proved June 5, 1747.
John Oulden and Edmund Beakes Appraisers May 23, 1747, Joseph Oulden, witness to Will.

Will of Abraham Freeze of Maidenhead July 5, 1746, pr. June 28, 1749
Legacy to Naomi Biles, daughter of John Biles, dead, when 18, if she die to her mother Elizabeth Biles, who is named as Executrix. Lawyers to Elizabeth Biles Moore, Late Biles. Witnesses ALEXANDER BILES, Martha Biles, & Sarah Overto Brothers Isaac and Joseph.

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WOOD,

"JOHN WOOD, of Altercliffe, in the Parish of Sheffield, in the County of York, husbandman, arrived in the Delaware River in the ship Shield, the Master Daniel Todd in the 19th Month 1678.
Children John, Joseph, Esther, Mary and Sarah Woods."

(Register of Arrivals in Bucks County, quoted in Biles Record.)

JOHN WOOD took up a tract of 478 Acres on the Delaware river opposite the falls of Delaware with a large Island long known as Wood's Island lying opposite in the Delaware. This Plantation he called "Greystones" possibly so called from the color of the ridge or rocks running diagonally across the river front near his house, which form the falls in the river.

This was the most historic site in Bucks County. It was the place where the line of the first purchase of land by the English of the Indians started "At a tree on the bank over against the Delaware near the house of John Wood called by him Greystones." At the foot of the island on John Wood's land was the point of crossing over the river used by the Indians long before the appearance of the Europeans on the Delaware, afterwards for many years a noted ferry

This is the site of the present borough of Morrisville, and it was the site of the "Anciente Town of Crewkerne, established there in 1680 under the jurisdiction of the Duke of York, with William Biles as its first Justice. It is said to have been named for the little town of Crewkerne in County Dorset-England, from which the Biles family migrated in 1679.

John Wood conveyed his plantation to his son Joseph in 1687 by the following deed, recorded at Doylestown in Deed Book 1, pages 175-6.

"JOHN WOOD of the Falls of Delaware, County of Bucks, Sends Greeting in Our Lord Everlasting -

KNOW YE, that I the said John Wood out of the Natural affection and entire Love I do bear unto my Loving Dutiful and only son Joseph Wood as alsoe for his preferment in Marriage which by my consent, Good Will and approbation is by Gods Grace shortly intended, and for divers other good considerations thereunto moving have given, granted and by these presents do give grant and dispose of unto my son Joseph Wood his heirs and assigns, without any other manner of grant, consideration, condition demand or reservation, This tract of land containing four hundred and seventy eight acres together with one Island lying over against the said quantity of land, commonly called and known by the name of Woods Island. Which said tract of land was first granted by an order from Edmond Andrews, Governor of New York in the year 1679 and was afterwards granted by Patent from William Penn the Governor and Proprietor the 31st of 5month 1684.

Alsoe a tract of one hundred and two and one half acres adjoining the former tract, I bought and purchased of Daniel Brinson of Crookhorne near the Falls being one moiety of two hundred and five acres granted unto Daniel Brinson by Letters Patent 5mo. 31st, 1684, and conveyed to me 11mo. 22d 1685.

Signed the 26th day of January 1684 in the third year of King James the Second and the seventh of the Proprs. Government.

Delivered and possession given by twig and turft by the within named John Wood to the within named Joseph Wood the day and year of the date of these presents in the presence of those whose names are underwritten.

Jacob Hall, Robert Jeffes
John Carter Thomas

John WOOD, (Seal)

Recorded 5mo. 10, 1688 in Deed Book I page 175-6

Will of John Wood

TO ALL CHRISTIAN PEOPLE UNTO WHOM THESE MAY COME, - GREETING,-

KNOW YE, That I JOHN WOOD of Crook horne in the County of Bucks, in the Province of Pennsylvania, Yeoman, being at this time Weake of Body, but of good & Perfect Memory, (Blessed be God) do make this my last Will and Testament (Revoking all former Wills & Testaments) in manner & form following,

That is to say;- IMPRINIS, I give unto my son Joseph Wood one full halfe Part of all the Crop now upon the Ground and Six Pounds out of the Estate of Manby, with all the reversions and remainders of my Lands in West Jersey, saving One hundred Acres upon Crosswicks Creek, And Three hundred Acres given to my Daughter Hester, together with the Lands Purchased of Remsdall & Champeons.

ITEM, I Give unto Hester Smalley, my Eldest daughter, the sum of Tenn Pounds, to be first paid out of my Personal Estate, before any Division be made, and three hundred Acres of Land Lying in West Jersey yet untaken up, and also the lands purchased of Richard Remsdall and John Champeon.

ITEM, I Give to CHARLES BILES, the sum of twelve pounds and tenn shillings Bought (?) of John Tataham, and this to be paid out of my Personal Estate, before Division.

ITEM, I Give to Mary, wife of Thomas Coleman and his heirs for ever One hundred Acres of Land lying in West Jersey upon Crosswicks Creek.

AND the residue and Remainder of my Personal Estate, (My just debts and funeral ex penses discharged) be it whatsoever kindes, As Cattle, Horses, hoggs, Timber, boards, Joyner ware, and all kintx utencils both for the house and husbandry, within and without doors, With all Bills, Bonds, Credits, Reckonings, and Amounts whatsoever justly due unto mee, I give to bee equally divided Amongst my three daughters Ester Smalley, Mary, wife of Thomas Coleman, And SARAH, WIFE OF CHARLES BILES.

And Lastly, I give to my son Joseph Wood and Son in law Isaac Smalley, each and either of them twenty shillings, whome I make Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the seven & twentieth day of May Anno 1692.

Acknowledged in the presence of
William Emley, Roger Parke,
William Taylor, Witnesses.

His
JOHN WOOD, (Seal)
Mark

Isaac Smalley filed his renunciation of the Executorship, the 17th Day of 8th Mo. 1692.

Bond of Joseph Wood, Carpenter and William Taylor, Joyner & Robert Cole, Innkeeper, all of the County of Bucks, to William Penn, Proryatory and Gouvernor, in the sum of Two Hundred and Sixty Pounds, Dated 12th Day of 9th Month, 1692, Conditioned that the said Joseph Wood as Executor of John Wood, his father, should well and truly administer said Estate &c. Filed same date

An Inventory of the Goods & Chattels of John Wood, lately deceased was made the 17th day of 8 Mo. 1692, by Thomas Tummeliff, Richard Hough, Thomas Wood, and William Emley. Amounted to 134 19 11

One item - "ffer Pr. Oxen, Wain, Buckles & Yokes, plough & Chain, 09 10 00"
"ffer which Charles Biles is debtor to the executor"

JOSEPH WOOD,

According to Rev. Abel Morgan, the great Baptist historian, "Joseph Wood was born in the year 1659, near Hull in Yorkshire and came to this Country about 1684. (He really came with his father John Wood in 1678) "He was baptised by Rev. Keesh at Burlington July 24, 1691, (as a Baptist) Was Ordained a minister of the Baptist Church, September 25, 1703, at which time he took part in the ministry with Rev. Evan Morgan and Samuel Jones. He died September 15, 1747 and was buried at Cold Spring. (The site of the first Baptist Church in Bristol township, Bucks County.) His children were, Joseph, Jabez, or Jabus, Josiah, Tabitha, Benjamin, John, Samuel, William and Hannah.

Mr. Wood was reckoned a good preacher, but in the latter part of his life his usefulness was much lessened by some family and personal unhappiness, better concealed than named."

He was three times married and the last venture seems to have been an unhappy one.

Mr. Morgan further states that "There was a Little Baptist Church at Burlington, N.J. planted by Mr. Keesh about 1690" He later records the names of a number of the members among them Joseph Wood, and close with the statement, "They broke up and Joined Pennypack Oct. 9, 1699. "

IN the deeds to his sons, Josiah and Jabez in 1724 for the homestead tract in Bucks County, he is not joined by any wife and was doubtless a widower at that date.

Joseph Wood evidently inherited under his father's will considerable tracts of land in New Jersey. On February 22, 1756, as "Son and heir of John Wood of Bucks County he conveys lots in Burlington to Daniel Smith, "Part of 3/64 share of West Jersey lands. (See West Jersey Deeds Liber B, part 2 page 723.) in 1688 Robert Ewer of Phila. Conveys to Joseph of West Jersey, 1/25 of a share in West Jersey lands.

On May 25, 1687 he is referred to as "Joseph Wood one of the Proprietors of undivided shares in West Jersey lands" (W.J. Deeds Liber *, Part 1, p. 231)

On June 10, 1692, Daniel Coxe by his atty. John Tatham, conveyed to Joseph Wood of Bucks County Pa. 100 acres of land, in West Jersey. (Ibid p. 563)

This was probably the tract upon which Charles Biles and his family lived at the time of Charles's death in 1696.

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On March 9, 1698/9, Joseph Wood of Bucks County, yeoman, conveyed unto, SARAH, WIDOW OF CHARLES BILES, of Maidenhead and ALEXANDER BILES, their second son, 100 Acres of land bought of Daniel Coxe June 10, 1692.

(West Jersey Deeds Liber 2, page 652) 658

The return of survey of this tract, recorded in Revel's Book of Surveys, page 124, shows that it was on Little Shabbaeunok Creek, next to Joseph English, and included 10 acres of Meadow.

Joseph English of Burlington County conveyed to CHARLES BILES, of same place yeoman, Nov. 5, 1695, 200 acres of land, "Above the Falls of Delaware" part of 300 acres granted to Samuel Dark by Daniel Coxe and by Samuel Dark to Joseph English March 11, 1691/2. W.J. Deeds Liber 2, p. 593)

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Doylestown Pa. 4/21/1899

Mrs. Sphie Selden Rogers,

My Dear Mrs Rogers, - Yours of 19th received

I have made some investigations in reference to the Biles family and
am able answer some of your queries, but unfortunately not all of them
of William & Joanna Biles as you probably know had the following children

1. Elizabeth, m. 1st in 1688, Stephen Beakes, - (These were my gt, gt gt
m. 2d Mathew Hughes (gt grand parents)
2. William m. 1695, Sarah Langhorne
3. George d. 1708, m. 1697, Martha Blackshaw,
4. Joannah, m 1695 Samuel Beakes m. 2d Joseph Waite
5. John, m/ 1707, Mary Lambert
6. Rebekah, m. 1703 Joseph Janney,
7. Mary, m. ----- Robbins
8. Ann m. 1706/7 Thomas Yardley

Joannah Biles died 7mo 4 1687, and William m. 10/11/1688, Jane Atkinson
Widow of Thomas.

William Biles died 3/19/1710

The Children of William & Sarah (Langhorne) Biles were;-

1. Thomas, b. 1696, m. 1729 Elizabeth Lambert
2. William m. 1st 1725, Ann Stevenson, 2d Jane -----
3. Charles m 1729 Ann Mary Baker
4. Langhorne, m. 1749 Hannah Kirkbride
5. Ann m. 1725, Isaac Pennington
6. Grace, m. ---- Bates
7. Sarah, m. 1740 Lawrence Growdon, no issue
8. Elizabeth, m. 1740 Abel Janney
9. Hannah, m. 1735 Thomas Janney

William
John
Jeremiah
Hannah
Sarah

The only child of Abel & Elizabeth Biles Janney that I am certain of
is Elizabeth who married Andrew Reed, M.L. Aug 1764, (Archives II -154
There were three children of Abel Janney, - Amos, Ann & Thomas, buried
at Race St. 1757/8, but whether of Abel & Elizabeth, or his cousin, I
have been unable to determine.

Neither do I know the Maiden name of Jane William Biles (3) 2d wife

Boylestown Pa. 4/21/1888

As to Jane Biles, she died intestate and in April 1777, one James Wollard his renunciation of letters of Admrn. says she was his wife and asked that letters be granted to William Biles, which was done.

On June 17 1777, William Biles relinquished the trusteeship condition that the dying wishes of the intestate be respected, in reference to freeing her Slave Woman Hannah, as testified to by Thomas Janney, and letters were granted to Catharine Clayton "Single woman" of Southamp-ton Twp. who was cited to file an Account in 1800.

I have made an extended search for papers, Caveat, or protest, against the letters to William Biles by this Catharine Clayton, with the hope that they might show the relationship of the Admr. to the deceased, but found none.

Mary, W. -
Respectfully Yours &c.
Ann L. 1700 Thomas Janney

Joannah Biles died Nov 4 1827, age 100 years, Jane ATKINSON
Widow of Thomas.

The Children of William & Sarah (Barnard) Biles were:-

1. Thomas, b. 1694, m. 1723 Elizabeth Janney
2. William m. 1725, Ann 1745, Ann 1765, Ann 1785
3. Charles m. 1729 Ann Mary Janney
4. Catharine, m. 1742 Hannah Kirkland
5. Ann m. 1738, James Barnard
6. Sarah, m. 1745, James Barnard
7. Sarah, m. 1750 Lawrence Barnard
8. Elizabeth, m. 1760 Abel Janney
9. Hannah, m. 1765 Thomas Janney

The only child of Abel & Elizabeth Biles (Janney) that I am certain of is Elizabeth who married Andrew Reed, M.D. Aug 1791, (Archives 11-15) There were three children of Abel Janney, - Anne, Ann & Thomas, but as Reed st. 1787, but whether of Abel & Elizabeth, or his second, I have been unable to determine.

Whether I know the children of Jane Biles (1777) & wife

August 16, 1927

JOHN A BILES, Wyalusing, Pa.

Dear Mr. Biles:-

I regret very much that I had to postpone my trip to Wyalusing and Painted Post. Our Curator selected this week for his vacation and has gone on a motor trip to northern New York and Canada. Knowing that he had selected this week for the trip my wife and I started out a week ago and spent last week on a trip to southern Pennsylvania, the Shenandoah Valley Maryland and Washington, D.C. reaching home Friday night.

I hope you will give my greetings to the Biles of northern Pennsylvania and express my extreme regret at not being able to greet them personally at their annual reunion.

I am still pegging away on the lines of ancestry of our mutual friend, Alexander VanCleve Biles, who as you probably know is now in Calcutta, India.

I have determined to my satisfaction that the wife of Alexander Biles 1690-1780, was Ann Tyndall, daughter of Thomas and Isabel Tyndal who "came from England about 1678, and purchased a tract of land in what is now (1907) Hamilton township, Mercer County, New Jersey, on the north bank of Crosswick Creek. The old Pearson Burying Ground near White Horse Tavern is located on the tract. In Nottingham Town Book it is recorded that Thomas Tyndal owned 400 acres of land, and died in 1714. Thomas and Isabel had the following issue:-

Thomas, m. Jerina Watson, dau. of Isaac and died in 1715 m. Johanna Watson
Elizabeth, m. July 25, 1706, Robert Pearson

Isabel, m. Josiah Van roomer

ANN, mar. 1716, ALEXANDER BILES

Sarah,

Ruth, m. - - - Budd

William, living in Middlesex, County 1732 wjen named as exr. of bro. Rob Robert, will dated and proved 1732, "Trenton Hunterdon Co. mentions

"Aged Mother Isabel Tyndal" Kinswomen Isabel & Susanna Vanroomer, daughters of Josiah Vantoomer of Middlesex county when 12" Brother William Tyndal of Middlesex Co. executor and Residuary legatee.

Mary, mar. John Pullin, mentioned in will of her brother Thomas in 1715 Joseph, mentioned as bother in Thomas Tyndal's will, which names his mother Isabel as executrix. *Mary Mercy Peab*

Alexander Biles and Joseph Tyndal were the appraisers of the personal estate of ~~Sussex~~ Robert Tyndal Sept. 13 1732

Will of Thomas Tyndal of Nottingham dated July 18, 1713 proved Oct. 18, 1714, mentions wife Isabel and ch. Mary wife of John Pullin, Elizabeth wife of Robert Pearson, Isabel wife of Josiah Vanroomer, ANN, Sarah, Robert, Joseph and Isaac.

J.A. Biles 8/16/1927

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Will of Isabel Tyndal of Windsor, Mifflessex county widow of Thomas Tindal So dated Nov. 17, 1732 probated May 15, 1733, mentions daughters Isabel Vanroomer ANN. BILES, and Sarah Bud. Grandchildren, Mary, Margaret, Elizabeth and John Pullin; Sarah and Anne Pearson. Names son Joseph as executor. Witnesses Isaac Tindall, John Martin and John Beakes. Hunterdon Will's Liber 3, p. 300.

Achsah Lambert advertises 40 Acres of Woodland for sale Jan. 1, 1780, near Thomas Tindal's house within a small distance of Princetown Road about three miles from Trenton. This Thomas Tyndal was doubtless the son of Thomas Junior, who when 14 years old in 1730 asks that his mother Johanna Tyndal be appointed his guardian, he had probably inherited the home of his grandfather in Nottingham township. A Thomas Tyndall of Maidenhead advertises a stray colt January 1, 1780. The date of Achsah Lambert's advertisement was May 13, 1780. I got the two dates mixed.

Letters of administration on the estate of on the estate of ALEXANDER BIL of Maidenhead were granted to Benjamin Biles March 4, 1782. An inventory of the same date enumerated a short list of Goods. John Roazell was surety on the bond and B. Van Cleve was a witness.

ALEXANDER BILES of the Town of Maidenhead, Carpenter conveyed to David Brearley, farmer by deed dated January 14, 1746 for 75 pds. 8s. a Plantation of 100 acres in Maidenhead, joining Joseph English now in possession of said Alexander Biles, adjoining lands of the heirs of Joseph Biles, deceased, Also Meadow Land in Maidenhead. The Deed being acknowledged June 20, 1765. This was the tract conveyed by Joseph Wood to his sister Sarah Biles and her "second son Alexander Biles in 1697.

Joseph English conveyed 200 acres to Charles Biles 200 acres the remainder of a 300 acre tract of which the other 100 Acres was the above tract. This was Oct. 2, 1692, Samuel Darke having conveyed the whole 300 acres and a meadow to English March 11, 1691/2 and English conveyed the 100 A. and meadow to Joseph Wood at about the same date.

These items seem to connect up Alexander with Maidenhead, and both myself and A.V. Biles think that Alexander Biles born 1690, was the one on whose estate the letters of administration were granted in 1782. There is nothing preposterous about him having lived to near the age of 92 years, lots of those old fellows lived to that age. His wife Ann Tyndal had probably been long deceased. The New Jersey law did not require a wife to join in deeds and she may have been living in 1746. She was evidently single at the date of her father's will in 1713, but was married at the date of her mother's will in 1732.

I have so far failed to find the parentage of Abigail Tyndal who married Captain John Phillips about 1760. She may have been a daughter of Joseph, brother of Ann about whom I have been able learn very little.

Well I guess I am only tiring you with this data and will close with my very best regards to you and the other Biles folks and hope you will have a splendid and felicitous time at your reunion.

Respectfully and Fraternally Yours,

JOHN A. BILES

SECRETARY

BRADFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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"COLLECTION"
BRADFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wilkesburg Pa Pa 5 April 22, 1927.

Thomas S. Biles Esq.
Easton Pa.
My Dear Sir,

Yours of the 18th received and am much pleased with the Dorothy Biles
Will. I had never gathered that but am surprised to find what a display I can make
in a Chart. Besides, the William, Charles and Thomas Biles sons mentioned that had
been known to me for many years. I also find I have good list of the Jonathan of
New England (Newbury Mass.) also many years ago I wrote to the John Howard Biles of
the Clyde Ship yards. Boat Architect for the English Navy, who designed the "New York" and
"Paris," of 30 or 40 years ago and this John H Biles traced a line of John's back for
six generations with only one break and that was his grand father whose name was Anthony
and they lead back to John Biles of in Dorset, My father's brother lived at Bridport England
^{He had a brother John}

His father was still living (1900) the oldest Biles he knew of, and he enclosed a few notes
from his father, which I will give you some time. Nearly mail time so will not have
time this morning. You mention that A. S. Biles (Phillips I suppose) had ask you to
come and see me sometime. Nothing would please me better, but let me make a suggestion
or two, when you do come arrange to stay several days so we can get through my stuff,
and look around our historic locality, and if you could hit our Historical Meeting
also (the 4th Sat of each month) it would please our members greatly. Will look into your queries
thoroughly and report soon. I have written H. H. Shank Harnshaw Pa about my John Biles
Biles, says he will see what he can find. Well so long for this time.

Yours truly

John A Biles

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June 3, 1927

A. V. Phillips, Esq.
c/o The Angus Co. Limited,
Box 428, Calcutta, India.

Dear Mr. Phillips:-

While it seems to me that a report is due you from me it also seems as if I had nothing to report that is of much use to you tho I have devoted a lot of time to tedious and thorough search for several branches of your ancestors.

I have several letters from John A. Biles, some of them most interesting. The most important thing that he has developed is the fact that Dorothy Biles of County Dorset, England the mother of Charles Biles first an abstract of whose will I mailed you was the widow of Daniel Biles, so that that takes your line back one generation farther. Doubtless he has reported this to you direct.

He debies being the author of the statement that the wife of Charles Biles, born 1769, was Catharine Upkike. He says either you or your mother told him that. In the Opdycke Family Genealogy the only Biles mentioned is William who married Mary Updike and George Biles to whom Luther and wife Gertrude conveyed land in Kingwood in 1801. This too early for your grandfather George Bullock Biles born 1798, and Squire Luther Updike had no daughter Catharine.

By the way where did George Bullock Biles get his name? George Bullock of Chesterfield married at Friends Meeting there in 1776, early enough to be the grandfather of George Bullock Biles born 1798. This is only your grandfather and you ought to know whether there was a Bullock connection. George married Edith Wood. I have not examined his will.

I see there is "Town Book of Maidenhead, 1716-1886" in the Office of the County Clerk, at Trenton. Did you ever see or hear of it?

I have a memoranda, that "Charles Biles, born 1768, died August 10, 1858, married Lydia Black, born 1770, died 1856." How do these dates fit your Charles Biles, whom you have married to Catharine Updike?

I find that Joseph English conveyed to Charles Biles, both of Burlington county, November 5, 1695, 200 acres of land above the Falls of Delaware. W.J. Deeds Liber ", page 12.

This probably accounts for the conveyance to Alexander, "second son" in 1697, by his uncle Joseph Wood of the 100 acres, as joint tenant with his mother. Under the old New Jersey law, primogeniture was practised, as to real estate, all lands descending to the oldest male, and Uncle Joseph took this means of providing for the second son and the daughters who were also mentioned in the deed, having in mind that John as eldest son would inherit the 200 acre farm acquired by his father in 1695. I have always puzzled over this conveyance to a mere infant - Alexander being then, 1697, some where from 5 to 7 years of age.

AV.P. 6/3/27, - 2

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I do not remember to have mentioned that William and John Biles were graduates of Exeter College, at Cornwall, England; William matriculated Oct. 26, 1660 received his degree of B.A. 1664, and M.A. in 1667. And John matriculated Nov. 20, 1685 at the age of 16, and received his B.A. degree in 1689. He is mentioned as the "son of Daniel" and both being mentioned, together with Charles and Thomas-in the will of their mother Dorothy, is where John A. Biles finds proof that Dorothy's husband was Daniel. I think he also mentions the death of Daniel. I had always had the idea that my ancestor William Biles was of the peasant class by reason of his occupation as given in the "Book of Arrivals" as "Vilemonger", but it appears they were strictly "Upper Class".

These facts were the result of researches made in County Dorset by Miles White Jr. His sketch of William Biles was published in Penna. Magazine of History and Biography, Vol. 26, pages 60 to 348.

Thomas Biles, son of William and Sarah (Langhorne) Biles and grandson of William the pioneer, married at Chesterfield Monthly Meeting, New Jersey in 1729, Elizabeth daughter of Thomas Lambert, and Thomas Lambert in his will in 1733 mentions grandchildren, Samuel, Thomas and Benjamin Biles and daughter Elizabeth Biles. His daughter in law Margaret (Cadwallader) Lamber in her will in 1746, mentions "sister Elizabeth Biles" she was really sister in law.

That clears up somethings I failed to understand about Elizabeth and Benjamin Biles; the latter lived at the "Hermitage" in Trenton, and I tried to fit him into descendants of Charles.

Note the insert on page 1 of this letter where John A. Biles states that a chart enclosed in your first letter to him June 6, 1904, you had the name of Catharine Updike as the first wife of your great grandfather Charles wife and "2d. wife Lydia". This was in a letter dated April 27, he had previously stated that you "or your mother" gave him the statement that your great grandmother was Catharine Updike. If we had the date of the marriage we could decide definitely whether Catharine or Lydia was the mother of George Bulloch Biles, born 1798.

At this point I decided to look up the source of my mem. and find it is from a sketch of William A. Biles born 1844, a member of the firm of Vannest, Coleman & Co. of Trenton, in Lee's History of Mercer County, Vol. I, page 158.

I am probably carrying coals to New Castle in repeating it it seems clear that Lydia was not your great grandmother. She was born 1776, and died April 18, 1854 and they had three children, "Charles, who married Jane Trindal, Clarissa, who married Jesse Atchley and Isaac B, born Septem 26, 1815, who was the father of William A. you probably know these people.

On receipt of your last letter I started a rude working chart and noted thereon all your lines I could trace back. The Biles line of course traced back to Dorothy without a break, unless, as J.A.B. suggests there was generation between Alexander and William, born 1740.

The Updike from Mary, wife of William Biles also goes back to Laurens.

The Moore line, from Elizabeth Moore wife of Capt. John Vancleve, goes back to Rev. John Moore 1665-1725. And through her mother Christian Green I have it back through the Elys to John and Elizabeth Heath, and Thomas Pettit. and through her grandmother Joanna Prudden to the two Reverend John Pruddens. Some of these lines need verification.

The Phillips line, direct goes back to Christopher 10th Gen. but was unable to trace back from William Phillips, father of Catharine who married Thomas Phillips your great grandfather. This line takes you back on to the Hunts to Thomas Hunt of Cromwell's Army.

A.V.P. 6/3/27, - 3

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On the Tyndal line I have been as yet unable to place Abigail Tyndal, wife of Captain John Phillips.

Thomas Tindal of Nottingham, Burlington County, was without doubt the father of Ann Tindal the wife of Alexander Biles, who is mentioned in his will July 18, 1713, as if single, but is mentioned in his widow, Isabel Tindal's will in 1732, as Ann Biles. Alexander Biles was one of the appraisers of her brother Robert Tindal's estate in the same year as the date of her mother's will.

Thomas Tindal bought 100 acres in Nottingham in 1696, 100 Acres in 1694, and 400 acres on Doctor's Creek "North of the East Jersey Line, in 1699

I have three or four close line pages of notes on the Tindals, but can get back no farther than Thomas and Isabel, who historians say were pioneers of that branch of the family, coming from England "about 1678"

There was A richard Tindall early settler in Salem county came over in 1678 and was associated with William Penn in the conveyance of the 6 Fenwick lands in Salem Tenth.

Thomas and Isabel Tindal's daughter Elizabeth married Robert Pearson and the land on which the old Pearson Burial Ground is located near White Horse Tavern is said to have been part of Thomas Tindal's property. It was probably part of his first purchase conveyed to him by Francis Davenport, Sept, 10, 1690

Liber B, Part 1, West Jersey Deeds page 348

Thomas Potter of Maidenhead seems to be the father of Mary Potter who married Ezra Taylor, but tho I have accumulated several pages of notes on Potter families have not been able to determine to what branch he belonged.

Well this letter begun yesterday, (Friday) has lasted until nearly 1 P.M. Saturday, and I will have to close. I wish you were closer by, so I could consult with you more conveniently.

Respectfully Yours,

BILES FAMILY:

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My information about the earlier generations came principally from John A. Biles, Wyalusing, Pa. He is the Biles family historian and is also the secretary of the historical society of his county. There is to be a Biles family re-union on Thursday, August 18, 1927, at Mr. D. A. Hillis, Wyalusing, Pa.

I am sending to Mr. John A. Biles a copy of the Biles and Wood families mems received at Calcutta, March 9th, with Mr. W. S. Ely's letter of February 9th, 1927, from Doylestown, Pa.

Miss Mary Biles Poland, 1 Woodside Avenue, Trenton, N. J., would be able to give such information as we have about the family from the Biles family Bibles available.

In regard to the improbability that Alexander Biles was ninety years old when he died in 1782, I see no very great improbability about this, because my mother, Mary Biles, my aunt, Sarah Biles, and my uncle, William Biles, were all ninety when they died during the last twenty years.

My cousin, Frederick W. Stelle, Osining, New York, has in his possession the oldest Biles family Bible which I know about and I think that is the Bible of my grandfather and grand-mother, George Bullock Biles and Mary Ann Walton.

The Walton family Bible of the father and mother of Mary Ann Walton is in the possession of my cousin, William A. Poland, 1 Woodside Avenue, Trenton, N. J. This is the family Bible of John Walton and Elizabeth Taylor.

WILL OF WILLIAM BILES (4) Dated Jany. 5, 1709 said to have never
to have been recorded - Penna Mag. Vol XV page 508

To my son John Biles 300 Acres of land
To my daughter Elizabeth Huges wife of Mathew Hewes 20 shillings
To my three grandchildreb, John, Mary, and Grace Beakes 50pds
To my daughter Johanna, wife of Samuel Beakes, 20 shillings
To my daughter Rebecca Janney wife of Joseph Janney, 140 pds.
To their two daurs. Martha and Ann Janney 10 pds.
To my daughter Ann, wife of Thomas Yardley, 150 pds.
To my daughter in Law Martha Biles 5 pds.
To my three grandchildren, Joanna, Phebe & Sarah Biles, daurs of my
children George & Martha Biles, 15 pds.
To granddaughters Ann, Grace and Sarah, daurs of William & Sarah 15pd
~~To my sister-in-law widow of my brother Thomas Biles,~~
To my sister in law Mary Biles, widow of my brother Thomas Biles of Dorchest
er in old Ebnland, 8 pounds.
To grandson William Robbins son of my daughter Mary Robbins the Plantation
where I last lived lying betwixt the land of Anthony Burton & the land of
my son John Biles. It being part of the land I purchased from Henry Barker
by estimation about 200 acres.
To my grandchildren Joanna and Rebecca Beakes, daughters of my son & Daughter
Samuel and Johanna Beakes, 24 pds.
To my son William Biles all the rest & residue of my lands in West Jersey
Signed published and declared the 5th day of the 11th Month called Janu-
ary, 1709, in the presence of,

Jer. Langhorn
Jos. Kirkbride
Robert Scotcher

Feb 29/1928 See Chart Over. T William & Bro. T Charles Ely, 1814.

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"Let us reason together." In going over old letters, 1904 and since, from yourself and A. W. Phillips I find that T Charles Biles had two sons and also two daughters (See Deed 9 Mar. 1697, for land to Ely & Sons 1814.) Also in Ely (Wm Biles) Breasted Will, she gives clothing to her ^{her daughter} long two sons (Wm & Ruth Biles) & Ann Biles (Probably still living) If she called Alex ^{Ann} Adams she should also have included son John wife Ely, who appears to have been a son-off William Frazer who bequeaths to Naomi Biles dau of Wm Biles, (Probably Posthumous) the mother then being, Ely More late Biles. (See Chart over) This Frazer Will is witnessed by An Alex, and Martha Biles. (See Chart over) I have inserted in pencil, Stephen Biles as per a suggestion in a letter of yours as the son of Alex and Ann ~~Finde~~ and at the lower corner of the Chart, you will then have ~~an~~ Alex as a son of Stephen as per records of the Sep with a daughter Martha to act as witnesses in Frazer Will. At extreme right is Thomas Jefferson Biles who I met in Trenton Feb 22/1883 who told me that he lived with his gr. father William (& Mary Updike) after his own father died in 1814 he being 10 years old then and his grandfather Wm Biles had lived with his gr father — who was born in Maidenhead but they could not tell if he was a son of Wm or Charles the two original brothers who came from England. And here I have the name Alex. in my charts to account for Alex son of Charles but lack a Stephen or another Alex as I have sometimes thought I had overlooked. There are some notes I took that I cannot find. Charles the Shoemaker, youngest bro of Thos I asked me to go and see the family of his deceased son. I did so, took notes there, find mention of them but no notes. Can you use Stephen as here inserted I have some old notes on a Stephen Biles somewhere. Let me hear from your ideas. Your Truly John A. Biles

Biles Chart

Thomas.

Samuel.

m. Eliz. Lambert.

Thomas.

Benjamin

I William
m. Joanna

II William.
m. Sarah Langhorne.

III William.
m. Ann Stevens

IV. William
m. Hannah Kirkbride

Dr. Thomas K.
Clarissa De Normandi

b. 1690. ±
d. May 1746.
1st son

John.
m. 13 Oct 1738.
Eliz. Carpenter

John.
m. Eliz.

Sarah.

Charles (a Tailor)

She 2nd m.
Moore

b. 1690
d. 1st dau

Sarah.
m. Watson.

b. July 1696.
d. I Charles.
m. 1687.
Sarah Wood.

b. 1697.
d. 2nd dau
Ann.

Sarah Wood Biles
2m 1697
John Brearly
and Had 6 ch.
John
Benjamin
David
Joseph
m. John
Mary-Olden
Ruth.
m. Bumbay.

b. 1697.
d. 2nd son
Alexander
m.

Dorothy Biles.