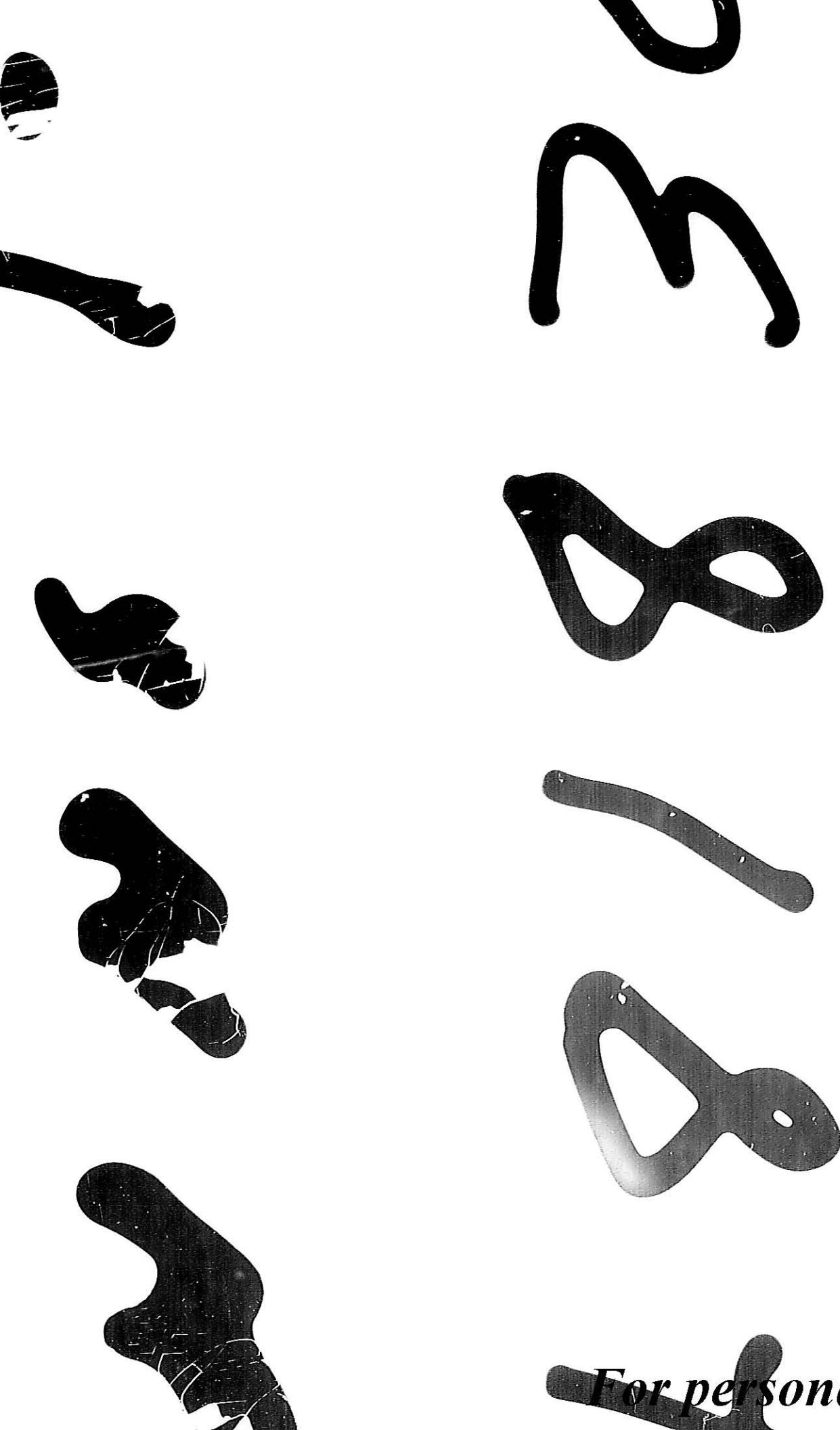


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MEMORANDA RELATING TO BENJAMIN PEARSON,  
AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS.

Benjamin Pearson was born in England, circa 1682, and emigrated from Rotherham, in the West Riding of Yorkshire, to Pennsylvania, in the early part of the eighteenth century. The exact date of his emigration is not known, but it is believed to have been about 1712. His wife, and those of his children born at that time, accompanied him to Pennsylvania. Upon his arrival, he settled with his family at Darby, Chester county, where he continued to reside until his death. He was in membership with Friends, and connected himself with the Darby Meeting.

It is said of him that he was a very sedate man, strongly English in his notions; that he never became fully reconciled to this country, and that he never would admit that its products were equal to those of England, turnips excepted.

Dr. Smith, the historian of Delaware county, thus writes of Mr. Pearson: "He had been better educated than was usual for emigrants in that day, but feeling so little interest in the country never made any exertion to acquire property in it."

Mr. Pearson died at Darby, 25 September, 1763, in the 81st year of his age. He married in England, Susanna Burbeck, who died at Darby, 27 July, 1745.

23 Sept. 1703.

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Children of Benjamin Pearson by his wife Susanna Burbeck:

- i. Benjamin Pearson, b. 30 January, 1705; d. ~~in Elizabeth Barr.~~
- ii. Joseph Pearson, b. 8 June, 1706; d. ~~in.~~  
in 1730, Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Lewis, Esq.,  
of Haverford, Pa. He declared his intention of mar-  
riage at Darby Meeting, 2 10mo., 1730. They probably  
had issue.
- iii. Thomas Pearson, b. 12 February, 1708; d. 13 January,  
1763; m. Hannah Blunston.
- iv. John Pearson, b. 25 March, 1711; d. in 1762; m. Sarah  
(1) Rachel Hubbard; (2) Sarah Wood.
- v. Isaac Pearson, b. 24 November, 1713; d. in 1733; m. (1)  
Martha Garrett; (2) Lydia.....
- vi. Samuel Pearson, b. 24 March, 1716/7; d. 23 June, 1733.
- vii. Joshua Pearson, b. 12 January, 1719; d. 24 November,  
1743; m. Elizabeth Birle, of Philadelphia.

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Thomas Pearson, third son of Benjamin Pearson by his wife,  
Susanna Burbeck, was born in Yorkshire, England, 12 February,  
1708; died at Darby, Pennsylvania, 13 January, 1763. He was  
a tanner and farmer, and a man of considerable wealth, a por-  
tion of which he acquired through his wife, who inherited one  
half of her father's estate, and received a large legacy from  
her uncle, Samuel Blunston, Esq. ~~In 1743,~~ <sup>in 1743,</sup> He was associated  
with others in founding the Darby Library, and was one of its  
librarians. This is one of the earliest known libraries es-  
~~tablished~~ in the Province, and for many years after it was  
~~located,~~ <sup>at home</sup> ~~the home of the library~~ <sup>son</sup> was in the house of one or  
~~number~~  
~~the other~~ of the Pearson family? In 8 September, 1747, Mr.

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Pearson was appointed by the Provincial Council, one of the commissioners to lay out the road from "the Division line which parts Philadelphia county from Chester county to the limits of the county of New Castle." He was an overseer of the poor for Darby township, and a member and one of the overseers of Darby Meeting of Friends. He resided on his plantation at Darby, and some of his lands are still in the possession of his descendants.

30 Aug. 1732.

He married, after the order of Friends, Hannah, daughter of John Blunston, Jr., Esq., by his wife Ann Hunt, and granddaughter of the Honourable John Blunston, of Darby. She was born at Darby, 7 June, 1712, and died there, 8 August, 1778.

His will, dated 4 January, 1763, was proved 21 of the same month, and is recorded in Chester county Will book F, p. 121.

He devised <sup>real estate</sup> ~~real estate~~ to his sons and bequeathed each of his daughters \$250.

Children of Thomas and Hannah (Blunston) Pearson:

- i. Ann Pearson, b. 23 May, 1735; d. 11 C. O., 1755, David Morris, of Plymouth township, Philadelphia county.
- ii. James Pearson, b. 1 November, 1735; d. August, 1812; m. (1) Mary Paschall; (2) Susanna Hart.
- iii. ~~John Pearson, b. 17 October, 1740; d. 22 Jan. 1829, Ann Bevan.~~
- iv. David Pearson, b. 10 August 1742; d.

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- v. Sarah Pearson, b. 1 February, 1742/4; d. 7 August, 1804;  
m. William Warner, Jr.
- vi. Susanna Pearson, b. 11 September, 1746; d. 17 April,  
1825; m. Colonel Hugh Lloyd.
- vii. Mary Pearson, b. 28 April, 1748. She is named in her  
mother's will, dated 5 January, 1775. *Mary*
- viii. Hannah Pearson, b. 1 March, 1751; d. 4 December, 1821;  
m. Jacob Serrill.
- ix. Elizabeth Pearson, b. 17 March, 1753, and is named in  
her mother's will. *M. John Ash.*
- x. Thomas Pearson, b. 7 March, 1756; m. Mary . . .

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Isaac Pearson, son of Benjamin and Susan (Barbeck)  
Pearson, was probably born in *Pennsylvania, 24 Nov 1713;* ~~England about 1711~~; died at  
Darby, Pennsylvania, in November, 1783. Throughout his life  
in this country he resided at Darby. He rose to be one of  
the leading men of Chester county, and was prominent in pub-  
lic affairs. He was High Sheriff of the county from 1750 un-  
til 1754, and in 1762 was elected a member of the Provincial  
Assembly, and immediately upon entering ~~on his duties in that~~  
body he was placed on important committees. *he came on*  
that year he ~~was chosen by the Assembly one of the committee~~  
to represent the House in the Conference with the *Northern and*  
Western Indians, held at Lancaster, *and he participated in this* ~~in which~~ noted gathering,  
~~he participated~~. So capable was he for legislative work, and  
highly was he esteemed by his fellow citizens, ~~that~~ *he was*



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continuously re-elected to the Assembly for fourteen years,  
each year serving on many of <sup>its</sup> ~~the~~ most important standing and  
special committees <sup>of the House</sup> ~~of the House~~. On 31 March, 1775, he was  
appointed on a committee to superintend the printing of the  
bills of credit, authorized for the purpose of meeting the  
exigencies of the government on account of the Revolution,  
and by this service ~~in this capacity~~, <sup>as well as in other di-</sup>  
rections, he gave expression to his deep sympathy with the  
patriot cause, and ~~gave~~ offence to the Friends. In conse-  
quence ~~of which~~, he was "disowned" by Darby Meeting, of which  
he had been an active and prominent member. The vote of  
disownment was passed 29 August, 1776. On 31 March, 1777,  
Mr. Pearson was commissioned one of the justices of the  
peace and of the courts of Chester county, and re-com-  
missioned, 18 November, 1780, <sup>continuing in</sup> ~~in which office he was serving at~~  
<sup>until</sup> ~~the time of~~ his death.

He married, (1), Martha, daughter of William and Mary  
Garret. She was born 17 March, 1716/17, and died 25 January,  
1775. He married (2) Lydia . . . . . who survived him, and  
died 2 June, 1808. His second wife was probably a daughter  
of one Fordham, whom he married "out of the order" of  
Friends. On 1 April, 1779, Darby Meeting disowned Lydia

Pearson "formerly Fordham," for marrying "out of meeting".

Children of Isaac and Martha (Barrett) Pearson:

- i. Job Pearson, b. 5 April, 1738; named in his father's will, dated October, 1788. *He m. twice.*
- ii. Joseph Pearson, b. 28 June, 1739; d. in 1761; Elizabeth Lewis of Haverford. *Had dau Hannah, who m. Ford. b. 1740.*
- iii. Mary Pearson, b. 11 April, 1742; d. 2 April, 1806; m. 14 November, 1771, John Horn, son of William Horn by his wife Elizabeth. They had issue.
- iv. Joshua Pearson, b. 13 Feb, 1744; not named in his father's will, and probably died in infancy.
- v. Lydia Pearson, b. 2 April, 1747; m. Samuel Lewis.
- vi. Isaac Pearson, b. 21 June, 1750; named in his father's will. *m. Elizabeth Sedell. 1772, 25 Nov. 1777.*
- vii. Martha Pearson, b. 4 August, 1752; m. Samuel Ash.
- viii. Nathan Pearson, b. 5 November, 1754; named in his father's will; was "disowned" by Darby Meeting for participating in the Revolution. *m. Had ss. Hannah, Samuel, & Sybil.*
- ix. Susanna Pearson, b. 1 August, 1757; m. Samuel P. Moore.
- x. William, b. 1 May, 1760.

John Pearson, son of Benjamin Pearson by his wife Susan-

na Burbeck, born at Darby, circa 1715; died there, in 1768. *He m. (1) Rachel Bibbault, dau. of Daniel Bibbault of Blocton. She d. 3 Aug. 1745.*  
 He married in 1747, Sarah, daughter of George and Hannah Wood, *the very first of the founders of the Daily Library, and at one time the Librarian.*  
 of Darby. *He was probably not in communion with Friends.* His wife was "disowned" by Darby Meeting, 4 March, 1747, for marrying "out of meeting." *28 June 1744. He was licensed to keep the inn at Darby.* His will, dated 11 April, 1768, and proved 10 May, of the same year, (Chester County Wills,) named wife Sarah, and the children given below. He was a sadler.

Children of John and Sarah (Wood) Pearson:

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- i. Samuel Pearson. m. Mary White, (2) Lydia Saunders
- ii. Margaret Pearson. m.  
2<sup>d</sup> sec wife
- iii. John Pearson. m. Hannah White  
2<sup>d</sup> sec wife
- iv. Rebecca Pearson. m. Isaac Sennell
- v. George Pearson, m. (1) Lydia Grant, (2) Mary Wadsworth
- vi. Jonathan Pearson. m. Elizabeth Smith.



Captain James Pearson, eldest son of Thomas Pearson by his wife Hannah Blunston, was born at Darby, 1 November, 1735; died at Philadelphia, August, 1813. He was a master carpenter and builder, and a surveyor of prominence. Early in life he removed to Philadelphia, where he continued to reside until his death. He was a prominent member of the Carpenter's Company, of which he <sup>was</sup> ~~was~~ warden in 1764, assistant master (vice-president) in 1770 and 1785, and a member for twenty-seven years. He was one of the trustees to whom the land was conveyed on which the historic Carpenter's Hall was built, and was one of the committee for building the same. Under the Act of 15 April, 1782, he was appointed one of the surveyors of Philadelphia, which office he held many years. J. Hill Martin, Esquire, in his "Bench & Bar," states that he has seen one of Mr. Pearson's surveys, dated 30 April, 1813, from which it is inferred that he was a surveyor of the city from 1782 until his death.

Mr. Pearson early sympathized with the cause of Independence, and setting aside his Quaker principles, in 1780, he accepted a commission ~~in 1780~~ as captain of the 4th company in the Philadelphia Artillery battalion: (U. S. Penit. Archives, second series, p. 740.)

Mr. Pearson was one of the committee appointed to assist David Rittenhouse in taking observations of the transit of Venus, in June, 1769, the other members of the committee being, Dr. John Ewing, Joseph Shippen, Thomas Pryor, Dr. Ruth Williamson, and Charles Thomson, (the two last named destined to become prominent in the history of their country. (See History of Independence Hall, p. 85.)

He married (1) at Darby Meeting, 18 October, 1758, Mary, daughter of John and Francis Paschall, of Darby, born 1754; died 25 Jan. 1764. He married (2) at Philadelphia Meeting, 6 Oct. 1767, Susanna, daughter of Thomas Hart, of Philadelphia, by his wife Mary Coombs or Coombe. Captain Pearson's will, dated 17 August, 1813, and proved at Philadelphia, 1 September of that year, and a copy of same is herewith attached.

Children of James Pearson:

By first wife:

- i. John Paschall Pearson, b.      buried 24 Jan. 1764.
- ii. Henry Paschall Pearson, b.      d.
- iii. Hannah Pearson, b.      d.

By second wife:

- iv. Thomas Pearson, b. 26 July, 1768; prob. d. young.
- v. Mary Pearson, b. 8 March, 1770; d.
- vi. Sarah Pearson, b. 23 Dec. 1773; d.
- vii. Jane Pearson, b. 16 Jan. 1776; d. 13 Dec. 1844; m. ~~March 17~~ Captain George Serrill.
- viii. Elizabeth Pearson, b. 27 March, 1779; d. prob. young.
- ix. James Hart Pearson, b. 10 Nov. 1781; d.
- x. Thomas Hart Pearson, b. 19 June, 1783; d.
- xi. Anne Pearson, b. 9 Feb. 1785; d.
- xii. Susanna Pearson, b.      d.  
m. 23 May, 1808, Thomas Powers, of Phila. (St. Paul's Church Register).
- xiii. Martha B. Pearson, b.      d.

WILL OF JAMES PEARSON OF PHILADELPHIA.

In the Name of God Amen. I JAMES PEARSON of the City of Philadelphia House Carpenter being ~~my~~ weak in Body but of Sound Mind and memory do make and publish my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made in manner as following to say:

First.- I order and direct my Executrix and Executor hereinafter named or the Survivor of them to pay All my just debts and Funeral Expenses as soon after my decease as conveniently may be.

Second.- I give and devise unto my eldest Son Henry Paschall Pearson all that my Lot of Ground situate on the Southwest Corner of High Street and Schuylkill Fourth Street in the City of Philadelphia and marked on the plan hereon endorsed "No. 1 Henry Paschall Pearson" Containing in Front on High Street twenty two Feet and in depth on the said Fourth Street one Hundred and ten feet to a five feet wide Alley with the privilege of the same to hold to him my said Son Henry Paschall Pearson his Heirs and Assigns forever.

Third.- I give and devise unto my Daughter Hannah Pearson all that my Lot of Ground situate on the South side of High Street aforesaid and adjoining the above described Lot to the Westward devised to my Son Henry Paschall Pearson and marked in the plan hereon endorsed "No. 2 Hannah Pearson" Containing in Front on the said High Street twenty two feet and in depth one Hundred and ten feet to the aforesaid Five feet wide Alley with the privilege thereof to hold to her



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Third.- I give and devise unto my Daughter Hannah Pearson all that my Lot of Ground situate on the South side of High Street aforesaid and adjoining the above described Lot to the Westward devised to my son Henry Paschall Pearson and marked in the plan hereon endorsed "No. 2 Hannah Pearson" Containing in Front on the said High Street twenty two feet and in depth one Hundred and ten feet to the aforesaid Five feet wide Alley with the privilege thereof to hold to her my said Daughter Hannah Pearson her Heirs and Assigns forever.

Fourth.- I give and devise unto my Daughter Jane Serrill Wife of George Serrill of the Town of Darby All that my Lot of Ground Situate on the South side of the said High Street and adjoining the said

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last above described Lot to the Westward devised to my Daughter  
Hannah Pearson and marked on the plan heron endorsed "No. 3 Jane  
Serrill" Containing in Front on the said High Street Twenty two feet  
and in depth One hundred and Ten feet to the aforesaid Five feet  
wide Alley with the ~~xxx~~ free use and privilege of the same to hold  
to her my said Daughter Jane Serrill her heirs and assigns forever.

Fifth.- I give and devise unto my Daughter Anna Pearson All that  
Lot of Ground Situate on the West side of Schuylkill Fourth Street  
in the said City of Philadelphia at the distance of One hundred and  
fifteen feet Southward from the South side of High Street and marked  
in the plan heron endorsed "No. 4 Anna Pearson" Containing in Front  
on the said Fourth Street thirty nine feet and in depth Sixty six  
feet with the free use and privilege of the aforesaid Five feet  
wide Alley laid out on the North side of said Lot according to the  
plan heron endorsed to hold to her my said Daughter Anna Pearson  
her heirs and assigns forever.

Sixth.- I give and devise to my Daughter Susan Powers all that my  
Lot of Ground situate on the West side of the said Schuylkill Fourth  
Street and adjoining the last above described Lot to the Southward  
marked in the plan heron endorsed No. 5 Susanna Powers. Con-  
taining in Front on the said Fourth Street Twenty two feet and in  
depth Sixty six feet with the free use and privilege of a twenty  
five feet wide Street laid out on the South side of the said Lot  
according to the plan heron endorsed to hold to her my said Daughter  
Susan Powers her heirs and assigns forever.

Seventh.- I give and devise unto my Daughter Martha B. Pearson All  
that my Lot of Ground Situate on the West side of the said Fourth  
Street and on the South side of the aforesaid twenty five feet wide  
Street and marked in the plan heron endorsed "No. 6 Martha B. Pear-  
son" Containing in Front on the said Fourth Street thirty seven feet

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and in depth sixty three Feet to a three feet wide Alley leading into the said Twenty five feet wide Street with the privilege of building over the Alley leaving at least nine feet Headway in the clear and the Free use and privilege of the said Twenty five feet wide Street agreeable to the plan hereon endorsed to hold to her my said Daughter Martha B. Pearson her heirs and assigns forever.

Eighth.- I give and devise unto my Daughter the aforesaid Susan Powers All that my Lot of Ground situate on the west side of the said Fourth Street adjoining the last described Lot to the Southward containing in Front on the said Fourth Street eighteen feet and in depth sixty six feet and marked in the plan hereon endorsed "No. 7 Susan Powers" with the privilege of the three feet wide Alley extending from the North West Corner of the said Lot into a twenty five feet wide Street agreeable to the plan hereon endorsed to hold to my said Daughter Susan Powers her Heirs and Assigns forever.

Ninth.- I give and devise unto my executors hereinafter named and the survivor of them and the Heirs executors and administrators of the survivor of them all that my Lot of Ground Situate on the west side of the said Fourth Street and adjoining the last described Lot on the South and marked in the plan hereon endorsed "No. 8 James Hart Pearson" Containing in Front on the said Fourth Street fifty feet and in depth Sixty six feet To hold to them my said executors and the Survivor of them and the Heirs Executors and Administrators of the survivor of them in trust nevertheless for the use and behoof of my Son James Hart Pearson to his Heirs and Assigns forever.

Tenth.- I give and devise unto my Loving wife Susanna Pearson All the rest residue and remainder of my Estate Real Personal and mixed for and during all the Term of her Natural Life and after her decease I will and devise unto my Eldest daughter Mary Pearson all that my Messuage and Lot of Ground situate on the east side of Delaware Seventh Street near High Street in the City of Philadelphia wherein

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I now reside To hold to her my said Daughter Mary Pearson her heirs  
and assigns forever subject to the Yearly Rent Charge payable thereon  
And lastly I do hereby give and devise unto my said Daughter Mary  
Pearson Two hundred dollars to be paid to her Heirs Executors or  
Administrators out of the residue of my Estate not hereinafter  
specifically devised and all the Rest residue and remainder of my  
Estate to be equally divided between my said Children part and share  
alike as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants and I do hereby  
nominate and appoint my Daughter the said Mary Pearson Executrix and  
my Son-in-Law George Serrill Executor of this my Last Will and  
Testament. IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal  
this Seventeenth Day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and thirteen 1813.

James Pearson. (Seal)

Signed sealed Published and declared  
by the said James Pearson as and for  
his Last Will and Testament in the  
Presence of us.

John James.  
Eben<sup>r</sup>. Betts.

Children of John Pearson, by his first wife Ann Bevan:

- i. John Blunston Pearson, b. 21 May, 1766; d. 15 May, 1797.
- ii. Charles Pearson, b. 3 April, 1768; d. 28 March, 1845.
- iii. Benjamin Pearson, b. 15 January, 1770; d. 1 July, 1840.  
m. Alice Ash.
- iv. Thomas Pearson, b. 9 December, 1771; d. 7 September, 1855.
- v. Bevan Pearson, b. 26 December, 1773; d. 28 September, 1842. m.
- vi. Ann Bevan Pearson, b. 24 May, 1774; d. 3 April, 1856; m.  
William Garrett.

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Children by second wife, Sarah Johnson:

- viii. John Blunston Pearson, b.
- ix. George Pearson, b. m. Sarah Foyolds.
- x. Hannah Pearson, b. d.
- xi. Margaret Pearson, b. d.

Susanna Pearson, daughter of Thomas Pearson by his wife Hannah Blunston, was born at Darby, 11 September, 1746; died in Philadelphia, 17 April, 1825; married 4 June, 1767, Colonel Hugh Lloyd, of Darby, son of Richard and Hannah Lloyd. He was in membership with Friends, but at the outbreak of the Revolution he took his stand on the side of Independence, and rendered important services in that cause. He was a delegate from Chester county, to the Provincial conventions or conferences held at Philadelphia, 15 July, 1774, 26 January, 1775, and 13 June, 1775. In 1774, he was a member of the Chester county Committee of Observation and the Committee of Correspondence.

and in 1775 he was chosen Colonel of one of the battalions Chester county "Associators," and in the following year he was commissioned Colonel of the Third battalion of Chester county militia.

In 1792, Colonel Lloyd was commissioned by Governor Mifflin, one of the associate judges of Delaware county, Pennsylvania, which position he held for thirty-three years when he resigned the office in the following letter:

"I, the within named Associate Judge of Delaware county, aged 83 years 10 months 9 days, by attending every court for 55 years--one Orphans' Court only, excepted,--having performed the duties of the within commission to the best of my judgment and ability, do by these presents resign and surrender up my said commission to his Excellency, the Governor, with the hope that a successor may be appointed to the satisfaction of the majority of said county. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 31st day of December, 1825:

With sentiments of regard &c.,

HUGH LLOYD."

Colonel Lloyd was a presidential elector, and cast his vote in favor of George Washington at the time of his second election to the presidency. Colonel Lloyd was born at Darby, 22 January, 1741/2; died at Philadelphia,

Children of Colonel Hugh Lloyd by his wife Susanna Pearson:

- i. Thomas Lloyd, b. 24 June, 1768; d. 11 Dec. 1814; Mary Wood.
- ii. David Lloyd, b. d. in infancy.
- iii. Samuel Lloyd, d. in infancy.



- iv. Richard Pearson Lloyd, b. 8 Nov. 1773; d. 21 August, 1814; m. Edith Lane, and left issue.
- v. Charles Lloyd, b. 20 June, 1776; d. 26 Jan. 1860; m. 8 March, 1798, Frances, daughter of Dr. Henry Paschall, and left issue. Howard Williams Lloyd, the corresponding secretary of the Pennsylvania Historical Society, is a grandson of Charles Lloyd.
- vi. Hannah Lloyd, b. 15 Feb. 1779; d. 7 Aug. 1863; m. John Coates Brown, and left issue.
- vii. Samuel Lloyd, b. 22 Sept. 1781; d. 8 April, 1806.
- viii. Robert Lloyd, b. 30 Sept. 1784; d. 4 Feb. 1875; m. Ann Browne, and left issue.
- ix. Richard Pearson Lloyd, b. 29 May, 1788; d. 1896; m. (1) Mary Warner; (2) Sidney Steel, and left issue by second wife.

*Pearson*  
Hannah Pearson, daughter of Thomas Pearson by Hannah  
Blunston his wife, was born at Darby, 1 March, 1751; died  
there 4 December, 1821; married 23 June, 1772, Jacob Serrill  
of Darby, son of James and Alice Serrill, born 13 January,  
1747  
1747; died

Children of Jacob and Hannah (Pearson) Serrill:

- i. James Serrill, b. 14 May, 1773; d. *10-4-1857* m. *D. Sarah Bond*  
*she d 22-7-1846*
- ii. Thomas Serrill, b. 23 December, 1775; d.
- iii. John Serrill, b. 14 July, 1779. d. *5-7-1854* m. *Maria Warrington. she d 7-5-1844 aged 65.*
- iv. George Serrill, b. 23 March, 1782; d. *22 Aug. 1851. He m. his cousin Jane Pearson.*
- v. Benjamin Serrill, b. 26 September, 1784; d.
- vi. Henry Serrill, b. 24 June, 1787; d.
- vii. Pearson Serrill, b. 3 July, 1791; d. *Rachel w. of Pearson Serrill d 29 Jan. 1852, aged 61.*

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BLUNSTON-----PEARSON.

The following is a copy of a genealogy prepared by John Pearson, Esq., son of Thomas and Anne Pearson, of Darby, Pa., and signed by him in 1812:

"Genealogy of the Blunston and Pearson Families.

"It appears from the records of Derby township, in the county of Chester and then province of Pennsylvania, that Michael and John Blunston settled there in 1682. They came from Little Hallam in the county of Derby in England. Michael afterwards resided in Upper Derby. He was a member of the Assembly in 1689, and died in 1736, leaving no children to survive him.

"John Blunston and Sarah his wife had four children--Sarah, Catharine, John and Samuel. He was a member of the first Assembly, which met in Philadelphia in 1682/3, and also in many other years; was speaker of the House in several sessions, and sometimes a member of the Governor's Council, and died in 1723. Sarah married Josiah Fearn who came from England with John Blunston. Her daughter Sarah married Samuel Bunting, and their children were Sarah, who married James Bartram, of Kingsessing, Josiah who married Sarah a daughter of John Hunt, Samuel who married Hannah her sister, Martha who married John Smith, Hannah who married Thomas Laycock. Joseph Hibberd married Elizabeth, daughter to Josiah and Sarah Fearn; Mezekiah Hibberd and Elizabeth who married Joseph Bonsall, were his children. The present Joseph Hibberd of Upper Derby is the son of Mezekiah.

Catharine (Blunston) married Adam Rhoads of Blockley township. Of their descendants I know nothing, except Samuel who Sarah Garrett, a granddaughter of John Sellers.



John (son of John Blunston) was born in 1685. He married Ann Hunt, daughter of James Hunt. He was a member of Assembly in 1713 and 1715, and died in 1716, leaving two daughters-- Sarah, and Hannah, my mother, born in 1712.

Samuel (son of John Blunston) married, I believe, a widow Bitton, and removed to Columbia, became eminent in Lancaster County; he had no children, and died in 1745. Sarah Blunston my mother's sister, married Samuel Bethell, who removed to Lancaster in the first settlement of that town. They had two children Samuel and Mary. Samuel married a Wright, and left a son Samuel, and daughter, who are now living at Columbia. Mary married Samuel Boude, and left two sons--Samuel and Thomas, and daughters, of whom I have no information. Thomas was a captain in the Revolutionary army; Samuel was an officer, and was slain at the battle of Brandywine.

Ann, the widow of John Blunston, my grandmother, married Nathan Gibson of Kingsessing; Their children were: David! Joshua, and Ann. David married Mary, daughter of Samuel and Sarah Sellers, and left two sons and two daughters. Nathan married Sarah Howell, and after his decease married Mary the daughter of James Bartram, and left children--Samuel who married Mary Price and left a son and daughter John, and Ann, who married Thomas Paschall and ~~left~~ after his decease married Halliday Jackson--her children are Stephen and Mary Paschall.

Sarah (I take it that the author refers to Sarah Gibson) married Nathan Jones, and has several children--Ann who married William Hill, a grandson of Hannah Marshall who married

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Joseph Gibbons. They have children. Joshua (I presume the compiler refers to Joshua Jones) married Mary Fowler and left two children--James--and Hannah, who married Charles Lloyd and left children.

Ann (probably Ann Jones) married John Sellers, a member of the Assembly before the Revolutionary war. Their children were Elizabeth--Nathan--David--John--and George. Nathan married Elizabeth Coleman. His children are Ann--Coleman--Hannah and Nathan. Elizabeth married Nathan Garrett, and had two daughters, Sarah and Ann. David married Rachel Coleman, and had Samuel, Mary, James, Elizabeth, Sarah, Rachel and David. John (Sellers) married Mary Coleman, and had John, Elizabeth and Ann. George (Sellers) married Ann E. Ash, and had Abigail, Sarah, Ann, Jane, Margaret and Samuel.

James Hunt came from England. By his first wife he left three children--Mary who married Abraham Marshall, Rebecca who married William Bartram, and Sarah who married Obadiah Bonsall and left children. By a second wife he left one son James, and one daughter Ann, my grandmother. James Hunt the younger married Rebecca Possett (should be Fawcett), and his children were--Elizabeth who married William Marshall, John who married Elizabeth Sellers, Hannah who married Peter Elliott, Joseph who married Mary Harvey, and Mary who married Isaac Gleave.

Abraham and Mary Marshall left children--Isaac, Jacob, John, James, Abraham, Humphrey who obtained some celebrity as a botanist, Elizabeth and Hannah. I know nothing except of Hannah, who married Joseph Gibbons, for some years a valuable member of the Assembly. Their children were--James, John, Joseph, Mary, Abraham, Ann, Jacob, Hannah and Rachel.

Joseph married Margery Hannum, and their children ~~were~~ are-- Joseph, Jane who married, Malcom, Mary who married Matthew Ash Ann who married Robert Pennell, Elizabeth who married Isaac Lloyd, Sarah who married ... Clarkson, Rebecca the wife of ... Clark, and George who married Elizabeth Gladen.

Mary (Gibbons) married John Hill. Their children were Humphrey, William who married my first cousin Ann Gibson, Hannah who married Dell Pennell, Ann who married Isaac Hibberd, Lydia who married Amos Sharpless, Mary who married Thomas Steel, Rachel who married William Gray, Sydney who married ... Temples, and Deborah who married Dr. Marsh.

Ann (Gibbons) married Isaac Lloyd. Their children were-- Richard who married Mary Diehl, Hannah who married Isaac Oakford, Mary, Joseph, Isaac, and James.

Jacob (Gibbons) married his cousin Jane Gibbons. Their children are--Abraham, Lydia, Jacob, Benedict, Joseph and Eleanor.

Hannah (Gibbons) married Norris Jones.

Rachel (Gibbons) married John Hunt. Their children are--James who married Mary Carpenter, Joseph who married Rebecca Reynold Hannah who married Hugh McIlvaine, and Gibbons who married Hannah Oakford.

Naomi (dont know who she is) married Levis Passmore; Rachel (dont know who she is) married Charles Longstreth; John (dont know who he is) married.....; Abraham who married.

Josiah Bunting and Sarah his wife. Their children are--Elizabeth, Samuel, married Burby, Martha who married James Andrews, Josiah who married Sarah Sellers, Hannah, Ann, John who married Mary Morgan, and Joseph who married Elizabeth Morgan.



Samuel Bunting and Hannah his wife. Their children were John, who married Phoebe Heacock,--James who married Mary Sellers,--William who married Mary Hill, and Samuel who married his cousin Sarah Bunting.

John Smith and Martha his wife. Their children were Sarah who married .... Newlin, and after his death David Trainer,--Elizabeth who married John Price, and Martha who married Dr. Jakes.

Thomas Laycock and Hannah his wife. Their children were Samuel who married Hannah Taylor,--William,--Sarah married Vincent Bonsall,--Martha who married Isaac Bartram,--Mary who married Isaac Bonsall, and Thomas.

Rebecca, daughter of the elder John Hunt, married Daniel Humphries, and their children ~~was~~ are--Charles who married Letitia .... and they have children; Elizabeth who married John Brooks and they have children,--John, Samuel, and Mary who married Joseph Heacock and have children,--William who married Lowry Hill and have children,--and Martha.

Elizabeth daughter of the elder John Hunt, married Benjamin Bartram. Their children are John who married Phoebe Lobb and they have children,--Benjamin who married Phoebe Heacock and they have children,--Isaac who married Martha Laycock and they have one son,--Ann who married Jacob Smith and they have children,--James,--Hannah who married Stephen Ogden and they have one son,--Elizabeth who married .... Bailey,--and William.

John Bartram came from Ashburne in the county of Daerby, England in 1683. His son William married Rachel, daughter of the elder John Hunt. Their son John I knew well when I was a

young man. He became very celebrated for his knowledge of botany, and was a member of the Royal Society, in London. He married Mary Merlow and had one son Isaac. After her decease he married Ann Mendenhall. His children by her were James, Moses, Mary. She married Benjamin Nonsall and their children were a daughter who married Dr. Benjamin Say, and a son James who married Elizabeth Lummas, by whom he had two children, one of which, John, married Elizabeth Howell, and had Mary who married Nathan Jones, Ann who married Robert Carr, John and James and William, the latter a botanist. Benjamin is already noted. I knew them all formerly. Of the descendants of Isaac, Moses, Elizabeth and Ann I know nothing.

I find that Thomas Pearson, my father, settled in Darby, next house to the bridge, in 1733, at which time my mother was 21 years of age, Admitting that my father was four years older than she was, he was born in 1708, and allowing him to be four years old when he came to this country.

That my grandfather, Benjamin Pearson, came in or about the year 1712, from Rotherham, Yorkshire, England, to Darby, Pennsylvania. His wife's maiden name was Susanna Burbeck. She died in the year 1745, and he deceased in 1763, in the 81st year of his age. They were of the sect of people called Quakers, as were all of the original stock of the family connections heretofore mentioned. They had been better educated than usual for those who emigrated to this neighborhood. He was a stout, robust, and laborious husbandman; disliked this country, and never endeavored to acquire property in it, and would not admit that any product of it was equal to that of

England, except turnips. They resided in a small house near to my father's, and after the decease of my grandmother, he continued there of choice, but had his diet in my father's house. His temper was remarkably sedate. At that time the wall along the mill race was not built. Returning to his house from supper on a dark evening, he unluckily stumbled over a log, and was precipitated down the declivity into the mill race. He got out and went home. Some of us went to see him, and he was ~~was~~ most cheerful on that occasion than I had ever seen him. By his wife Susanna he had seven children: Benjamin, Thomas and Isaac, born in England; John, Joseph, Samuel, and Joshua born here.

Benjamin married an English ~~man~~ woman of the name of Parr, and had two children--William and Samuel. William married Ann Fairman, and left two sons and two daughters--William Thomas, Susanna and Ann. The son William married Deborah Foulke and left a daughter. Thomas it is said is deceased. He lived in Jersey, but whether married or not, I do not know. Susanna married Robert Aitken and they have children.

Thomas married Hannah Blunston. Their children were: Ann, James, John, Sarah, Susanna, Mary, Hannah, Elizabeth & Thomas Ann, (daughter of Thomas and Hannah Pearson,) married David Morris. Their children were: Hannah (m. Richard Humphreys and left son Morris,) Joseph, married Esther Parker, of the old Parker family in Darby, and had William Morris who married Mary Webb and left son Ellwood Morris; and Ann Morris who married William Hancock and has several children, and Martha Morris who married Joseph Donaldson and left one daughter Esther. After the decease of Esther Parker, Joseph Morris married Elizabeth Smith, and had son Joseph. After the death of Elizabeth Smith he married (3) Sarah Evans.



Joshua Ash Benson (s. Benjamin Allen) was b. 6 Sept 1797;  
d. 24 May 1870. m. 16 Feb. 1820, Fanny Maria Bonnell &  
they had Francis Ash Benson, m. Maria Young Landers b. 1824,  
School Clara, who m. Marriott Barker Smith, residing at  
1911 at Wynnewood, Pa

Thomas Morris (another son of David and Ann Morris) married Martha Parker. ~~They~~ They left no children. Sarah Morris (another daughter) married William Hansell, and had Ann, and Thomas, who married and had children. On the death of Sarah <sup>his</sup> ~~Hansell~~ <sup>William Hansell</sup> ~~her husband~~ he married his cousin, Ann Pearson.

Hannah Morris (dau. of David & Ann,) married Samuel Firman, and have no children.

Sarah Morris (dau. of David and Ann,) married John Matthews, and left one child Elizabeth.

Jonathan Morris (son of David & Ann,) married Rachel Pearson, a daughter of my cousin John Pearson, and left children-

Mary Morris (dau. of David & Ann) married Rowland Smith, of the ancient family of Smiths of Darby. They had two sons, Charles and Joseph.

James Pearson, my brother, married Mary Paschall, whose great-grandfather settled in Darby in 1711. She left one son Henry Paschall Pearson, who married Elizabeth Bittle. They had no issue. At the decease of his wife Mary, my brother married Susanna Hart. Their children are: Mary, Hannah, Jane, James, Anne, and Susanna, who married Thomas Powers and left two sons Edward and Thomas Powers.

John Pearson, (son of Thomas and Hannah,) married Anna Bevan, and their children now living, are: Charles, who married Phoebe Crozier and left three children--Hannah, Charles and Mary Ann; Benjamin, who married Alcee Ash (her grandfather was many years a member of the Assembly) and had Anna, Joshua,--the latter married Elisa Bonsall and had, Benjamin, Eunice, Frances and Charles. <sup>Benjamin & Alia</sup> ~~John and Anna Pearson~~ had also: Abigail;

Edward who married -----; Albert, who married Sarah Atkinson and had Alexander and Elizabeth; Thomas who married Emily

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a Hans Bonsall &  
his Young Landers & 4,  
Smith, residing at

Campbell and left three children: Benjamin; Mary; John; Sarah Samuel and Alice.

John and Ann Bevan Pearson also had: Thomas; Bevan (who m. his cousin Ann Warner and had children); and Anna, who married William Garrett, and had Mary Ann and John Pearson Garrett. The latter married Frances Foster, who died leaving two boys since dead.

On the decease of Ann Bevan, John Pearson married Sarah Johnson, and had George, Hannah, ~~Sarah~~, Margaret, Mary, Susanna, John & Henry. George married Sarah Reynolds, and has issue.

Sarah Pearson, my sister, married William Warner, of the old Warner family of Blockley. Their children were: Hannah (m. Henry Coerby and had sons Pearson and Thomas), Thomas, Ann, Susan (who m. Joseph Shannon), Sarah (who m. John Carpenter), and Mary (m. her cousin Hugh Lloyd.)

Susanna (my sister) married Hugh Lloyd, son of Richard and Hannah Lloyd, and had issue.

Mary, (my sister,) married Thomas Evans, and left one son Thomas, who married Sarah Townsend.

Hannah, (my sister,) married Jacob Serrill. I knew his father, James Serrill. Their children are: James who m. Deborah Stackhouse and left two sons John and James; Thomas who m. Martha Ash; John who married Martha Humphreys and had children: Thomas, Susan, Mary, Jacob and George, none of whom married.

Elizabeth, (my sister,) married John Ash. Their children are: Alice, Sarah, Hannah, James & Thomas.

Thomas, (my brother,) married Mary Sankey. On her decease Letitia Merrick, and by her left two sons, John & Hugh.