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**“Taft Parade, auto with Admiral Coghlan in rear,
Wm. B. Franklin in front, New York”**

Cover Photo: William B. Franklin in Taft Parade

The automobile in the photo appears to be a Buick Model D from 1907. From the caption, about this being “Wm B. Franklin,” and from the distinguished persons in the vehicle, (caption/superscription: “Taft Parade, auto with Admiral Coghlan in rear, Wm. B. Franklin in front, New York”), I assumed that this must be General William Buel Franklin (27 Feb 1823 in York, York County, Pennsylvania; 8 Mar 1903, Hartford, Connecticut. See FFRU Volume 29)... however by now you probably see the problem: In or before 1903, neither Buick or anyone else was making a car that looked anything like this.

The “Taft Parade” is probably the President William Howard Taft inauguration parade in New York City, which occurred in (October?) 1909. There were similar parades in many cities in the United States during this period. I was unable to find the day on which the New York parade was held.

So, this William B. Franklin is NOT General William Buel Franklin. The question is, which William B. Franklin is this?

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Letter from the Editor

This is the second volume for 2006. Because the previous volume was about the Tennessee census, this one is “non-census”, and includes several of other various series that I have been publishing: Book Reviews, Wills, and Queries. There are no “Famous Franklins” in this issue, and frankly, after publishing about a dozen of them over the years, I’m running short of further material, so the “Famous Franklin” series is about at its end. Naturally, if I discover others, I will add them to future issues of the FFRU newsletters. Notoriety of various sorts is what we could classify as “fame”, so if you have a Franklin that you consider famous and would like for me to include in these volumes, I’d be happy to do so.

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FFRU Updates and Projects

For the past several years I have been using OCR technology to convert all of the printed material that is in the FFRU library to easily-accessed text format. This now constitutes about 50,000 pages of material and I am acquiring and converting about 500-1,000 pages of new material per day. Some of this material is copyrighted and cannot be shared with others directly. However, with it on my computers I can more quickly track down specific information to answer your research questions.

I use a number of methods to search the data, but Google Desktop is one of the quickest and most flexible. It has the added benefit of searching within PDF files and all old emails on my hard drives.

In the future as the LDS ScanStone and FamilySearch Indexing projects mature, this may become mostly redundant. We’ll see. Until then I plan to continue to collect reference materials on all Franklins everywhere.

When transcribing the US Census, I compare the originals with indexes from Ancestry, Genealogy.com, Rootsweb, *Franklin Fireplace*, and any other transcriptions that are available. It seems to me that about 5-10% of the Ancestry entries are not correct, so I have submitted hundreds of corrections to Ancestry. Hopefully, these will be added soon so that all Franklin researchers will have access to them. In the future it would be neat to be able to annotate the Ancestry index to include the various footnotes that I usually put in the census, but so far, it appears to be too tedious to do so.

Finding Books

I am frequently asked how to find books, articles, and other common research materials. If you are going to become a researcher, you will have to know learn how to do this for yourself. Here are a few hints:

- Whether or not you use your local FHC or the FHL in Salt Lake City, one of the premier catalogs for genealogical material is the Family History Library Catalog. Go to:

http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHLC/frameset_fhlc.asp

For Franklins, you might want to look at my compilation of Franklins in the FHLC, found at:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~ffru/Docs/franklinfh1.pdf>

- World Cat is a good resource to track down a local copy of a book. You should probably access this through your local library's website.

- Amazon is a good place to buy books. Even obscure, out-of-print books are often listed there.

<http://www.amazon.com/>

- The BYU Family History Text Archive and Heritage Quest each contain thousands of books that you can read and download for free. Even if these do not contain your ancestors, they contain contemporary history which you can use to help you understand the context of your ancestors' lives. See:

<http://www.eogen.com/HeritageQuestOnline>

and

<http://www.lib.byu.edu/fhc/> (Currently 5,000 books)

- For magazine articles, start with Periodical Source Index (PERSI). There are currently 592 Franklin-related articles listed. See

<http://www.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=3165>

- Try Googling. See:

<http://www.google.com>

- Last, but not least with regard to Franklin genealogy, is the FFRU library. I have thousands of Franklin-related documents and hundreds of Franklin books and periodical articles. As you have probably noticed, I am gradually reviewing the books in the FFRU newsletter as space allows. I have already reviewed 24 books, and in this volume of FFRU you will note that there are two more book reviews. As you can see, the book reviews sometimes contain the entire text of the Franklin references, depending on relevance, copyright, permission, etc. I'm hoping that these reviews contain at least enough information to point you in the right direction when you are looking at the various Franklin books and articles.

Queries

I am looking for parents, siblings or ancestors of John F. Franklin, born about 1795, Franklin County, Virginia and died about 1830, in Franklin County, Virginia.

He married 1) Mary Wade (listed on the marriage license as "Mary Waid", daughter of John Utley Wade and Alice Woodrum. Some sources list her father as Castleton Wade) on 21 Dec 1816 in Franklin County, Virginia.

Their children were: Owen Franklin, James Franklin, Peter Franklin and (Jane Franklin or Sarah Franklin)

After the death of John F. Franklin, they were orphaned and left Franklin County, Virginia for Scott County, Lee County, Russell County and Wise County.

After Mary died in 1825, John F. Franklin married 2) Sarah Ann Pugh on 31 Aug 1826 in Franklin County, Virginia.

Thanks for any assistance.

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I am searching for the family of Phoebe Franklin who married William Pearson 24 Apr 1815 in Barren County, Kentucky. She died before 1844, before William left for Texas from Missouri. Her children were Lemuel Pearson, Mehala Ann Pearson, Robert D. Pearson, and Dudley Pearson. All were born in Kentucky between 1815 and 1825. Any leads to finding her family would be greatly appreciated.

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Editor's Response:

Since my own Franklins are one of the Franklin lines from Barren County, I've wondered which family she was from, too. I have the marriage record, gleaned from Marriage Records of Barren County, Kentucky 1799-1849 "The First Fifty Years" by Martha Powell Reneau "Barren County Kentucky Marriages". Book in the vertical file at Kentucky State Library, indexed by groom only. (c.) means colored; published in Franklin Fireplace, page 180-181. I just don't have any record of who she is other than that.

My question is, has the genealogical link from George E. Franklin to Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790) been established, and if so, what exactly is it?

I'm away from my records right now, but as I recall, my ancestor, George Edmund Franklin had a son Gilbreath, who in turn had daughters Jane and Cynthia who both married into the McFarland Family (Jane married Richard Mentor Johnson McFarland Sr., my great-great-grandfather, and Cynthia married a cousin of his named Andrew W. McFarland). These two Franklin/McFarland couples lived in Wisconsin and Iowa, with the McFarlands having moved west from Bovina, New York in the 1850s.

I'm working on the McFarland tree right now, and can provide information about the McFarland descendants of George E. Franklin for anyone who is interested.

My grandmother's family always said there was a link, but we lost the exact details over the years. As I recall, they thought George E might have been the grandson of one of Benjamin Franklin's brothers, possibly "one of the two who went west", believed to include John?

Thanks,

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Further detail from Tim:

Richard Mentor Johnson McFarland, Sr.

born about 1833-1835 Delhi, Delaware County, New York
died 11 May 1906 West Bend, Palo Alto County, Iowa
married (on 17 Apr 1861 in Wyoming Valley, Iowa County, Wisconsin)

Jane Franklin

born 29 Aug 1834 in either Boston, Massachusetts or Perry County, Illinois
died 1915 West Bend, Palo Alto County, Iowa

a cousin of Richard Mentor Johnson,

Andrew W. McFarland

born 13 Mar 1835 Bovina, Delaware County, New York
died 16 Feb 1905 Dakota City, Humboldt County, Iowa
married (on 22 Apr 1866 in either Wyoming Valley, Iowa County, Wisconsin or
Dakota City, Humboldt County, Iowa)

Cynthia Franklin (sister of Jane Franklin)

born 17 Nov 1843 (1844?) Greene County or JoDaviess County, Illinois
died Aug 1924 Dakota City, Humboldt County, Iowa

Parents of Jane and Cynthia Franklin were Gilbreath Franklin (my great-grandfather called him Gilbert) and Nancy Oliver:

Gilbreath Franklin

born 06 Sep 1809 Randolph County, Illinois
died 28 Jul 1903 Dakota City, Humboldt County, Iowa
married (on 01 Nov 1832)

Nancy Oliver

born 04 Dec 1811 Virginia
died about 1907 Dakota City, Humboldt County, Iowa

Other children of Gilbreath and Nancy were:

Sarah Franklin (born 12 Aug 1837 Iowa County, Wisconsin; married Henry Joiner 11 Mar 1859; died about 1912 in Caldwell, Canyon County, Idaho)

Benjamin Franklin (born 11 Mar 1838 or 1839 Grant County, Wisconsin; married 1) Sarah Cantiberry 08 Oct 1868; married 2) Ella Henshaw 22 Apr 1873; married 3) Ella Jones 26 Sep 1886; died 02 Mar 1920 most likely in Iowa).

Martha Ann "Mattie" Franklin - (born 19 Sep 1841 in JoDaviess County, Illinois; married Harry or Henry Booth)

Arthur D. Franklin (born 23 Jan 1849 in Wyoming Valley, Iowa County, Wisconsin, or Dakota City, Humboldt County, Iowa; married Addie Seevers)

Harriet Sophronia Franklin (born 23 Feb 1852 or 1855 in Wyoming Valley, Iowa County, Wisconsin; married Lon Davenport)

(plus a few more that died in infancy).

(The above information came from several family letters and the published genealogical records of the town of Bovina, New York).

According to a letter written by my great-grandfather (Benjamin Franklin McFarland), his grandfather (Gilbreath Franklin) told him his (Gilbreath's) "father's forefather was a brother of Ben[jamin Franklin], that he had come from the East to Illinois, and that he had married in Illinois and came to Wisconsin. In reading the history of Ben Franklin, I find that John, the eldest of ten children, had two sons who came to Illinois; that they came to Wyoming Valley in Wisconsin, but settled in Illinois as the eldest, John, was an Indian Agent for the United States. The other son, whom he does not name, was with him there." I wish I knew what book he had read!

Internet listings assert that the parents of Gilbreath Franklin were George Edmund Franklin (born 1777 in Virginia or Kaskaskia, Illinois) and Jane Herd (born in 1785 in Virginia or Dodgeville, Iowa County, Wisconsin). My family letters do not go back that far.

I am attempting to find the alleged connection between Gilbreath/George Edmund and any of the brothers of Benjamin Franklin

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks again for any help you can provide.

Tim Hall

P.S. Ironically, in my search to find this link, I discovered a link on my grandfather's side (my 9th great-grandfather was Peter Folger, grandfather of Benjamin Franklin). I had no idea there was a connection on that side of the family.

Editor's response: So many questions! I can't comment much on the McFarlands, although my own McFarlands are from Ohio. In this response I'll stick with the Franklins, about whom I know a little bit. I have encountered a few accounts of your lineage, which might be of help.

For the most part, I'm nit-picking your data, so please forgive me. I like the fact that you work your way backwards here, which is not the usual way to write genealogy, but it is certainly the direction that research is conducted ("work backwards from the known to the unknown").

Starting with Jane Franklin (born 1834), it seems very unlikely to me that she was born in Boston when her parents lived in Illinois and Wisconsin. Do you have any source documents that support this assertion? In 1880, the R. M. J. McFarland family is living in West Bend, Palo Alto County, Iowa, which lists her birthplace as "Illinois" (and her father's birthplace is listed as Illinois - which matches your info.) The 1870, 1860, and 1850 Census records support this, too.

1870 Iowa, Palo Alto County, West Bend, page 19, HH 44/44:
Richard M. J. McFarland, 36m, farmer, RE\$2,100/PP\$1,000, born NY;
Jane F. McFarland, 35f, keeping house, born IL;
Benjamin F. McFarland, 6m, born WI;
Arthur W. McFarland, 4m, born IA;
Richard M. J. McFarland, 1m, born IA.

In 1860, Jane was still living in her father's household.

Moving on to Gilbreath, he seems to be named with the maiden name of his maternal grandmother, thus although it is likely that he may have been referred to as "Gilbert" it also seems likely that "Gilbreath" was his (correct) given name (which agrees with your data).

You have his birth listed as "06 Sep 1809, Randolph County, Illinois". Randolph County did not exist in 1809. At that point, the area that later became Randolph County was part of Saint Clair County, Northwest Territory. The other problem, of course is that Illinois didn't exist, either, at least as a state, although in 1809 the Illinois Territory had just come into being. It was probably referred to at the time as "near Fort Kaskaskia", and might be more accurate to describe this as "in the vicinity of Fort Kaskaskia, the site of present-day Kaskaskia, Randolph County, Illinois", or something like that, but this seems awfully long and awkward.

His birthplace was listed as Virginia in the 1860 census. This seems to be incorrect, and does not match the 1850, 1870, 1880, etc.

1880 Iowa, Humboldt County, Dakota City, page 36D:
Gilbert Franklin, head, 70m, born IL, Fa: VA, Mo: TN, gardener;
N. M. Franklin, wife, 68f, born VA, Fa: TN, Mo: ME, keeping house;
A. D. Franklin, son, 28m, born WI, Fa: VA, Mo: VA, land agent.

1870 Iowa, Palo Alto County, Rush Lake, page 13, HH 8/8
Gilbreath Franklin, 60m, farmer, PP \$674, born IL;
Nancy Franklin, 58f, keeping house, born TN;
Arthur Franklin, 21m, farmer, born WI;
Harriet S. Franklin, 14f, at home, born WI;
Albert L.[?] Day, 24m, physician, born WI;
Emma Day, 19f, school teacher, born WI.

1860 Wisconsin, Iowa County, Wyoming, page 1014, HH 1313/1316:
Gilbreth Franklin, 49m farmer, RE\$2,000/PP\$500, born VA;
Nancy Franklin, 48f, born VA;
Jane Franklin, 25f, school teacher, PP\$500, born IL;
Benjamin Franklin, 21m, farm laborer, born IL;
Martha Franklin, 18f, farm girl, born IL, attended school within the year;
Cyntha Franklin, 15f, farm girl, born IL, attended school within the year;
Arthur Franklin, 11m, born IL, attended school within the year;
Sophrona Franklin, 5f, born WI, attended school within the year.

1850 Wisconsin, Iowa County, Wyoming, page 419, HH 13/13:
Gilbreth Franklin, 41m, farmer, born IL;
Nancy Franklin, 38f, born TN;
Jane Franklin, 16f, born IL;
Sarah Franklin, 13f, born WI;
Benjamin Franklin, 11m, born WI;
Martha Franklin, 8f, born IL;
Cynthia Franklin, 5f, born WI;
Arthur Franklin, 1m, born WI.

1850 Wisconsin, Iowa County, Wyoming, page 419, HH 14/14:
George Franklin, 28m, farmer, born IL;
Martha Franklin, 27f, born PA;
Sophrona Franklin, 2f, born WI;
William G. Franklin, 1m, born WI.

1850 Wisconsin, Iowa County, Wyoming, page 420, HH 16/16:
George Franklin, 60m, farmer, born VA;
Jane Franklin, 60f, born VA;
Agnes Franklin, 18f, born IL.

Based on the birthdates and places of his children, after marrying in 1832, and Jane's birth in 1834 in Illinois, they seem to have moved to Wisconsin after 1834 and before their child, Sarah was born in 1837. Of course this can probably be verified with land records. Note that Martha was born in Illinois in about 1842, if that is correct, at least Jane, if not the whole family, had returned to Illinois at that point, but again, Cynthia was born in 1845 in Wisconsin.

It appears that they (both the Franklins and the McFarlands) moved to Iowa sometime between 1860 and 1870, and the McFarlands seem to have moved between 1864 and 1866, based on the birthplaces of the children.

The book entitled The Family of Samuel Woodside by Robin Elaine Woodside Gadbury was reviewed in FFRU Volume 31. It states that he was married on 1 Nov 1832 (matching your data) at Perry County, Illinois. Although it does not follow Gilbreath's line, it does include him, while tracing the lines of several of his siblings forward for several generations.

From Franklin Fireplace, page 1134, article entitled: "Name Index To Early Illinois Records", taken from FHL Film # 1001698, Names from "Foul, Henry" to "Frazier, Ched." Microfilm Roll #78, Illinois State Archives, Springfield, Illinois.

652 Franklin, Gilbreath, RMC, Commissioned 2d lieutenant in the 33d regiment, Ill. Militia, 25 May 1832, Executive record, 1818-1832, Vol. 1 p. 357

652 Franklin, Gilbreath, RMC, Perry County Messenger bringing returns for presidential electors, Nov 1828, Election returns, 1828, Vol. 10 p. 1

...I'm not sure what all of the notations mean, and they are not explained in the article. I've edited the dates for legibility. Note that these are in harmony with the calculated move date to Wisconsin of 1834-1837

Regarding George Edmund Franklin, you have listed "Kaskaskia, Illinois" as a possible birthplace in 1777. The state of Illinois did not exist in 1777, and in general unless he was a Native American or the child of a French fur trader, it is highly unlikely that he was born there. Illinois became a territory in 1808 and a state in 1818. Interestingly, Fort Kaskaskia (note the spelling) was one of the early French settlements, established in 1703. It was established in what is currently Randolph County, Illinois.

Reviewing the various lists and rosters of (French) people who lived in the area, there are no Franklins.

Quoting from Barker: A Search for my Ancestors by William E. Barker (1999), page 108 (marked "36")

(Note: The FHLC lists the following referenced work as *Writings* by John B. Dodge (1856-1939))

“Taken from the Sparta News-Plaindealer, Dated Friday, July 5, 1935 by J. B. Dodge

Among the early settlers who came to the region east of old Kaskaskia about the year 1800 were those of George Franklin, Joseph Heard, and Lemuel Barker. Their family trees are listed by J. B. Dodge, of Fort Gage, in following installment of his history of the early families of Randolph County.

George Franklin and Joseph Heard settled east of Kaskaskia in 1801, or given by Reynolds as 1804. George Franklin settled on the Old Fort Massac and the Shawneetown Trails, in Section 28, township six south, range 7 west, on the part of Survey 552, Claim 240, at the point where State Road No. 3 crosses the Shawneetown Road, known now as the Henry Montroy farm. It is east of Abijah Levitt's farm and one of the landmarks for old petition roads that pass through it. It also lay where the old roads intersected, running from the old mills east, and the road from the old fort and Menard's ferry or Morrison's Bridge, at Kaskaskia. George Franklin resided on the farm until about 1826 when he and his family moved to near the present city of Pinckneyville in Perry County, Illinois, where he remained until death.

Lemuel Barker who came to Kaskaskia about 1816 or 1817, became owner of the George Franklin farm and continued to reside on in until death. He is buried a few rods north of the house.”

Obviously, George did not stay in Perry County... However, I would recommend all of the early histories since George seems to be one of the early settlers. Here is a short list:

Combined history of Randolph, Monroe and Perry counties, Illinois... : and biographical sketches of some of their prominent men and pioneers

A directory, business mirror, and historical sketches of Randolph County : containing the name, residence, and occupation of every citizen of the county; with brief notes of the pioneer settlers, by E. J. Montague

Experiences of early settlers by Mrs. Frank S. Torrens.

The great American bottom by Georgia Engelke

The history of Randolph County, Illinois including Old Kaskaskia Island, E. J. Montague

An Illustrated historical atlas of Randolph Co., Illinois

Randolph County, Illinois bicentennial, 1795-1995 by Randolph County Genealogical Society (Chester, Illinois)

Randolph County, Illinois Old Settlers' Association, 1899 to 1905 by the Old Settlers' Historical Association (Randolph County, Illinois)

Secretary's book of Old Settlers' Historical Association of Randolph County, Illinois, 1893 to 1905 by Old Settlers' Historical Association (Randolph County, Illinois)

The village of Chartres in colonial Illinois, 1720-1765 by Margaret Kimball Brown

For additional information regarding specious claims to kinship, refer to FFRU, Volume 51, article entitled: Will of John Franklin of Suffolk County, Massachusetts.

Book Review: *Franklin as a genealogist*

Authors: Jordan, John W. (John Woolf), 1840-1921

Notes: Microreproduction of original published: Philadelphia: J. W. Jordan, c1899. 24 pages., [4] leaves of plates (some folded). -- "Reprinted from *The Pennsylvania magazine of history and biography*, Apr 1899."

Includes Fisher, Foulger and related families.

Genealogical essay on the research and analysis done by Benjamin Franklin in England in 1758. In addition to his own work, he later hired researchers to do more for him (in early 1759). The results of this research and analysis are shown.

Format: Books/Monographs (On Film)

Publication: Washington, D.C.: L.C. Photoduplication Service, 1985

Physical: on 1 microfilm reel: facsim., geneal. table, port.; 35 mm.

My Impressions: This was published over a century ago, and is of sufficient interest to re-print it in its entirety here.

Franklin as a Genealogist

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From *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, Vol. XXIII., 1899, No. 1.

It was the good fortune of the writer some months since to obtain for the Historical Society of Pennsylvania certain of the correspondence between Benjamin Franklin and his relatives, together with abstracts of church records, and a pedigree chart prepared by Franklin himself, connected with the researches he was making into his family ancestry while sojourning in England as the agent of the Province of Pennsylvania. This material supplies interesting and valuable details omitted in the "Autobiography," and lacking in the works of his biographers. The letters are addressed to him in care of Mrs. Margaret Stevenson, Craven Street, Strand, London, with whom he and his son William lodged, and for whose daughter Mary a cordial attachment long existed. These original papers are now published for the first time, a number in *fac-simile*.

In the late spring of 1758 the state of Franklin's health demanded a respite from duty and a change of scene. Accordingly, after attending the Commencement at Cambridge, he set out, with his son William, for Northamptonshire, and at Wellingborough found living his aged cousin Mary Fisher, the wife of Richard Fisher, a grazier and tanner, and the only child of his uncle Thomas Franklin, his father's eldest brother. From her he obtained considerable personal and genealogical details of the family, as she could recall the departure, in 1685, of his father, Josiah Franklin, with his wife and two children for New England. A few months after this visit Franklin was called upon to mourn the deaths of his aged relatives.

From Wellingborough he proceeded to Ecton, a few miles distant, where for two hundred years the Franklins had lived and died, and visited the rector of the parish church, the Rev. Eyre Whalley (whose wife was a granddaughter of the famous Archdeacon Palmer), who showed him the parish registers, and several of the family gravestones in the church-yard, which were so covered with moss that he could not copy the inscriptions on those of his uncle and aunt until they were cleaned.

The rector's wife, whom Franklin describes as "a good-natured, chatty old lady," also could remember many personal characteristics of members of the family.

Banbury was visited a few days later, where he met the husband of his deceased cousin Jane, daughter of John Franklin, and in the church-yard copied the inscription on the gravestone of his grandfather, Thomas Franklin.

Following the return of Franklin to London from his “ramble through a great part of England” he received from Mr. Whalley a transcript of the registers at Ecton relating to his ancestors.

“The Register of Ecton in the County of Northampton begins Sept^r 25th 1559.

“Those contained in it of the Name of Franklin are taken out in the Words & Spelling of the Register; & are as followeth, viz.

Baptized.

Ap. 8. 1563. Robeart son of Thomas Franckline.
Augst 1. 1565. Jane daughter of Thomas Franckline.
May 16. 1567. John son of Thomas Francklyne.
May 9. 1570. James son of Thomas Francklyne.
May 26. 1573. Henry son of Thomas Francklyne.
Feb^y 28. 1595. Thomas son of Henry Francklyne.
Oct^r 8. 1598. Thomas son of Henry Francklin.
Mar. 11. 1637. Thomas son of Thomas Francklin.
Nov^r 7. 1641. Samuel son of Thomas Francklin.
Mar. 23. 1650. Benjamin son of Thomas Francklin & Jane his wife.
Oct^r 29. 1654. Hannah daughter of Francklin & Jane his wife borne 23^d.
Jan^y 3. 1657. Josia son of Thomas Francklin & Jane his wife born Decr 23.
Oct^r 24. 1673. Mary daughter of Thomas Francklin June & Helen his wife.
Mar. 10. 1677. Elizabeth daughter of Josias Franklin & Anne his wife.

Buried.

Augst 29. 1565. Jane daughter of Thomas Francklyne.
Augst 11. 1598. Thomas son of Henry Francklyne.
Oct^r 23. 1631. Henry Francklyn, Husbandman.
Jan^y 29. 1646. _____ Franklin, an aged Widow.
Oct^r 30. 1662. Jane wife of Thomas Franklin Senr.
Feb^y 3. 1663. Awdrey wife of Nicolas Franklin.
Sept^r 1. 1696. Elizabeth Franklin Widow aged 79.
Jan^y 7. 1702. Thomas Franklin, Clerk of the Commissioners of Taxes.
Mar. 16. 1711. Helen Widow of Thomas Franklin.

Married.

Feb^y 5. 1561. John Walsh & Margerye Francklyne.
Oct^r 30. 1595. Henry Francklyne & Agnes Joanes.
Feb^y 4. 1630. Nicolas Francklyn & Awdrey Bett.

“Sir.

“I have very carefully examined the Registers of this Parish & the above are all I can find either Baptized, Married, or Buried of the name of Franklin : you, Sir, are descended from Henry the youngest Son of the first Thomas mentioned in the Register. Thomas, the only Surviving son of which Henry was your Grandfather. Elizabeth daughter of Josias Franklin & Anne his wife, Baptized 10th of Mar. 1677, I suppose was the eldest Child of your Father. The Omissions from the year 1641 to the year 1650, common in most Registers, were probably owing to the Confusions of those times. If I can give you any farther Light or Satisfaction in any thing, you may command me.

With Compliments to you & your Son, I am, Sir,

“your most obedient Servant

“Eyre Whalley.

“Ecton, July 25th 1758.”

To his cousin Mary Fisher Franklin wrote the following interesting letter containing an account of his visits to Ecton and Banbury and the genealogical data he had obtained. He has endorsed on the copy “Letter to Cousin Fisher.”

“London July 31 1758

“Dear Cousins,

“We have been return’d but a few Days from our Ramble thro a great Part of England. Your kind Letter for which we thank you, is come to hand, acquainting us of the finding of my Son’s Ring. He has since received it. Your Entertainment of us was very kind & good & needed no Apology. When we left you, we went to Ecton, where, by the Help of good M^{rs} Whalley, we found the Gravestones plac’d for my Uncle Thomas & my Aunt his wife, expressing that he died the 6th of January 1702 in the 65th Year of his Age, and she the 14th of March 1711, in the 77th of her Age. M^r Whalley has been so obliging as to search the Register of Ecton Church for us, and send me an Extract from it, by which I find, that our poor honest Family were Inhabitants of that Village near 200 Years, as early as the Register begins. The first mentioned is in 1563, when Robert son of Thomas Franklin was baptized. This Thomas Franklin was our Great-Great Grandfather. He had also a Daughter Jane, baptized Aug. 1, 1565, which died an Infant; a Son John, May 16, 1567, a Son James May 9, 1570, a Son Henry, May 26, 1573. Whether Robert, John & James left any Posterity I do not find; but the youngest Son Henry married Agnes Joanes the 30th of October 1595, and had one son Thomas, which died Aug^t 1598, and another son born October 8 the same Year, which he also call’d Thomas; and this youngest Son of Henry was our Grandfather. Josiah my Father was the youngest Son of my Grandfather, and I am the youngest Son of Josiah ; so that I am the youngest Son of the youngest Son of the youngest Son for five Generations ; whereby I find that had there originally been any Estate in the Family none could have stood a worse Chance of it. God however, has blest me with Angur’s Wish & what is still more, with Angur’s Temper, for which double Blessing I desire to be ever thankful.

When we return’d from the North we call’d at Banbury, & there found Robert Page, who had married our Cousin Jane Daughter of John Franklin ; she is dead & left no Children. In the Church Yard we found a Grave Stone expressing that Thomas Franklin was buried there March 24, 1681/2, and also John the son of the said Thomas Franklin, who died June 11. 1691, by which I find that our Grandfather remov’d from Ecton in his Old Age to Banbury, perhaps to live with his Son John. His first Wife & Mother of his Children, was named Jane; she was buried at Ecton Oct. 30. 1662, but I think he married again, for I find in the Register a Widow Elizabeth Franklin, who was buried at Ecton Sept. 1, 1696, aged 79. perhaps she return’d to Ecton after his Death. I do not remember ever to [have] heard of her, but suppose my Father nam’d his first Child after her Elizabeth, who is yet living; she was born Mar. 10, 1677. If this widow Elizabeth was our Grandfather’s second Wife you probably may remember her.”

The following letters from “Cousin Fisher” and the rector of Ecton complete the correspondence for the year 1758:

“ Dear Sir !

“We have received your kind Letter as also your Present of most excellent Madeira, which was the more agreeable to us as Mr. Fisher was seized with an Illness soon after you left these Parts, under which his Physicians have obliged him to drink a greater Quantity of generous Wine than before he was used to. His ail is Mortification in his Foot, which considering his Age will I fear prove fatal It has hitherto got the better of all Medicines that have been applied, and we have not wanted for the best Physicians and Surgeons

this Country affords. Tho' in this Distress we are pleased to hear that your Ramble (as you call it) has been agreeable to your Self and Son, and particularly that M^r and M^{rs} Whaley gave you so kind a Reception at Ecton. You have taken more Care to preserve the Memory of our Family, than any other Person that ever belonged to it, tho' the Youngest Son of five Generations, and tho' I believe it never made any great Figure in this County, Yet it did what was much better, it acted that Part well in which Providence had placed it, and for 200 Years all the Descendants of it have lived with Credit, and are to this Day without any Blot on their Escutcheon, which is more than some of the best Families *i.e.* the Richest and highest in Title can pretend to. I am the last of my Father's House remaining in this Country, and you must be sensible from my Age and Infirmities, that I cannot hope to continue long in the Land of the Living. However I must degenerate from my Family not to wish it well; and therefore you cannot think but that I was well pleased to see so fair Hopes of its Continuance in the Younger Branches, in any Part of the World, and on that Acct. most sincerely wish you and Yours all Health Happiness and Prosperity, and am Dear Sir

“Your most Affectionate Kinswoman

“Mary Fisher.

“Wellingborough Augst 14th 1758.

“Turn over.

“P.S. This Letter has been wrote above a Month, but was neglected to be sent to You on the Acc^t of M^r Fisher's Illness, who has been so bad that we expected nothing but Death for some Weeks ; tho' now have the Pleasure to inform You that his Mortification is entirely stopp'd, and on that Acc^t have Hopes of his Recovery. Your Last is come to Hand and I hope you'll Excuse the Delay in Answering your Former for the Reason mentioned before. M^r Holme our Minister begs to return his Complim^{ts} to you and son.

“Sepr 18th 1758.”

“Sir.

“I return you my most Sincere thanks for your very kind Presents to me & my wife, which have done, & will afford very agreeable Entertainment to each of us : our acknowledgments for them Shou'd have been much earlier, had I not waited to see if I cou'd meet with any Letter or other Composition of M^r Thomas Franklin; in which Inquiry I have hitherto in a great measure been unsuccessful. The Inclosed is a Lease of his drawing, of which kind I have several now in my Possession; it is in his own Handwriting, & Signed by him & his wife.¹ I am told, by a very good Lawyer, he has seen several Conveyances that were made by him, and that they were very well done; & I believe he had a good deal of Business of that sort in this neighbourhood. he had a natural Turn & genius for Musick, he put up the Chimes in our Church, made a House-organ, & I am informed by some now in the Parish that remember him, used frequently to amuse himself with playing upon it. If I can pick up any thing of his worth your notice, during your stay in this part of the world, I will certainly transmit it to you. My wife joins in best Complim^{ts} to you and your son with

“ Sir,

“Your most obliged & most humble serv^t

“E. Whalley.

“Ecton Sepr 16th

1758.”

1. The original lease, dated in 1682, is in the collection of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. It is endorsed in Franklin's handwriting, “ Old Lease of Uncle Thomas's Drawing.”

We have already incidentally referred to the death of Franklin's cousin, Mary Fisher, and her husband. The following letters to Franklin and his reply to Rev. Thomas Holme, vicar at Wellingborough, relate to the settlement of their estates :

“ Sr.

“Y^r Relation M^{rs} Fisher was Bury'd last week and Mr. Fisher about a week before of w^{ch} I should certainly have given y^e advice, had I suppos'd y^e yet in Town. I went last night to the Execut^{or} who informed me they had wrote to the person y^e mention & was surprised they had not had an Answ^{er} therefore would write again this post both to Her & y^e w^{ch} I presume will be Satisfactory. Our Ministers Name is Tho^s Holmes who I am informed made Mr. Fish^{rs} Will, wherein I am informed He left only one Hund^{ed} pound at Her disposall out of w^{ch} His Heirs insist upon y^e Funerall Charges being paid & also Her being buryd in ye same mann^{er} as Her Husband, at Her desire, fear it will not amount to Fourscore to be divided between the person y^e mention & another relation who was sent for on y^e occasion & is still here. Y^e cannot oblige me more than by comanding me, who am wth y^e Compliments of the Season to y^r son & self

“ Y^r Most Obed^t Serv^t

“Richd Quinton.

“Welling^b

“4th Jan^{ry} 59.”

“ Sir.

“As I am inform'd that you are still in London I therefore take the Liberty to acquaint you with the Death of M^r Richard Fisher of this Town on the 12th Ult^o. He left his whole Estate Real and Personal to the Amount of about £5000. between his three Nieces : except a clear Rent Charge of £45. p an. to his Wife for Life, and £100 in Cash to be paid to her in three Months after his Decease; She survived him only Thirteen Days, and was never during that Time capable of making a Will ; So that the said £100. devolves to her Admint^s and accordingly Administration has been granted to Ann Farrow of the Parish of Castlethorpe in the County of Bucks, but subject to Distribution to all of equal Degree in Kindred: We know of no Relations so near as own Cousins besides your Self Ann Farrow afores^d and Eleanor Morris in London; and as the two last, as we are informed here, are but in poor Circumstances; and the s^d £100 after Deduction of Funeral and other Charges will be reduced to about £70. it is expected you will not insist upon your share in the Distribution but let them take the Benefit of it. But if not, or if you know of any other Relations of equal Degree, it will be esteem'd a Favour if you'll send such Intelligence either to the Rev^d M^r William Fisher the sole Executor of Rich^d deceased, or to

“ Sir, Your very humble Servt

“Tho : Holme, vicar

“of Wellingborough.

“Jan: 9th 1759.

“P.S. I had wrote the above before I received Yours, and which in a great Measure will I hope answer your Enquiry the £100 was bequeathed to M^{rs} Fisher in such Terms as to vest in Her on his Decease, tho. not payable till 3 Months after, so that there is not the least Doubt of its belonging to her Representatives. M^r Fisher beside what I mention'd above, gave his Wife the Use of all his Houshold Goods, Linnen and Plate for her Life and the Dwelling House to live in Rent and Tax free ; but ordered the said Goods etc. after her Decease to be divided equally between his Neices and the Legacies to M^{rs} Fisher were on this Express Condition that she relinquished all Claim to Thirds. And he Left no other Legacies whatsoever except to his Neices to the Value of so much as a shilling - M^{rs} Fisher's wearing Apparel (which as I am told were of no great Value) have been divided between M^{rs} Farrow and M^{rs} Morris, and her share is in the Hands of One M^{rs} Whitebread who was a very intimate Acquaintance of the late M^{rs} Fisher. I shall be very ready to give you any further Information with Regard to this Affair that you may think necessary and am

“ Sir,
 “ Yours very sincerely
 “Thos. Holme.
 “Jan. 11th 1759.”

“Sir,

“ I have communicated Yours of the 8th Instant to Mr Fisher, who gave me the inclosed Bill of Funeral and other necessary Expenses, to be sent to you for your Satisfaction with regard to the Distribution of your late Cousin Fishers Estate which according to my Calculation will stand as follows.

D^r Administratrix to the Estate late M^{rs} Fisher's

	L.	S.	D.
To a Legacy bequeathed by the late Mr. R. Fisher	100	0	0
To M ^{rs} Fishers wearing Ap- parel divided between M ^{rs} Morris and M ^{rs} Farrow valued at	11	0	6

	£111	0	6

Cred^t

By necessary Expenses	31	2	2
By four equal 7 th shares			
l. s. d.	45	13	4
at 11 8 4 each			
By three more at D ^o	34	5	0

	£ 111	0	6

“M^r Fisher (as he gave Bond with M^{rs} Farrow for the due Distribution of this personal Estate) approves of your Proposal to receive the four Shares due to your Relations in America, and will directly

	L.	S.	D.
pay	45	13	4

to your Order, on sending a proper Discharge for the Same, and will also pay your Share, which you are so good as to give them, to M^{rs} Morris and M^{rs} Farrow. If I can be of any further service to You in this or any other Affair here, I beg you would make no scruple of sending your Commands to

“Sir, Your very h^{ble} serv^t,
 “Tho : Holme.

“Wellingborough

“March 17th 1759.”

Franklin to Rev. Thomas Holme.

“ London March 27. 1759

“Rev^d Sir,

“I received your Favour of the 17th Instant, with the Accts which are clear & satisfactory. And as you are so kind as to offer any farther Service in this Affair may I take the Freedom to request you would make & send me a Draft of such a Discharge for me to sign as will be proper & satisfactory to M^r Fisher. If the Money could be paid by an order or Bill on some Person here in London, it would be most convenient to me. M^{rs} Morris was with me on Saturday, and desires, as she cannot go down to Wellingborough, her share may be paid to me with the others, and she will receive it here of me.

“ I am, with great Esteem, Rev. Sir,

“Your most obed^t humble

“Serv^t

“ B. F.”

“The Expenses of the Funeral of M^{rs} Mary Fisher, who was buried Dec^r 30. 1758.

	L.	S.	D.
Pd for the Administration for M ^{rs} Farrow	01	19	04
Gave the Under-bearers	00	06	00
Pd the washwoman for laying M ^{rs} Fisher out & for Gloves	00	07	02
Pd a Woman for helping to lay Her out and for Gloves	00	07	02
Gave the Servant Jenny for a pair of Gloves	00	01	02
Pd M ^r Day for five Bottles of Wine	00	09	04
Pd M ^r Draper's Bill for the Funeral	13	13	00
Pd the Glazier's Bill for a lead Coffin	07	00	00
Pd the Carpenter for Coffins & Furniture etc	04	01	06
Pd M ^r Lucas the Apothecary	00	18	00
Pd the Sexton for taking up and laying down the Gravestones	00	02	03
Pd the Sexton for digging the Grave, the Bell, & cleaning the Church	00	07	06
Pd M ^r Holme for the Grave in the Church & a Mortuary	00	16	08
Pd the Church Wardens for opening the Grave in the Church	00	06	08
Charges for bringing and carrying Mr Farrows home	00	06	06

	£31	02	02

“These Expenses were approved of by the Administratrix M^{rs} Farrow, and defrayed by me
 “Wm Fisher, sole Executor
 “of the late M^r Rich^d Fisher.”

“Sir

“I communicated your Last and M^{rs} Morris’s Letter to M^r Fisher at my Return from a Journey last Saturday else you would have heard from me Sooner, however I now send you such Discharge as will satisfie M^r Fisher, which when you have executed please to return either to him or me by the Post, and he will directly remitt you the Money. I am

“Sir, Your very humble Serv^t

“Tho : Holme.

“Wellingborough, April 12th 1759.”

In Franklin’s “Journal,” from which later on are presented some memorandums[sic - BJF] and entries, is also to be found the following details of the settlement of “Cousin Fisher’s” estate:

“Here follows sundry Entries taken from Acc^{ts}, Receipts, Letters, & other Memorand^s of prior Dates, & which ought to have been entered before.

“Copy of Acc^t rendered by the Rev^d M^r Fisher of Wellingborough, who gave Bond with the Administratrix for the due Distribution of Mrs. Fisher’s personal Estate, viz”² [p. 11.]

“ Note. - Mrs. Fisher’s Effects were to be distributed among her Relations of equal Degree, which are as follows.

“Mrs. Ann Farrow Daughter of John Franklin	}	All Children of Thomas Franklin, whose Grand-daughter Mrs. Fisher was.
Mrs. Eleanor Morris Daughter of Hannah Franklin		
Mr. Samuel Franklin of Boston Son of Benjn Franklin		
Mrs. Elisabeth Dowse Daughter of	}	Josiah Franklin
Mr. Peter Franklin Son of		
Mrs. Jane Mecom Daughter of and myself Son of		

“I gave my Share to be divided between Mrs. Farrow & Mrs. Morris two poor ancient Women; the other Shares belonging to Relations in America are in my Hands, viz.

Samuel Franklin’s Share	11	8	4
Eliz Dowse’s Share	11	8	4
Peter Franklin’s Share	11	8	4
Jane Mecom’s Share	11	8	4

2. For copy of original account see above.

Richard and Mary Fisher had one child, a daughter, who died unmarried, about thirty years prior to the visit of Franklin to Wellingborough. Through the death of his cousin two new cousins are developed, Mrs. Eleanor Morris, who resided in London, and Mrs. Ann Farrow, schoolmistress, at Castlethorp, who was appointed administratrix of Mrs. Fisher's estate, and her married daughter Hannah Walker. The following letters addressed to Franklin furnish some additional data relating to the family

“ Castle Thorp, January the 8 1759.

“Dear Sir,

“I hope you Will not think it bold though I Present you with a few Lines being so near a relation hearing you was not gone out of England I thought I could do no less. When I was informed in Summer you was come over into England to see all your Relations I fancied myself with great Pleasures of seeing you and your offspring Which Pleasure would have been the greatest I could have had in this World to think that I had lived to see my Dear Uncle Josiahs Son and his offspring as was my Dear Fathers first Prentence if I had not been of low circumstance I Would have gone to New England many years ago to have seen my Relations and what a Pleasant Place it was for my good Uncle Benjman sent me the heads of it and if age and my Circumstance Would Answer I would see you Sill before you Went out of England but I am a Poor Widow being nowe in my Seventy four. But Dear Sir I hope you will be so good as to grant a Poor Widows request as to Answer my Letter but I Should have joy Without Measure to see you I having Neither Brother nor Sisters alive only a Daughter. I thank God I have a good Bed to Lodge you if you was to come, that is all my Comfort. I live within two Miles of Stoney Strafford. My Daughters Compliments and mine wait on you and your son though unknown. So I remain your ever affectionate and Loving Coussin to Command.

“Anne Farrow.

“Direct for me at Castle Thorp, near Stony Strafford.”

“Castle Thorp Jan. y^e 19 1759.

“Dear Sir.

“The Joy I had in receiving your Letter was beyond Measure--to think as you Granted my Desire and return you thanks for Paying ye Post and very glad to hear you and your Son is well hoping your Spouse and Daughter is ye same and I am very glad to hear of them not doubting But the are Endowed with all the Qualifications to render your Lifes happy and to see you will be the greatest of Joy. That was our Granfather in Banbury Church yard; as to my Fathers been Born at Ecton I always thought he was till 2 years ago I was at Wellingborough and our Cousin Fisher said something of his coming from some other Town to live at Ecton and Named the Place but I quit forgot for my Memory has failed me some years but my Eye sight is good, I bless God for it, so I make Shift to keep a Little School for my Living. I can't Remember my Uncle Josiah because my Father kept a Batchelors house when he was first Prentince and my aunt Morris kept his house and I was ye 3 child by my Mother and Uncle Franklins talking of him as to my own age I cant tell it no other ways than I was in my 5 years old when my Father died and my Aunt Franklin told me I was 01 years old if I lived till the Michaelmas after my Mother died and so I count I was seventy 3 last Mich it was a great loss for 6 children to Lose Father and Mother so soon but I hope it was their gain for I can Remember some of my Fathers Heavenly ways tho I was so little he died of a Mortification or else if he had Lived he Designed going into New England, my Daughter Hannah was Born July ye 21 1724 and she is married and has 2 Sons one of my Fathers Name and one of my Husbands. John Walker was Born March ye 4 1755, Henny Walker was born Novm^{ber} ye 29 1756 my Daughter was at Lutterworth Last Summer and she believes he Lives very well for he goes on with the Dying Bussiness and has only one child Living he was well a little while ago my Daughter Lives at a Place called Westbury within tow Miles of Brackly in Northamptonshire But she came to see me this Christmas and is not gone yet for our Cousin Fisher is Dead and there is a Small

matter to come amongst us First Cousins so the fetch me over to Administer being I Lived the nearest but Mr. Fisher, Mr. Fisher's Executor Pays all charges for when I come the would have her buried as Grand as her Husband so my Daughter was force to stay to Look after my School the while. the sum was a hundred Pound But the Funeral charges before I came away came to between thirty and forty Pound for Mr. Fisher Paid the Bills for it was not in my Power to do it and I shall be glad to know how many first Cousins their is. I would have buried her in a Neat Manner but the compelld me to Bury her as her Husband was. My Daughter Joynes in affectionate Regards to you and your Son so we remain till Death Dear Sir

“Hannah Walker and Anne Farrow.”

Josiah and Ann Franklin had four sons and three daughters. Ann, the wife, died July 9, 1689, and a little over four months later he married his second wife, Abiah, a daughter of Peter Foulger, “one of the first settlers of New England of whom honorable mention is made by Cotton Mather.” By this union six sons and four daughters were born, Benjamin being one of the sons.

The genealogical records of his father's family which follow are in the handwriting of Franklin; and the letter of “M Foulger, of Illington, to David Edwards, at Mr Grigsby's attorney at law, at St. Edmunds Bury, Suffolk,” with the genealogical notes relating to John Foulger, and the letter of Peter and Mary Folger, written at Nantucket in March of 1677/8, throw some new light on the family of Franklin's mother.

The Birthdays of the Children of Josiah and Ann Franklin.

Eliz. Franklin,	Mar. 2.1677/8	Died	Aug. 25.1759
Samuel -	May 16. 1681		Mar. 30. 1720
Hannah -	May 25. 1683		April 3. 1723
Josiah -	Aug. 23. 1685	Went to Sea,	never heard of
Ann -	Jan. 5. 1686/7		June 16. 1729
Joseph -	Feb. 6. 1687/8	Died	11th of same Month
Joseph -	June 30. 1689	Died	July 15. 1689
Ann Franklin the first wife of Josiah Franklin died July 9. 1689			
Josiah Franklin & Abiah Foulger married Nov. 25. 1689			
John Franklin born	Dec. 7. 1690	Died	
Peter Franklin	Nov. 22.1692		
Mary -	Sept. 26. 1694		
James -	Feb. 4. 1696/7		
Sarah -	July 9. 1699		
Ebenezer -	Sept. 20. 1701	Died	Feb. 5. 1702/3
Thomas -	Dec. 7. 1703		Aug. 17. 1706
Benjamin -	Jan. 6. 1705/6		
Lydia -	Aug. 8. 1708		
Jane -	Mar. 27. 1712		

Sarah Daughter of Benjr born at Philada Aug. 31. 1743.

“ Illington Feb. ye 5 1759

“Sir.

“As you have Testified so particularly a desire in being better Inform'd in your affair with M^r Franklin-we took an opportunity of meeting Mr Foulger who than we have Acquainted you, the before mention'd Peter Foulger whent when he was a Lad with a Neighbouring Gentleman, the Name unknown to us, as a Servant

to New England. After his arrival he Frequent Convers'd with his Relations, who lived at, or near, Windham in Norfolk-his Letters cannot be Produc'd by none of the Family that we can Learn-if it suits with my Husband's Conveinency he will meet you at your Appointment w'ch Concludes Me,

“Your Humble Servant

“M. Foulger.

“accept United Comp^{ts} & Dispose
of y^t to your worthy Friend M^t Franklin as you Express him if Agreeable.

“John Foulger married to Mirriba Gibs in Old England by hir he had one sone named Peter and one Daughter that married a Pain on Long Island. Peter married Mary Morrils and settled on the Island of Nantucket by hir he Had two sons & six Daughters -- the Sons nams John and Eleazer -- of Johns Children in the male Line there is six namely with ther sons underneath--

Jethro who has 2 sons Trustrum & Jethro
Jonathan has Reubin & Jonathan
Nathaniel Has Paul
Shubil has Seth & Shubil
Richard has David, Solomon, & Elisha
Zaccheus has John James & Zaccheus.

“Eleazers children is-

Peter had 1 son Daniel.
Eleazer had Urion & Elijah
Charles Stephen Frederick
and Peleg they have many
Daughters & are very numerous
Nathan had Abisha and Timothy
& Peter & Berzilla.

“John Foulger the Ancestor of our Family came out of the City of Norwich in the County of Norfolk-he married Mirriba Gibs in Great Britain and Brought Hir and His Son Peter and one Daughter to new england-the Daughter married to a Paine on Long island and there is a numerous of Spring from Hir but for Peticulars I know nothing. Peter married with Mary Morrils a young woman that Came from England with Hew Petars, and had two Sons, John & Eleazer and Seven Daughters namely Johanna married a Coleman, Darcas married a Pratt, Barsheba married a Pope, Patience married Harker, Bethiah married Barnard, Exsperiance married to a Swain, Abiah married Franklin. Bethiah Dyed without Issue -- the Rest have Children and Grand Children to the forth Generation. John Had Six Sons & Eleazer Had three that all had Children so that there is a Great number of the name heare and until last year there was never one of the name that lived of this Island and than Shubil Foulger and his Son Benjamin Remooved to Cape Sables.

“it is uncertain in what year John Foulger Came out of England or of what Age he or His son was-as for the Lettor that I mentioned to thee it is not to be found.

Nantucket y^e mo/10 y^e 18^d 1763”

“Loving Son in Law Joseph Prat My Dearest Love Remembered to Your Selfe as also to my Daughter Your Wife together with Your Good father and Mother and all the Rest of our Loving friends with You and having so Good an oportunity I thought Good to write a few Lines to You although writing is Now very Tedious to me for my Sight fails me much and I am ill other ways I am now past the 60th Year of my age and know not the Day of My Death but this I Know that when Ever it be it will be a joyful time to Me for I Can Say with Paul I know in whom I have Believed and that Christ is to me Life and therefore Death will

be to me advantage & my Earnest Desire and Prayer to God for you both is that Each of You Two may be able to say as much Really and truly for Your selves the world can willingly part with us and 'tis high time for us to be more willing to Part with it whatever You Do forget not that one Necessary thing that is to Get a part in Christ Pease not being of God for the Sealing up of his Everlasting Love in Christ for Your Poor Souls and for strength of grace to walk before him holily and unblamably in this Present Evil world Carry on the work of Conversion and the work of faith with Power and Let no Changes Change You nor turn you aside from Such a Conversation as becometh the Gospel of Christ and though You may think Your Condition to be an hour of temptation Yet know this that God is able to help you from Sinning and not only so but to make You Content with Your Portion Yea and thereby to make Your Condition full of Comfort to You although it Should be far worse than it is the more Troubles we meet with here the more Occation we have to think of Going home yea more than that the more Occation we have to fear God for the Scripture Saith of the wicked because they have no Changes therefore they fear not God it is But a very Little and the Longest and the Greatest Trouble will have an End Yea the time is Short and very Short that the world will afford any Comfort to those She Loves most the Grave will make all alike as to the outward Comfort but that true and Real that Spiritual and Eternal Comfort that God Gives to Believers in Christ will Last to all Eternity God is Called the God of all Comfort therefore make Sure an intrest in him and than You Can never be miserable Live on him by faith make Use of him as a man Doth' of his friend Daily and at all times in the way of his Promises for this life and for the Life to Come and than your wants will be as no wants Remember You live in an evil world therefore walk Circumspectly Give no Occation of offence neither by word Nor action use all Good meanse for Groth in Grace Yet Ever Remember to be true to Your Light in matters of Conscience be sure to Obey God Rather than man and to mind what the Scripture Saith that whatsoever is not of faith is Sin therefore Do nothing Doubtingly but Ever Seek unto God who is the God of all Grace for Clear Light to walk by and in So Doing he that is the father of light will not Leave you in Darkness Study to be quiet Live in Peace and Love and the God of Love and Peace will be with You I have wrote the Larger to You because I know not but it may be the Last Lines that Ever You May have from me therefore take them as they are writin in Love to Your Souls but I shall Cease and Leave You to him that is able to build Yours in grace and to Give You an Inheritance among them that are Sanctified hoping that You will be earful So to Live in this Present world as that we may Live together in that world that never shall have an end where Sin nor Satan shall never Trouble us more and Where is fullness of joy and Pleasure for Ever more Farewell Dear Children and the God of all mercy Grace and Consolation be with Your Souls to all Eternity which is the Great Desire of us your Loving father and Mother

“Nantucket, March

“the 6th 1677/8

“Peter Folger &

“Mary Folger.

“Your Brothers and Sisters are all well and Desire to have their Loves Remembered to You

“Do not Lay these Lines where You may Never See them more for You May have Occation to Look on them when I may be far Enough from You.

“ P. F.”

The originals of the letters and records which have been presented are generally in a very good condition, but the partial mutilation of the pedigree chart is to be deplored. As the arrangement and phraseology adopted by Franklin are uniform throughout the chart, the missing names of his brothers and sisters, and the dates of births, can be supplied from the record of his father's family, which he prepared and which has been given in *fac-simile*.

In the Franklin Collection of the American Philosophical Society, at Philadelphia, is:

Ben^{ca} Franklin
Journal, began
July 4 1790

from which is extracted the following memoranda and entries relating to his wife and her mother, whose name is frequently written "Mother Read."

On the inside cover of the Journal, in Franklin's handwriting, is

Mem^d. D. Read came into the house September 23, 1730.

On the Journal he has also recorded

Philad^a July 1, 1731. M^{rs} Read has agreed with me for the Shop, one Side -- The Rent to begin the 2^d Inst. at £6. p Annum.

This is followed by sixty-four entries of unpaid petty accounts transferred from "Mrs. Read's Shop Book." Under date of January 6, 1731/2 appears the following

Then adjusted accounts with Mrs Read, and she is D ^r to			
Balance the Shop account	2.	13.	9 1/2
For Rent Due the 2d. Inst.	3.		
For Board 6 Months due at Novembr Fair last	5.		

	£10.	13.	9 1/2

And She is Creditor for Cash

I borrowed	10.	0.	0
For Commsns	3.	2.	11

	£ 13.	2.	11

Book Review: Court records of Chesterfield County, Virginia: pertaining to the Franklin, Brintle, Bridgewater, Nunally and related families

Authors: Thompson, Stella Pocahontas Anthony (Main Author)

Notes: Microfilm of original published: Columbia, MO: Mrs. J. F. Thompson, c1934. 33, [8] leaves. Includes index.

Contains abstracts from wills, deeds, court order books, marriage records, Revolutionary War records, etc.

Format: Manuscript (On Film)

Publication: Salt Lake City: Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1992

Physical: on 1 microfilm reel; 35 mm.

My Impressions: This book consists of a typewritten transcript and abstracts of various original records. It does not contain any genealogical conclusions or assertions based on those records, however it can be a valuable tool to the researcher of Chesterfield County, Virginia Franklins (and the other families listed above). The negative aspects of this is that the typewriter that was used was badly in need of repair. The letters are unevenly spaced, run-together, the e/c/o letters are barely distinguishable from one another. Whatever correction method was used left ghosts of the previous characters, frequently obscuring the text. In addition, the typist added to the challenges by frequent corrections, typos and some format defects. Nevertheless the information here is for the most part legible or at least "guessable", and this is a very useful text.

The genealogy of this Franklin family was published in FFRU Vol 4. Much of the contents of this book was published in *Franklin Fireplace*, pages 365-374. Although I do not have copies of the source documents they are easy enough to obtain directly from the Chesterfield County Courthouse, or via your local FHC. For instance, FHL Films 0030871- 0030882 contain the Wills of Chesterfield County during the era of 1742 - 1865. Comparing these transcriptions with others made from the originals, it seems that there are many spelling variations and differences in punctuation which cast doubt on the accuracy of these transcriptions. Likewise, several entries are repeated within this book, and each copy of the same entry is transcribed quite differently. In several cases when I have encountered these, I have combined them, to include the most detail. In other cases the copies were so divergent that I have included both entries in their entirety. I recommend that if you are interested in these records that you re-examine the originals.

Will of Agnes Franklin of Chesterfield County, Virginia

This is also found in *Franklin Fireplace*, pages 366-370. FFRU Volume 4 as an abstract only. It is included here in its entirety - Editor, FFRU.

Chesterfield County, Virginia Will Book 4, page 453

In The Name Of God Amen, I Agnes Franklin of Chesterfield County do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in the manner and form as followeth Viz:

- Item: I give and bequeath unto my grandson Allen Franklin one corner cubbord to him and his heirs for ever.
- Item - I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Annie Cousins one large pine chest to her and her heirs forever.
- Item - I give and bequeath to my son Joel Franklin one bel mett³le skillett, fire tonges and shovel and two dishes and six new plates to him and his heirs forever.
- Item - I give and devise and bequeath unto my granddaughter Elizabeth Cousins one old seal skin trunk to her and her heirs forever.
- Item - I give devise and bequeath unto my son Joel Franklin one iron pot and rack to him and his heirs forever.
- Item - I give devise and bequeath unto my grandson Josiah Franklin one heifer to him and his heirs forever.
- Item - I give devise and bequeath unto my son Joel Franklin one grey mare to him and his heirs forever, and likewise one new chest and small trunk.
- Item - I give devise and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Franklin one iron pot and chain rack to her and her heirs forever.
- Item - I give devise and bequeath unto my grandson James Franklin Jr. one small heifer to him and his heirs forever.
- Item - I give devise and bequeath unto my son Joel Franklin one cow and calf and heifer to him and his heirs forever.
- Item - I give devise and bequeath unto the family for their use all the stock of hogs.
- Item - I give devise and bequeath unto my son Joel Franklin my bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever.
- Item - I give devise and bequeath to my grandson Josiah Franklin one small bed if he continues on the place if bot to the house.
- Item - I give devise and bequeath to my three daughters namely, Mary Puckett, Phebe Allen and Judah Cousins all my wearing clothes to be equally divided between them and their heirs.
- Item - I give devise and bequeath unto my three daughters namely, Elizabeth Franklin, Mary Franklin and Judah Cousins all the rest of my estate not before mentioned to be equally divided between them and their heirs, and lastly I ordain nominate and appoint my son Joel Franklin Executor of this my last will and testament and therefore, I, the said Agnes Franklin have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fifth day of April one thousand and seven hundred and ninety five.

Signed sealed and published
and delivered in the presence of
George Cousins, Josiah Franklin
Mary x Franklin
her mark

Agnes x Franklin
her mark

3. "Bell metal" is a form a bronze that was used in this era for making bells and various cast household items. Bell metal skilletts appear in many estate inventories of the era.

Will of James Franklin of Chesterfield County, Virginia

Chesterfield County, Virginia Will Book 3, page 68

In the name of God amen. I James Franklin of the county of chesterfield and parish of Dale, being at this present of sound mind though weak in body do hear make my last will and testament in manner and form following.

Imprimis - I bequeath my soul to God in humble hopes of his mercy through Jesus Christ and my body to earth.

- Item - I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Agnes Franklin all that tract or parcel of land whereon I now live, with the house and orchards upon it, during her life or widowhood.
- Item - I give and bequeath all that tract or parcel of land known by the name of Sandy Ford, to my sons John and James Franklin to be equally divided between them; the lower part of the said land, with the houses upon it to my son John and the other part to my son James Franklin.
- Item - I give and bequeath all that tract of land whereon I now live, after my wife's death or marriage to my sons Joel and Josiah Franklin, to be equally divided between them, the lower part to Joel and the other to Josiah Franklin, my will never the less is that if my son Josiah should die without issue, then in that case, the land bequeathed to him should go to my son Joel Franklin.
- Item - I give and bequeath to my wife Agnes Franklin one negro named Dilcy, during her life or widowhood.
- Item - I give and bequeath to my wife one feather bed and Furniture.
- Item - I give and bequeath to my wife all the money that shall be due me at my death.
- Item - I give and bequeath the negro woman, named Diley, [Diley/Dilcy ? compare with others - BJJ] to my son, Josiah Franklin, after the death or marriage of his mother, but in case my son Josiah should die without issue then I give the said negro woman to my son, Joel Franklin.
- Item - I give and bequeath to my son Josiah, one mare, bridle and saddle.
- Item - I give and bequeath to the said Josiah one cow and calf.
- Item - I give and bequeath to the said Josiah one sow and piggs.
- Item - I give and bequeath to my wife Agnes Franklin, all the rest and residue of my stock of horses, sheep and hogs, to dispose of as she pleases.
- Item - I give and bequeath to my son Josiah one feather bed and furniture.
- Item - I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Franklin one feather bed and furniture.
- Item - I bequeath to my daughter Judith one feather bed and furniture.
- Item - I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my household and kitchen furniture to my wife Agnes, to dispose of as She thinks proper among my children.
- Item - I give to my daughter Ann Nunnally one shilling sterling.
- Item - I give to my daughter Mary Puckett one shilling sterling.
- Item - I give to my daughter Phebe Allen one shilling sterling.
- Item - I give to my daughter Agnes Stiles, one shilling sterling.
- Item - My will and desire is, that my daughters Elizabeth and Judith Franklin should have full liberty to reside in the house wherein I now live, so long as they continue single.

and, I appoint my son Joel Franklin and my wife Agnes Franklin, my executors. In Witness whereof I set my seal and declared this to be my last will and testament this Twenty ninth day of May 1776.

James x Franklin
his mark

Signed, sealed and declared to be the last will)
by the above named James Franklin, in the presence of...)
William Leigh, Charles x Burton, Richard Burton.)
his mark

Will of Obedience Nunnally of Chesterfield County, Virginia

Chesterfield County, Virginia Will Book 6, page 401

I, Obedience Nunnally of the County of Chesterfield being of sound memory, thanks be to God for the same, I do hereby make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth.

I desire my body to be decently buried by my executors hereafter named. I lend the use of my plantation in said county to my brother-in-law Jacob Brintle and to his wife Drucilla Brintle during their natural lives, and to tho longest liver or survivor to them, also all my stock of cattle, hogs and sheep.

Item - I give and bequeath and devise to my nephew Jacob Brintle Jr. and to his heirs and assigns forever, all my lands in the said county of Chesterfield, about two hundred acres, more or less tho. his father and mother is to have the use of the said lands during their lives, as above mentioned, and all the remainder and residue of my estate, both real and personal, I give devise and bequeath unto my said nephew Jacob Brintle, Jr. and to his heirs and assignees forever, all my lands in the said county of Chesterfield, containing about two hundred acres, more or less. Among the estate there is eleven negroes, named Tom, Abram, Jinnie, Nancy, Fanny, Diner, Cate, Dick, Lucy and Juda and Simion and their increases; Also one half of my household furniture to him and to his heirs forever. But in case my said nephew Jacob Brintle, Jr. should depart this life without an heir, then in that case, my will and desire is that all my estate given him, should be divided among his sisters, namely, Susanna Franklin, Polly Brintle and Drucilla to them, their heirs, assignees forever -

My will and desire is, that Thomas Hamblet Brintle should leave one-half of my household and kitchen furniture to him and his heirs and assignees forever. I desire that my estate be not appraised. I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my two friends Jacob Brintle, Sr. and Jacob Brintle, Jr. my executors.

In witness whereof, I, the said Obedience Nunnally, have hereto set my hand and affixed my seal, this twenty eighth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and four.

Obedience Nunnally (Seal)

x

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said testator as her last will and testament in our presence and at her request. James Carter, Josiah Carter, Charles Carter, and A. Bass. Recorded 9 day of Feb. 1807. Presented in court by Jacob Brintle, Jr. one of the executors named therein.

Thomas Watkins, Clerk

Deed Book 17, page 683

Indenture made 8th April 1808. between Joel Franklin Jr. and Susannah his wife, of the county of Chesterfield of the one part and John Mann of the county of Henrico of the other part. In consideration 20 L 5 s. for 10 1/2 acres of land on Swift's Creek.

Joel Franklin, Jr. (Seal)

Susannah x Franklin (Seal)

her mark

Witnesses: James Howlett, James Pride, Archer x Totty

Recorded Apr. 12, 1808. his mark

Thomas Watkins Clerk.

Will Book 11, page 295

Appraisement of the estate of Joel Franklin Jr. deceased this 11th Feb. 1828 Viz.-

Negroes	John	\$275
	Rebecca and child Raudolph	\$300
	Susan	\$150

Pursuant to an order of the county of Chesterfield we the undersigned have appraised the slaves belonging to the estate of Joel Franklin Jr. dec'd as stated above, Given under our hand this 10th March 1828

James Howlett

Peter F. Boisseau

Armstead Hill

In Chesterfield court March 10th 1828 this inventory appraisement of the estate of Joel Franklin Jr. deceased was returned and ordered recorded. Teste P. Pointdexter, Clerk.

Will Book 10, page 403

Acct. of sale of Joel Franklin Sr. an account of sale of the perishable property of Joel Franklin Sr. deceased on 28th Oct. 1824 on a credit until the first day of Oct. 1825 by John B. Goode Dt. for E. Lockett late sheriff and such Adm. of Joel Franklin Sr. deceased by order of the court.

John Franklin bought one spinning wheel \$1.12 1/2 etc. etc.

I, John B. Goode Dt. for Edmund Lockett late sheriff of Chesterfield County do certify that the above is a true account of the sale of the estate of Joel Franklin Sr. dec'd. J. B. Goode Dt. for E. Lockett late sheriff and as such Adm. of Joel Franklin Sr.

In Chesterfield County Court Feb. 14th 1825 the account of sales of the personal property of Joel Franklin Sr. dec'd was returned and ordered recorded. Teste P. Pointdexter, Clerk.

Will Book 10, written 11 Oct 1824, recorded 14 Mar 1825, page 487

An inventory of the estate of Joel Franklin Sr. dec'd taken this 22nd day of Oct. 1824 of the personal property

Negroes	Jack	\$ 75	Dutch oven
	Stephen	\$300	Dutch oven
	Tom	\$350	1 baker
	John	\$250	1 loom
	Susan	\$ 50	2 spinning wheels
	Lucy	\$250	4 horses
	Amey	\$250	16 hogs
	Sylvia and child	\$220	4 cows
	Rebecca	\$250	2 yearlings
	Henry	\$220	1 bull
	William	\$220	5 featherbeds and furniture
	George	\$100	5 spilt bottom chairs
	Edmund	\$120	1 corner cupboard
	James	\$100	4 pine chests
	Charles	\$200	doz. knives and forks
	Mary	\$200	1 lot of earthenware
	Susan	\$100	1 puter basin and coffeepot
	Flood	\$175	1 lot of books
	Louisa	\$ 75	2 flax wheels
	Randolph	\$ 75	1 cotton jin
			1 gun

Commissioners: Thomas I. Bragg
James Howlett
Armstead Hill
Recorded March 14th 1825.

Deed Book 4, Jun 1761 Court, page 517

Indenture May 8th 1761 between Lewis Franklyn of Bedford County of one part and Benjamin Harris of Cumberland County of the other part. Consideration of 5 L. - 100 acres more or less in Chesterfield being part of tract of 400 granted by patent to Gilbert Gee and John Trent the 24th of March 1725. Said 100 acres bounded by John Roberts, John Wooldridge and Edward Hill and plantation whereon David Stanford now dwelleth.

Witnesses: John Panky

Matthew Branch

Samuel Panky

Lewis x Franklyn (Seal)

his mark

Rec'd June Court 1761 B. Watkins, Clerk

Deed Book 4, page 133

Indenture made June 1762 between Alex. Franklyn of county of Chesterfield of the one part consideration 100 L. 150 acres lying in county aforesaid on south side Swift's creek joining Peter Baugh and James Franklyn.

Rec'd 4 Jun 1762

Will Book 6, page 475

Will of Charles Burton. Written: 25 Mar 1802, Probated: 12 Oct 1807.

Witnesses: Needier Robinson, Joel Franklin and Jesse Franklin

Executor: Daniel Boissian Esq.

Legatees: Son Richard; Daughter Sally, to Jack Burton son of daughter Sally; Daughter Judy Montgomery Burton; To Sally's two sons Jack and Hall; To my children Charles, Thomas, Henry, Robert, Benjamin, John and Ann.

Deed Book 4, page 307

Indenture made 8th day of April 1762 between Edward Osborne of Parish of Dale County of Chesterfield of the one part and Thomas Franklyn of same Parish and county of the other part, consideration of 80 Ls currant money of Virginia tract being on branches of Swift Creek, containing 100 acres being corner of Watkins and Bowmans line thence to Cobb's line to John Ellis to Bowman's.

[Note: The following second copy of the above was also included in the book. However, it is so different, I have deliberately included both - Editor, FFRU]

Deed Book 4, Jun 1762 Court, page 307

Indenture April 8, 1762 between Edward Osborne, Parish of Dale of Chesterfield and Thomas Franklyn consideration 80 L. 100 acres on Swift Creek bounded on Watkins and Bowman lines to Cobb and John Ellit's line. Land given to Edward Osborne by Edward Osborne, father of Edward.

Witnesses: James Watkins

Henry Walthall

Francis Womack

Edward Osborne (Seal)

Received June Court 1762 B. Watkins, Clerk.

Will Book 2, page 122

Will of William Hatcher, 9 Sep 1766.

Witnesses: John Smith, Benjamin Watkins and Frances Clayton.

Executor: Son William

Legatees: Sons William, Edward and Joel Hatcher; Granddaughter Keziah Franklyn, negro Amey; Grandsons Jesse and John Franklyn; Son-in-law John Franklyn; Daughter Branch Turner; Grandson Frederick Turner; My wife

Deed Book 3, page 8

Indenture made Oct. 1755 between Thomas Franklin of Chesterfield County of the one part and John Franklin grandson of said Thomas of other part, In consideration of consideration natural love, do grant unto John Franklyn his grandson tract of land in Chesterfield County 190 acres bounded by Mr. Daniel Worsham and Thomas Franklyn's tract being granted to said Thomas, the grandfather by patent dated 17 Aug. 1725.

Witnesses:

Thomas Franklyn (Seal)

Robert Franklyn, William Franklyn and Thomas Franklyn Jr.

Received March 5th 1756. B. Watkins, Clerk.

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Deed Book 3, page 8

Indenture made Oct. 1755 between Thomas Franklyn of county of Chesterfield of the one part and John Franklin, grandson of said Thomas of the other part. In consideration of natural love and affection which he bears to said grandson. 100 Acres bounded by Mr. Daniel Warsham and Thomas Franklyn said tract of land being granted by patent to grandfather bearing date 17th day of Aug. 1725.

Thomas Franklyn Sr.

Witnesses: Robert Franklyn

William Franklyn and Thomas Franklyn

Rec'd Mar. 5th, 1756

Test. B. Watkins, Clerk

Deed Book 12, dated 10 Oct 1791, page 108

Indenture made Oct. 10, 1791 between Joel Franklyn oldest son and heir at law of John Franklyn, late of Chesterfield County dec'd, which said John Franklyn dec'd was eldest son and heir of law of 1st and William Bragg of Chesterfield of the other part. Consideration 36 L. - 10 acres west side of Swift Creek.

Joel Franklyn (Seal)

Witnesses: Alex. McRay, James Vest, W. Finney Rec'd Oct Court 1791

T. Watkins, Clerk

Will Book 6, page 325

Will of James Ferguson, 15 Oct 1805

Witnesses: Mark Farmer and William Hancock.

Executors: Robert Ferguson and Darius Ferguson

Legatees: Daughter Demarius Franklin 200 L.; Son James Ferguson; Granddaughter Rhoda Newby; Daughter Polly Gregory; Son Darius Ferguson; Son Robert Ferguson

Deed Book 1, 3 Aug 1749, page 15

Indenture made 3d day of Aug. 1749 between Thomas Franklyn Jr. and Mary his wife of Chesterfield County, Virginia of the first part and Joseph Power of King and Queen County of the second part. Consideration 19 L. 10s. on 100 Acres south side Swift's creek between Alex. Smith, Wm. Graves Jr. and William Graves.

Order Book 25, dated 12 Feb 1827, page 640

Jesse W. Burton and Polly his wife, late Polly Franklin. Martin Chalkley and Phebe, his wife, late Phebe Franklin in the proper persons. Also Nancy Irvine and Joel Franklin and Richard who are persons of unsound mind by Thomas I. Bragg, their committee against, Edmund Locett, late sheriff of Chesterfield County and as such adm. of Joel Franklin Sr. dec'd. Mathew Branch witness to deed of Lewis Franklin of Bedford and Benjamin Harris of Cumberland in Chesterfield, 8 May, 1761.

Will Book 16, page 290

Will of James Franklin, 10 Jul 1835; p. 11th 1844

Witnesses: John E. H. Cogbill, Thomas Jones Burton, and Warner W. Burton

Will Book 9, Jan 1807, page ?

Dr. Mr. Thomas Varner guardian for Louisa B. Franklin.

Proportion of her father's estate \$371.25.

Interest from date till Jan. 1817 \$226.60

To hire negro woman Luckey 1807 \$200.00

to 1816

John Brander

Peter Rowlett

Executed and recorded July 12, 1819. P. Pointdoxter, Clerk.

Will Book 9, recorded 12 Jul 1819, page 200

Guardian Acct. for John B. Franklin. Mr. Thomas Varner 1807

Negro man George

John Brander

Peter Rowlett

Executed and recorded July 12, 1819.

Deed Book 4, Feb 1762 Court, dated 6 Nov 1761, page 417

Indenture Nov. 6, 1761 between Joseph Franklyn of county of Chesterfield of one part and Peter Baugh same county of the other part. Consideration of 80 L. current money of Virginia 1 tract of land that is given the said Joseph by his father in last will, it being part land said James Franklyn lived on before his decease on south side of Long Swamp. 150 acres joining land of Charles Burton, Thomas Dance and George Cousins, joining said Peter Baugh on south side of Swift's Creek where he now lives.

Witnesses

Joseph Franklyn (Seal)

Richard Covington

Johonn Thompson

Thomas Cogbill

Recorded Feb Court 1762

B. Watkins, Clerk

Will Book 4, page 180

Will of Peter Baugh, Sr., 26 May 1788

Joel Franklyn, Jr. a witness. Mentions land purchased of Joseph Franklyn on south side of Long Swamp.

Henrico County, Virginia, Deed Book 1744-48, page 282

Will of James Franklin, 26 Jul 1746. Recorded: 1 Jul 1747.

Witnesses: John Green, Mary W. Ashbrook and James Hill, Jr.

Executor: Wife Ann Franklin and son James Franklin.

Legatees: Daughter Loveday Burton; Daughter Anne Puckett; Daughter Elizabeth Jackson; Daughter Mary Jackson; Son James Franklin 27 acres as is marked out by Charles Burton [and?] Thomas Burton, lying on N. side of Long Swamp; Son Joseph Franklin all my land lying on south side of Long Swamp 150; Son Alexander Franklin all land and plantation on north side of Long Swamp where I live 150 A; Wife Ann shall not be disturbed from living and tending during her natural life. Youngest sons Joseph and Alexander.

Will Book 3, page 159

Will of John Stiles, 28 Apr 1778.

Witnesses: Robert Kennon, John Cousins, William Rowlett

Executor: Son Jesse Stiles

Legatees: Daughters Sarah Pichford, Amey Franklyn, Phebe Parkinson, Obedience Blankinship and Frances Franklin, Raichell Stiles and Mary Stiles. Sons John and Jesse Stiles

Will Book 1, page 226

Will of Seth Farmer, 29 Aug 1756.

Witnesses: Robert Goldie, B. Watkins and Elizabeth Farmer
Executor: Brothers William and Lodwick Farmer
Legatee: Wife tract joining Thomas Sadler's in Chesterfield County, 148 acres
Items: Brother Joel Farmer; To Dyce Farmer daughter of my brother Lodwick; To Forrest Farmer, son of brother William. To wife Sarah.

Will Book 3, page 473

Will of Joseph Farmer, 23 May 1778.

Witnesses: Daniel Bowman, John Roberts, Absalom Creel

Executors: Sons Mark and Arter Farmer

Legatees: Sons Mark and Arter Farmer Daughters Edea Farmer, Tabitha Hatcher, Judea Farmer, Ann Bowman, Phebe Adkins, Millason Franklin, one negro boy, Cain.

Will Book 10, page 370

Will of John Belcher, 12 Sep 1810. Proved: 13 Dec 1824.

Witnesses: Allen Whitworth and Eleazar Clay

Executors: William Fendley and Daniel Belcher

Legatees: Wife Martha Belcher; Sons Robert, Daniel, Thomas, John and William; Daughters Nancy Franklin and Martha Belcher

Will Book 8, page 493

Will of Jacob Brintle, Written: 24 Feb 1815. Proved: 27 May 1816.

Witnesses: P. Pointdexter, Henry Wathall, Jr. and Edwin W. Pointdexter

Executors: Henry Wathall Jr. and William Winfree, Jr.

Legatees: Drusilla Brintle, wife; Son Jacob Brintle - 2 horses called Diamond and Jolly; Wife Drusilla seven slaves - Peter, John, Chang, Tabb, Nancy, Amey, Judy, and all their future increase of the said female slaves, to be equally divided between my son-in-law Joel Franklin, my daughter Drusilla Nunnally and my son-in-law James Hall and daughter Molly Hall. To my grandson Thomas Hamblett Brintle.

Codicil 24 Feb 1815

To Grandson Thomas Hamblett Brintle after the death of my wife, negro Peter to go to Daughter Drusilla Nunnally and after her death to be equally divided between the children, Thomas Hamblett Brintle, Branch and Sally Nunnally.

Witnesses: Parke Pointdexter, Edwin Pointdexter and John P. Crump.

Chesterfield County, Virginia Order Books

Order Book 4

Mar 1767 Court, page 26

The King, plaintiff, against Jos. Franklyn, defendant, dismissed at defendants cost.

Mar 1767 Court, page 28

Thomas Franklyn Jr. to survey the Highway from Swift Creek bridge to second Branch with his own and the hands of Ezekiel Jackson, William Cogbill and Thomas Totty.

Dec 1767 Court, page 150

A deed from James Watkins to Thomas Franklyn was acknowledged by said James and ordered recorded.

June 1768 Court, page 309

Charles Burton against James Franklyn, Jr. dismissed

Jun 1769 Court, page 309

Charles Burton against James Franklyn dismissed.[this looks like a duplicate, with some notable differences - Editor, FFRU]

Jan 1769 Court, page 252

A deed from Thomas Franklyn to Isham Clark was acknowledged and ordered recorded.

Aug 1769 Court, page 335

Thomas Franklin witness for John Franklyn allowed 50 pounds.

Aug 1769 Court, page 337

John Franklyn to pay David Owen 50 L. tobacco for 2 days attendance for him. Recorded.

Aug 1769 Court, page 336

The King against John Franklyn

At. Court Oct 1769 Court, page 347

John Wathall, William Nunnally, Daniel Nunnally and James Franklyn or any three of them being sworn to appraise the estate of John Vest.

Jul 1770 Court, page 428

Kate a negro belonging to Jeremiah Franklyn is adjudged 11 years old.

Oct 1770 Court, page 454

Jack a negro belonging to Peter Franklyn was adjudged 11 years old.

Nov 1770, page 468

Ordered that Francis Osborne, George Cogbill, Jr., Thomas Franklyn, Jr. and Joseph Watkins or any three of them appraise the estate of John Smith dec'd.

Mar 1771, page 500

Henry Bate against Joseph Franklin ex. Nunnally dismissed.

May 1771 Court, page 518

John Franklyn vs. Richard Hatcher. Case dismissed.

Oct 1772 Court, page 158

A deed from Frederick Farmer to Thomas Bridgewater was acknowledged by said Frederick and Asley his wife.

Order Book 5

Oct 1771, page 38

Joseph Rowlet, John Franklin and William Brittian sworn tobacco pickers.

May 1772 Court, page 92

Last will and testament of Mark Farmer dec. was proven by oath of Henry Woodcock and Robert. Cary wit,⁴ thereto on motion of Samuel Farmer ordered recorded.

Jul 1773, page 293

Deed from Thomas Roberts to Thomas Franklyn rec'd.

1773, page 303

Alex. and Peter F. Truant against William Franklyn.

Nov 1773, page 354

A deed from Martha Johnson to Thomas Franklyn was proved by both Ezekiel Jackson and Jesse Sogbill.

4. Unsure what is meant here. Checked on-line for a meaning of "cary wit", but didn't find - Editor, FFRU.

Chesterfield County, Virginia Land Book 1819-23

Daniel Franklin est. 175 by Benjamin Graves, Jeremiah Jackson 3 miles S. of Court House.

Joel Franklin Jr. 83 3/4 by Thomas I. Bragg on Swift Creek 7 miles S.E. of Court House.

Archer Franklin in fee 300 acres by Charles Graves est. and William Frenly 42 miles west of Court House.

James Franklin in fee 50 acres by Joel Franklin and Richard Burton's 6 1/2 miles S. E. of Court House.

Judith Franklin - life - 400 acres by Archer Franklin and Charles Graves 4 miles S. W. of Court House.

Abner Farmer of Thomas Franklin 33 acres lying on Kingsland Creek 3 miles N. of Court House.

Ezekiel Jackson 198 acres by Daniel Franklin's est. and Isham Smith 4 miles S. of Court House.

Mary A. Paup 177 acres by Daniel Franklin's est. and Benjamin Graves 3 miles S. W. of Court House.

Jery Smith's estate 10 1/2 acres by Daniel Franklin's est. and Isham Smith's 3 miles S. E. of Court House.

John Smith (B.M.) in fee 53 acres by Archer Franklin and Thomas Franklin 5 miles S. W. of Court House.

Rebecca Smith and sisters life 44 3/4 acres by Daniel Franklin's est. John Adkins.

Oct 1772, page 157:

A deed from Frederick Farmer to Thomas Bridgewater was acknowledged by said Frederick and wife and ordered recorded.

Upper district Chesterfield County, Virginia Land Book 1819

Betty and Rachel Askins - in fee 14 acres by Archer Franklin and Alex. Smith. 4 miles S. of Court House.

Thomas I. Bragg - 226 acres by Joel Franklin on Swift Creek 7 miles S. of Court House.

Joel Franklin Sr. - 50 acres by Thos. I. Bragg and Richard Burton 5 miles E. of Court House.

Deed Book 20, page 33.

Heirs of Mark Farmer

Polly Franklyn was daughter of Mark Farmer. Joseph Franklyn.

May 1772 Court, page 92

Alexander Franklin poor orphan to be bound by the church warden.

Marriage Records of Chesterfield County Virginia

Page 8: 11 Jan 1778, David Franklin and (illegible) Security: Vallentine Ball.

Page 54: 25 Dec 1798, Owing Franklin and Betsy Roper. Joseph Roper, father.

Page 62: 2 Mar 1801, John Franklin and Mary Eanes, William Eanes, Sr., father.

Page 100: 12 Mar 1812, Jesse W. Burton and Polly Franklin, father Joel Franklin. Security: James Pride, Edmund Burton, and J. Y. Covington.

Page 124: 22 Feb 1814, William H. Cousins and Betsy Franklin, Joel Franklin, father. Min. Thomas Lafon.

Page 139: 25 Nov 1810, John Gill and Martha Franklin, Jesse Franklin, father.

Page 166: 19 May 1821, Henry Bridgewater and Mary H. Franklin. Parent Joel Franklin, Jr. dec'd. Wit. Tinchere Traylor.

Page 179: 30 Aug 1823, John Franklin and Priscilla Franklin, father James Franklin, Security: James Franklin.

Page 179: 8 Sep 1823, William Ashbrooke and Gittura Franklin, Joel Franklin, Jr. father. Security: Thomas Howlett.

Page 216: 9 Feb 1830, Daniel Adkins and Amanda S. Franklin, Archibald Franklin, Sr., father. Security: Henry Franklin.

Page 223: 31 May 1831, James B. Franklin and Martha Ann Smith, father Joseph Smith.

Page 251: 12 Jan 1837, Laura A. Franklin and William Gill, father Archibald Franklin. Security Archibald Franklin, Jr.

Page 257: 22 Nov 1837, Susan Ann Franklin and John Nunnally, Mary Franklin, mother.

Page 338: 30 May 1848, Archibald Franklin and Laura F. Wells, Baker Wells, father. Security: Daniel Adkins.

Page 338: Henry Franklin dec'd father. Security: Joseph Goode.

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Page 396: 15 Dec 1802, James Franklin and Elizabeth Cousins. Min. Henry Featherstone.

Page 415: 17 Apr 1817, Wiley Jackson and Frances Franklin, minister John Woolbridge. Security: Jeremiah Jackson and Polly Franklin.

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Joel Franklin - Taken by John Robertson. Commdr. 1781. Fodder 2,285 bu.

23 Apr 1781 received of Joel Franklin two thousand bundles of fodder, weight 1,000 lbs. Received by J. Robertson.

5. This is the page number in the book, but it appears to be out of chronological order - Editor, FFRU.

Book Review: Bowne family of Flushing, Long Island

Authors: Wilson, Edith King (Main Author) Bowne, Jacob Titus (Added Author)

Notes: Includes index. "Thomas Bowne, son of Anthony born in Matlock, County Derby, England 25 May 1595 had wife Mary who died in Matlock 8 Aug 1647. About 1649 Thomas aged 54 arrived in Boston (Suffolk County) with son John aged 22 and daughter Dorothy aged 18. About 1651 Thomas removed from Boston to Flushing, Long Island, where he died 7m 18 d 1677."--P. 3. Descendants lived in New York, New Jersey, West Virginia, Nebraska, Iowa, Oregon and elsewhere.

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Physical: 140 pages.

Earliest Franklin Progenitor: Thomas and Mary Franklin of Westchester County, New York.

My Impressions: The format of this book is consistent with acceptable practices of the publication date of 1948. This book is well typeset, in Register format. Dates are in a wide variety of non-standard formats. Very few sources are listed. There is an appendix that includes an article about Franklins. The following is a slightly re-formatted abstract of all of the Franklin material in the book.

page 4: Dorothy Bowne (daughter of John Bown and Hannah (Feke) Bowne) born 29 Jan 1669/70 in Flushing, Long Island, New York; married Henry Franklin. No issue.

page 9: Samuel Bowne, (son of Samuel and Mary (Becket) Bowne) born in Flushing, Long Island, New York, 29 Nov 1692/3, married there 20 Jul 1716 Sarah Franklin born in Flushing, Long Island, New York, 31 Jun 1700, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Cock) Franklin. She died 7 Jun 1767 and he survived until 31 Mar 1769.

Children of Samuel and Sarah (Franklin) Bowne:

William Bowne born 6 Jan 1719; married Elizabeth Willett.

Samuel Bowne born 14 Mar 1721; married Abigail Burling.

Mary Bowne born 3 Jan 1723/4; married John Farrington.

Abigail Bowne born 1724; married George Embree.

Sarah Bowne born 1726; married William Titus.

James Bowne born _____; married Caroline Rodman.

page 19: Lydia Lawrence (daughter of Joseph and Phebe (Townsend) Lawrence); married Anthony Franklin.

Mary Bowne (daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Stringham) Bowne) born at Rocky Hill, Flushing, Long Island, New York, 5 Jan 1754; married first at Flushing, Long Island, New York, 12 May 1774 Walter Franklin son of Thomas and Mary Franklin of Westchester County, New York, born 11 Oct 1717; died 8 Jun 1780. Mary Bowne married second 24 May 1786, Hon. Samuel Osgood born Andover, Massachusetts, 3 Feb 1748, son of Peter and Sarah (Johnson) Osgood.

Hon. Samuel Osgood held many public offices, one of which was commissioner of the United States Treasury. He died in New York City in Aug 1813 and his wife died on 3 Oct in the same year. (See Appendix III, below)

Children of Walter and Mary (Bowne) Franklin:

Maria Franklin born 21 Nov 1775; married DeWitt Clinton.

Sarah Franklin born 4 Oct 1777; married John Norton.

Hannah Franklin born 9 Jan 1780; married George Clinton.

Children of Samuel and Mary (Bowne. Franklin) Osgood:

Martha Brandon Osgood born 6 Feb 1787; married Edmond C. Genet (Citizen Genet) Minister Plenipotentiary from France to the United States.

Juliana Osgood born 14 Aug 1788; married (1) Samuel Osgood; married (2) Rev. Israel W. Putnam.

Walter Franklin Osgood born 26 Mar. 1791; died 1836.

Eliza Osgood born 8 Jan 1793; died 1800.

page 40: Ann Eliza Murray (daughter of Lindley and Eliza (Cheeseman) Murray) born 11 Feb 1814; married Morris Franklin.

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Appendix III: The Franklin and Osgood Families

[From the MSS. of Jacob T. Bowne, Vol. 3, p. 79]

We are indebted to Osgood Field Esq. of London for the following interesting incident connected with the second marriage. When New York was fixed upon as the residence of the Commander in Chief of the American Army during the Revolution, Washington wrote to Hon. Samuel Osgood with whom he was on terms of intimacy, to procure a house there suitable to the position of the Commander in Chief. After due consideration Mr. Osgood came to the conclusion that there was no dwelling house in the city so desirable as the large one in Franklin Square, then occupied by the widow of Walter Franklin. This lady was a perfect stranger to him, but he called on her and stated his object. At some inconvenience, but from motives of patriotism she gave up her house, and for some time it was occupied by Washington. On this first visit Mr. Osgood then a widower found Mrs. Franklin surrounded by her three little girls afterwards Mrs. DeWitt Clinton, Mrs. George Clinton and Mrs. John Norton, teaching them their lessons. This scene seems to have made a great impression on him. His call was repeated more than once and the acquaintance thus formed between them, resulted in their marriage.

From the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, 1 Jul 1892.

The Franklin Family

From the autobiography of Mary Robinson Hunter. Mary Robinson Hunter was the daughter of Sarah Franklin and William T. Robinson. Mr. Hunter was our minister at Rio when this was written.

Rio de Janeiro, 6th December, 1845.

My mother's grandfather on her father's side was a wealthy farmer of the state of New York, born of an English father and a Dutch mother. They had a large family of sons, of whom my grandfather was the youngest, and two daughters. Of five sons I can speak, having known them all as a child, and all treating me with overweening love and indulgence. James, the eldest, followed the occupation of his father, and inherited the homestead. He married a lady of high breeding, who used to come down from the country once a year to visit the families of her husband's brothers, who were settled as merchants, three in New York, and one in Philadelphia. I well remember the awe her presence inspired among us children; the rustling of her silk, and her high heeled shoes making her figure more commanding and the reproach her never ending knitting cast upon us idle and indulged children.

Walter, John and Samuel resided in New York. They inherited large fortunes from their parents, which they put into trade, and the produce of China and other countries was wafted to our shores in their ships. Walter retired with an immense fortune from the firm lived in the style of a nobleman, and drove an elegant chariot. On an excursion to Long Island, driving by a country house, he saw milking in the barn-yard, where thirty cows had just been driven in at sunset, a beautiful young Quaker girl. He stopped, beckoned her, and asked who occupied the house. With great simplicity, and without embarrassment, she replied, "My father, Daniel

Bowne. Wilt thou not alight and take tea with him?" My uncle accepted the invitation, introduced himself, was well known by reputation. He conversed with the farmer on the appearance of the farm, on his fine cows, etc., but not a word about the fair milkmaid. Presently the door opened, and she came in to make tea for the "city friend" when her father said, "Mary, this is friend Walter Franklin from New York." She blushed deeply, finding he made no allusion to having seen her before. The blush heightened her loveliness. She had smoothed her hair and a fine lawn kerchief covered her neck and bosom. After three visits he asked her in marriage, and the fair milkmaid was seated by his side in the chariot, on her way to take possession as mistress of the most elegant house in the city, in Cherry Street, near the corner of Pearl. She had a numerous family of beautiful daughters. They swerved from the simplicity of Quakerism, and became worldly and fashionable belles. The eldest, Sally,⁶ married a very wealthy man of the name of Norton, I believe of English birth, who was heir to an immense fortune, left him by a Mr. Lake, who lived near New York. The second, Maria, was the wife of DeWitt Clinton. The third, Hannah, married his brother, George Clinton. They all had children. Their mother was left a widow just before the third daughter was born -- my uncle Walter dying and leaving a rich young widow, and twenty thousand pounds to each of his daughters. His widow afterward married a very respectable Presbyterian named Osgood, who held some post under Government-commissary of the army in Washington's time, I believe. She had a number of children by Osgood. The eldest Martha married a brother of the famous Genet. My uncle Walter's house is now the Franklin Bank, named after its builder and owner.

I cannot remember the maiden name of my uncle John's wife, for it is of him I am now to speak, but when he married her she was a widow Townsend with one beautiful daughter. He owned and lived in a house the lower end of Cherry Street. Well do I remember the delightful parties assembled at his hospitable board, and now and then, as a great favor, taking turns with my brothers and sisters in going with my parents to one of uncle John's oyster suppers. He was of a joyous, happy temper, and loved to tease children. He used to tell me how he pitied me for being so homely, all in good humor and irony but it would wound my budding vanity. He had a large family of sons and daughters, all plain in person. His son Thomas is, or was, well known in New York as an active, flourishing man, where his sons have succeeded him -- Marius, William, and some others, now on the stage of life. My uncle Thomas Franklin (great-uncle) settled as a merchant in Philadelphia, and left many children. His son Walter was an eminent lawyer in that city, and an accomplished, amiable man. Thus I have given an outline of my grandfather's brothers. His two sisters are now to be brought forward. Sally, the eldest married Caspar Wistar, of Pennsylvania, one of nature's noblemen -- a farmer living on the Brandywine, of German parentage as his name designates. He lived in great luxury and hospitality, and had several children. His eldest daughter, Sally, married a merchant of Philadelphia, by name of Pennock.

Another and favorite daughter, highly gifted in intellect, married late in life a Mr. _____, and had two sons, one named Caspar. They married, I believe, two daughters of Bishop Onderdonk, but of this I am not quite certain one, I know married a daughter of his.

My grandfather's second sister, Mary, married a Colonel De Lancey of French extraction. His father, I believe came from France. I remember him as a little girl; he did not love children, was of a morose disposition, and I trembled when I heard him approach, in a red velvet cap and brocade dressing-gown and slippers, when I was playing about, whilst on a visit to my aunt on Long Island. They had only one child, a daughter, beautiful in face and person, and with much French sprightliness and naivete. She married at thirty a Mr. Staples of New York, and had, like her mother, but one child, a daughter.

I now proceed to my maternal grandfather, Samuel Franklin. While on a visit to his brother Thomas in Philadelphia, he became acquainted with and married Hester Mitchell, a young girl of an excellent Quaker family. One of her sisters married into another Quaker family, named Parish, of whom Dr. Parish, so justly celebrated as a skillful physician and a true Christian is a member. Another sister of my grandmother's was the mother of the large family by the name of Marshall, in Philadelphia, several of whom are celebrated chemists and druggists.

My grandfather brought his wife to New York, and bought or built what was then a fine house in Pearl

6. Note that this birthorder is not in harmony with the birthdates and birthorder listed above - Editor.

Street, a few doors from the corner of Beckman Street. Here his children were born. Several died in infancy; only three lived to grow up. My mother was the eldest, a beautiful brunette, with brilliant eyes, curling hair, tall and graceful in figure. The second Abraham, married a very lovely woman named Ann Townsend, by whom he had thirteen children, now scattered about the world. The youngest, John, married a country girl of Long Island, named Charity Cornell, who was a good wife and a devoted mother to a large family of children. Mary, a beautiful girl, and said to resemble me in a most striking way married a Mr. Bond I believe of Baltimore. My uncle Abraham died many years ago. My uncle John still lives in New York, but he must be more than seventy years of age. My mother grew and bloomed amidst the stirring times of the Revolutionary war, when the English were in possession of New York.

The Kitty F. Wistar to whom the following letter is addressed was born in 1768, and was the third child of Caspar Wistar and Mary Franklin, who was the fourth daughter of Thomas Franklin (born 20 Jan 1703), who married Mary Pearsall in 1726. The Sarah Robinson who wrote the letter was a Franklin who married Rowland Robinson, of the firm of Franklin, Robinson and Company, in the Eastern trade.

“Uncle Walter” Franklin was born in 1727, and the oldest child of Thomas Franklin and Mary Pearsall. His house was between Cherry and Queen Streets (now Pearl Street), and he was senior partner of the above firm.

New York, 30th of the Fourth Month, 1789.

I feel exceedingly mortified and hurt, my dear cousin, that so many of my letters to thee have been miscarried. I have certainly written as many as half a dozen since thee left New York, although thou acknowledgedst the receipt of but one, which almost discourages me from making another attempt, so uncertain is it whether it will ever reach Brandywine, but I cannot entirely give it up as I am assured they afford you some pleasure. I received thine of the 4th and was pleased to hear you are well and that my dear uncle and aunt talked of making New York a visit. I shall wish for a wedding in the family often, if it will bring such good strangers; so, my dear, insist on it, and do not let them disappoint us, we promise ourselves a great enjoyment in their company.

Uncle John’s affair goes on rapidly and will soon come to a crisis, and he is as attentive a swain as thou wouldst wish to see, and as much delighted at the approaching event. Betsey and Polly are expected to-day, I hope they will be prudent, but no doubt it will be a great trial, they are all extremely averse to the match, and uncle has his hands full with them, thou may suppose. If I could sit but an hour with thee, my dear, how much I should have to tell thee, but it will not do to put all on paper, but so far I will say that the widow would have nothing to say to uncle John until he would be reconciled to cousin Tommy, in consequence of which he visits there and takes a great deal of notice of his three little granddaughters, a very pleasing event to all of us and does great honor to our Aunt, and endears her very much to me, she I think every way suitable to our Uncle and I have no doubt will make an excellent wife. Billy is now out on his journey to Vermont, he has been gone eight weeks, I have frequently heard from him during his absence but do not know when to expect him. Our dear little Eliza is now in the small pox and like to have it favorably, a favour which demands our gratitude, the rest of the little tribe are well. My little niece Esther, grows finely and her mother is as well as can be expected.

Great rejoicing in New York on the arrival of General Washington, an elegant Barge decorated with an awning of Satin, 12 oarsmen dressed in white frocks and blue ribbons went down to E. Town last fourth day to bring him up. A stage was erected at the Coffee house wharf, covered with a carpet for him to step on, where a company of Light horses, one of Artillery, and most of the Inhabitants were waiting to receive him, they paraded through Queen street in great form, while the music of the drums, and the ringing of the bells were enough to stun one with the noise. Previous to his coming Uncle Walter’s house in Cherry street was taken for him, and every room furnished in the most elegant manner. Aunt Osgood and Lady Kitty Duer had the whole management of it. I went the morning before the General’s arrival to take a look at it, the best of furniture in every room and the greatest quantity of plate and china I ever saw, the whole of the first and second storey is papered and the floors covered with the richest kind of Turkey and Wilton carpets. The house did honor to my aunts and Lady Kitty, they spared no pains nor expense on it. Thou must know that Uncle Osgood and Duer were appointed to procure a house and furnish it, accordingly they pitched on their wives as being likely to do it better. I have not done yet my dear. Is thee not almost tired. The evening after

his Excellency's arrival there was a general Illumination took place except among friends and those styled Anti-Federalist. The latter's windows suffered some, thou may imagine. As soon as the General has sworn in, a grand exhibition of fire works is to be displayed which it is expected is to be tomorrow, there is scarcely anything talked about now but General Washington and the Palace, and of little else have I told thee yet tho' have spun my miserable scrawl already to a great length, but though requested to know all that was going forward. I have just heard that William Titus of Woodbury is going to be married to a sister of Uncle Bowne, mother to Thomas Bowne, who I believe thee knows, Eliza Titus, her husband and Father and mother, spent the evening last Sixth day. Eliza is much altered since I saw her she is much thinner and plainer. Marie De Courcy too has been in town a fortnight, she made her home at Uncle Osgood's, but was a great deal among us all, she is about making a little tour into Connecticut on a visit to a friend Lucy Ball with Joseph Bull, who is now in town. Our Families are all well, Hetty is still with us Rowland and the girl's love to you. Accept mine, my dear cousin and write soon, to thy affectionate cousin.

Sarah Robinson.

Kitty F. Wistar.

[from Lamb's History of New York City, Vol. II, p. 330]

Samuel Osgood (born at Andover, Massachusetts 14 Feb 1784; died in New York, 12 Aug 1813) was graduated from Cambridge with the highest honors in 1766: he studied theology, but losing his health, became an importing merchant. In 1774 in view of the disturbed relations with Great Britain, he abandoned business, and was immediately sent to the Essex County Convention, and thence a delegate to the provincial congress of Massachusetts. He took part in the battle of Lexington but was shortly elected to the state Legislature, and left the army thinking he could serve the country best in a civil capacity. From 1780 to 1784 he was a member of the Continental Congress, and from 1785 to 1789, first commissioner of the U. S. Treasury; the bonds required for this last office were so heavy that he was about to decline the appointment rather than ask his friends to become security, but the Legislature of Massachusetts came forward in a body and became his bondsman, an honor never accorded to any other private individual. With the organization of the new government he was made the first Postmaster-General of the United States. He subsequently held several positions of great trust in New York, where he resided until his death. He was distinguished for integrity, piety and public spirit, and for scientific and literary attainments, wrote several volumes on religious subjects, and was the author of a work on chronology. He was the son of Peter Osgood, descended from John Osgood of Wherwell, England, who sailed for Boston in 1638. He married Martha Brandon, in 1775, who died childless in 1778. Eight years afterwards he married Maria Bowne, the widow of Walter Franklin, whose father Daniel Bowne, and whose mother was the sister of Governor Winthrop of Massachusetts She had three daughters at the time of her marriage to Mr. Osgood, Maria Franklin first wife of De Witt Clinton; Sarah Franklin, who became Mrs. John Lake Norton; and Hannah Franklin, who married George, the brother of De Witt Clinton. The children of Samuel and Maria Bowne Osgood were: Maria Brandon Osgood second wife of the French Minister, Citizen Edmond Charles Genet, and mother of Mr. George C. Genet, of New York (the first wife of Genet was Cornelia Tappan Clinton, the daughter of Governor George Clinton) Julia, who married her cousin, Samuel Osgood; and Susan Maria who married Moses Field of New York--great grandson of Benjamin Field and Hannah Bowne, daughter of John Bowne, the first of the Bownes in this country -- and was the mother of Judge Maunsell B. Field, Assistant secretary of the Treasury under Chase."

["The above was probably prepared by Osgood Field of London" -J. T. B.]

An Old New York Family Some Interesting Reminiscences by a Correspondent in England

To the Editors of the Evening Post:

I have read the interesting communications which have appeared in your journal under the heading, "An Old New York Family." Perhaps unintentionally on his part, the first letter of your correspondent "Champlin" conveys the impression that Walter Franklin married one beneath him in station. It is partly to correct this view that I shall feel obliged if you can find space in your columns for the following statements concerning some of the individuals spoken of in that letter and their families by another grandchild of Walter Franklin's wife.

Walter Franklin was the son of Thomas and Mary Franklin, of Harrison's Purchase, Westchester County, New York, where he was born -- according to the style of the Friends -- on the 11th day of the 10th month, 1727. I am not prepared to speak of his more remote ancestry; but I have a vague idea that he was descended from an early settler on Long Island. His first wife, Maria was a daughter of Daniel Bowne and Sarah Stringham of Rocky Hill, Flushing, and was born there on the 4th day of the 1st month, 1754. The marriage took place at that town on the 12th day of the 5th month 1774, when the bride was not at "sweet sixteen", but in her twenty-first year.

The lady was fourth in descent from John Bowne of Matlock, Derbyshire, who left England with his father Thomas in 1649, and settled at Flushing two years later. In 1661 he built the house there--now standing and occupied by one of his descendants--in which he entertained in 1672 George Fox, "the Apostle of the Quakers," to whose faith he had been converted a few years earlier.

I will not dwell on the persecutions he suffered for his convictions - his arrest, fine, imprisonment at New Amsterdam and banishment to Holland by Stuyvesant, and his release by the West India Company, who reprimanded their Governor for his tyranny - for these are matters of history; but I would say that his diary, his letters to his wife, and the touching discourse he pronounced at her funeral "amongst Friends when met together to accompany her body to the Ground**** at the Peele meeting place, London, 2d of 12th mo., 1677" - all of which are preserved at that Mecca of American Quakers, the old house referred to - show that John Bowne was a man of education and of exemplary piety. His first wife, whom he married in 1656 and from whom Mrs. Franklin was descended, was Hannah, daughter of Robert Feaks and Elizabeth, whose maiden name was Fones. Her mother, the wife of Thomas Fones of London was a sister of John Winthrop, Governor of Massachusetts.

The following extract from a letter of the celebrated Captain John Underhill of our early colonial history to John Winthrop, Jr., dated Southold, 12 Apr 1656, announces John Bowne's engagement, and gives the writer's opinion of him. "Hannah Feke is to be married to a veri gentiele young man of good abiliti, of a loveli fetture and good behavior." A few years later Captain Underhill married Hannah's sister Elizabeth; but by a previous wife he had a granddaughter, Hannah Underhill, who was united to Thomas Bowne and was the grandmother of Mrs. Walter Franklin. The Underhills, who were an ancient family of high standing and large possessions, and had been seated in Warwickshire and Staffordshire for more than two centuries before Captain Underhill, then in the Netherlands, was chosen in 1630 to drill and command the Boston militia.

I have said that the Bowne emigrants came from Matlock; but the family were before that at Bakewell, about ten miles distant. This is shown by their pedigree in the Warwickshire Visitation of 1683, beginning with Robert Bown, or Boun, as the name is there spelt, who had a son Richard, described as of Bakewell, in the first half of the fifteenth century and time of Henry VI. One branch removed to Warwickshire, and hence the pedigree appears in a visitation of that country. Another settled at Matlock, and is described as of "Hulme." This place is named in the will of Thomas Bowne of Flushing, dated there in 1675, in which he leaves his estate in England to his son John and speaks of "Pellet Holme." A letter before me from the rector of Matlock, dated in 1873, says: "There is a place called 'The Holme' in this parish, which formerly belonged to the Bownes. I am not in a position to say if the Bownes were descended from the great historic family of Bohun - commonly pronounced Boon and frequently spelt Boun or Bown; but mention that the arms assigned to the Derbyshire family in the pedigree are those of the powerful Earls of Essex, Hereford and

Northampton, differenced by three escallops on the “bend.” It seems from this as if they claimed descent from the lords of Bohun and Carentan in Normandy and from “I viel Onfrie” de Bohun, who accompanied the Conqueror.

Setting aside this claim as matter of conjecture, I think I have shown that Mrs. Franklin was descended in the male line from a good old visitation family, whose right to coat armor was formally recognized by heralds, and that she inherited the blood of the Winthrop of Groton and the Underhills of Warwickshire, and I have no hesitation in saying that in point of family she was fully her husband’s equal, if not his superior.

Before closing this communication I should like to say a few words of Mrs. Franklin’s second husband, Samuel Osgood.

He was a son of Peter Osgood and Sarah Johnson, of Andover, Massachusetts, where he was born on the 3rd of February, 1747-8, and was fifth in descent from John Osgood of Wherwell, near Andover, Hampshire, who sailed for New England in 1638 and settled at the place there named after the town near his old home. The Osgoods had been seated at Wherwell and the neighboring parishes of Over and Nether Wallop from the early part of Henry VIII’s reign, and probably for some time before. Samuel Osgood first married Martha Brandon, a lady of good family, in 1775. She died childless in 1778, and on the 24th of May, 1786, he was united to Maria, widow of Walter Franklin. I would mention as a curious circumstance that their oldest child was named Martha Brandon after Osgood’s first wife.

After taking his degree at Cambridge, Osgood studied for the ministry, but abandoned this career from failing health and by the advice of his physician. At the outbreak of the Revolution he commanded a company of minute men at Andover, and he appears to have taken part in the first action of the war, the running fight when the British retreated from Concord, which is usually called the Battle of Lexington. In a modest sketch of his life he says: “On the 19th April, 1775, I marched with them (*i.e.*: the minute men) about twenty miles to Lexington, and from there to Cambridge, about fifteen miles, in pursuit of the British troops.”

It is traditional in the family that the sword of the first British officer who surrendered in the war was handed by him to Captain Osgood, and I have been told they became fast friends from that day.

Shortly after, General Ward, Commander-in Chief of the American forces, appointed Osgood one of his aids, with the rank of colonel. While in this position he was elected to the state Legislature, and, believing that he could serve his country best in a civil capacity, he left the army, notwithstanding the offer of the command of a regiment. Colonel Osgood afterward held many offices. He was member of the Massachusetts Board of War; State Senator for Essex county; delegate from Massachusetts to the Congress of the United States; first Commissioner of the United States Treasury, corresponding to the present Secretary of the Treasury, etc., etc. It was when appointed to this last office that the state of Massachusetts became his security, as stated by your correspondent “E”.

His portrait may be seen in one of the large paintings by Trumbull at Washington. A miniature of him by an unknown artist, but of excellent workmanship, in the writer’s possession, represents him with powdered hair, coat of the color of lavender, buff waistcoat and ruffled shirt. Among the papers he left at his death were letters from Washington, Franklin, Adams, Jefferson, and nearly all the leading men of his time. Unfortunately they were divided among his children and are mostly lost. It has been mentioned that one of his daughters married Moses Field, of New York, who was her fourth or fifth cousin, although neither was aware of it at the time. His great grandfather, Benjamin Field of Flushing, married Hannah, daughter of John Bowne, the emigrant...[some deteted - Editor, FFRU]

London, 25 Feb 1878.

Osgood Field.

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