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FOREWORD

The Britton, Britaine, Britten family is thought to have been derived from the ancient Norman French family of Le Britone, members of which went to England with William, the Conqueror (WJ).

Heretofore, it has been supposed that because Rev. Richard Britton served the parish of Bisley in Gloucestershire, England, this was his ancestral home. But the ascertainment of the name and residence in England of his father, likewise named Richard Britton, of Batcombe, in Somersetshire, represents a welcome accession. This sheds new light on the ancestry of the Brittons of Staten Island, N.Y., and should terminate speculation respecting the domicile in England.

With regard to the Britton family of Staten Island, many have struggled with its genealogical problems; and a certain consensus of findings and opinions has developed. Nonetheless, by this study, some new material is offered, several errors have been corrected, and a few doubts have been resolved.

This paper constitutes an intensive study in a limited area, with emphasis upon the identification of two prominent Nathaniel Brittons of the second generation in America; and it represents, as well, the initial publication of a few of the lines of their progeny.

The endeavor has been to seek facts from primary sources, such as deed and will records, Bible and church entries, and the like. Herein are supplied a few references to the relevant deeds, wills, and other evidences. (The early Staten Island deeds are on microfilm at The Camden County Historical Society.) The secondary works cited are mostly documented. But where the facts have not been preserved or recovered, what does one do? Does he give up? Or does he accept the fascinating challenge of delving into the surrounding circumstances? He may feel justified in the employment of logical argument and the study of probabilities, and even indulge in speculation. In the present instances, however, where suppositions or conjectures are offered, care has been taken to state them as just such! Time may confirm or disprove them; meanwhile, doubters will know upon what the compiler relied and where to begin their research.

The monumental and valuable work known as The Stillwell Genealogy, by Dr. John E. Stillwell (1929-1931), gives considerable attention to the Britton family. But this is in several large volumes. By contrast, the present booklet, much less in size and weight, may find wider distribution. Its aim is to contribute something of value toward the genealogy of one branch of the Britton family.

Many of the persons bearing the name Britton, or variants, living on Staten Island, or in the New Jersey region, are beyond the scope of this study, or have not been identified. A few of them are listed in the Addenda.

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RICHARD BRITTON
of
Batcombe, Somersetshire, England

We begin with Richard Britton, Sr., of Batcombe, Somersetshire, England. He had children, order not known:

- i. Cananuiel, a Pennsylvania Quaker, who died in 1682 (SG 4:120;WS 1:43).
- ii. Richard Britton, Vicar of Bisley (1613-1679);
- iii. Abigail (Duck);
- iv. Jane (Fernley);
- v. Daniel, who probably came to New York, and had a son, Richard, baptized Aug. 5, 1668;
- 100 vi. William (1), believed to be a son (WJ 101; PR 121; SG 4:119; SIH 27:17);
- 200 vii. Nathaniel (1).

It is shown in Alumni Oxoniensis (1500-1714) that Richard, Jr. became a plebe at New Inn Hall, Oxford University, on November 16, 1632, at the age of 19 years, and that he was awarded the B.A. degree on June 4, 1635. Foster's Index Ecclesiasticus reports that he became a vicar at Bisley, Gloucestershire, in 1641. According to the History of County of Gloucester (1791), by Ralph Bigland, at page 194, he died on the 13th day of the 9th month of 1679, aged 65 years, and on page 195 it is reported that his wife, Sarah, died on August 14, 1671, aged 54 years.

Nathaniel (1) Britton, of New York, was named as a brother and as a beneficiary in the will of Rev. Richard Britton, Vicar of Bisley, Gloucestershire, England, dated August 6, 1678, probated September 10, 1680. See abstract of the will in WJ 100.

200. NATHANIEL (1) BRITTON (-1684)

Nathaniel (1) Britton, died in February, 1684 at Old Town, Staten Island, N.Y., son of Richard, wed Anne Stillwell, eldest daughter of Lieutenant Nicholas Stillwell, and Anne, his wife (PR 121). It has been asserted by an eminent historian that Nathaniel (1) Britton arrived in America, with his brother, William, and that they settled in New Hampshire in 1652 (SIH 21:17), and later moved to Newtown and Flatland.

"Anne Stillwell may have been born about 1635-40, probably in Virginia, where her father was sojourning at this date. Her childhood was largely spent in Gravesend, Long Island, where she became the wife of Nathaniel Britton, a dry goods merchant, who sold his stores in all the villages on the west end of the Island, and who joined farming and occasionally tapping, to his other industries. Nathaniel Britton was a man of good English extraction, shrewd, pertinacious of his rights, perhaps contentious, of good education and fair means. He held office occasionally but apparently a good portion of his time was spent in the courts, either as a plaintiff or a defendant. A good many of the early settlers were accustomed to get solace or enjoyment out of these legal bouts, and the scarcity of public events was a stimulus thereto." (SG 4:43).

"The marriage of Anne Stillwell to Nathaniel Britton probably occurred between 1653 and 1656. Her father, Nicholas Stillwell, was at this date living in the town of Amersfoort, a village whose boundaries more than once overlapped those of Gravesend.

As early as 1660, Britton owned a farm in Amersfoort (also called Flatlands) which he had bought from Hendrick Cornellessen. When, in the Fall of 1663, Nicholas Stillwell frustrated the efforts of the English to overthrow the Dutch on Long Island, it was to the dwelling of Nathaniel Britton that Nicholas Stillwell fled from his own when he was menaced by the approach of the hostile English, following the arrest

of James Chrystie. When Nicholas Stillwell decided, in 1663, to sell his plantation, he stipulated that 'reasonable satisfaction be made to my son-in-law Nathaniel Brittain for the house and houseing which he, the said Nathaniel, hath built upon said land.' Nathaniel Britton, thus ousted, proceeded to buy a farm, April 3, 1664, from Albert Albertse (Terhune). This was located at New Utrecht, and happening to be upon the dividing line between New Utrecht and Gravesend, it was claimed by both towns." Subsequent litigation proved that Nathaniel was not a Frenchman (SG 4:46).

"In 1664, Nathaniel Britton made application for a patent for one hundred and forty-four acres of land on Staten Island, near, or at Old Town"(SIH 19:10). On Sept. 29, 1677, "though thirteen years had elapsed, it was confirmed to him, and here upon the Island (probably before 1670 SIP 2:869), he again turned his attention to agriculture and apparently remained a farmer until his demise. His fondness for litigation was not impaired, for from time to time he appeared as a plaintiff or defendant, in the local courts" (SG 4:47).

The Grant from Edmund Andross, Esq., to Nathaniell Brittain reads: Sept. 29, 1677. Whereas--there is a certain piece of Land upon Statten Island ye wch by my order hath beene layd out for Nathaniell Brittain being on ye South East side of ye sd Island begining at a certain markt tree at ye edge of ye hills at ye land of Pieter Bileocu (Billeau) Ranging thence....to ye land of Thomas Stilwell Ranging thence....to ye edge of ye meadow, etc....(On the) Northwest by ye highway near ye Hills con(taining) one hundred forty four acres of upland together with one small Humocke adjoining lying to ye Southeast of ye sd land and alsoe ye swampy Reedy Meadow lying betweene ye said Hummock and ye upland contay(n)ing by computaccon both Hummock and Meadow Sixteene acres as alsoe one lott of meddow at ye Great Hill Cont(aining) tenn acres of salt and fresh (meadow) bounded to ye North-east by ye meadow of Obediah Holmes and to ye Southwest by ye meadow of Peter Billeau as by ye Returne of ye survey under ye Hand of ye SurvF doth & may appeare. Know ye, &c....Quitt Rent two Bushell of good Winter Wheat at New York.

(Book of Patents, B. 4, p. 142, Albany, N.Y., and RD D:53). This was at New Creek near Old Dorp (SIH 19:4).

1669-70, Feb. 16. Governor Lovelace appointed Nathaniel Britton and others as Commissioners to treat with the Indians for the purchase of Staten Island. Of this Commission his brother-in-law, Capt. Richard Stillwell, was president (PR 121; SIP 1:115). The purchase of 1670 resulted from their labors (SIP 2:869).

1678, Dec. 28. Nathaniel Britton was a jurymen, (Gravesend Records), but was probably of Staten Island (SG 4:47).

Nathaniel (1) Britton left a will, an abstract of which follows:

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ as there is nothing certain but Death and nothing uncertain but the year of Death and I Nathaniel Britton being very sick and weak, but having my full powers, and in the first place I commit my soul in the protection of God Almighty and my body to be buried according to the custom. Wife Anne Britton to remain in possession of all the estate movable or unmovable; in the event of her remarriage she is to have the one-third part of the estate after the debts be paid, and the other two parts to be divided into five parts, one fifth part to go to Nathaniel Britton my eldest son, a fifth part unto Sarah my eldest daughter, a fifth part unto Rebecca, a fifth part unto Richard Britton my youngest son and a fifth part unto my youngest daughter Abigail Britton. Finally the Ten pound left for me by my Brother Richard Britten deceased MF (minister) of Bisly which is in the hands and Custody of William Clutterbook my Desire is that my two youngest Children, To Witt Richard Britten and Abigail Britten each of them shall heve five pounds. So I commend my wife and children unto God and to walk in his way. Witnesses: Petrus Theschenmaker, Hans Christofsolf (his mark), Corsen Cornelius Prince (his mark). Written Nov. 30, 1683; proved Mch. 4, 1684. Signed Nathaniel Britton (RD B:1).

Children of Nathaniel (1) Britton and Anne Stillwell, his wife:

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- i. Nathaniel Britton (2A), born (ca) 1666, eldest son,
- ii. Sarah Britton, born (ca) 1668, eldest daughter,

- iii. Rebecca Britton, born (ca) 1669, wed Abraham Cole, March 9, 1695,
- iv. Richard Britton, born (ca) 1670, youngest son,
- v. Abigail Britton, born (ca) 1674, youngest daughter, unmarried on March 30, 1697. See SI 21.

Nathaniel (1) and Anne may have had other children, but probably not those listed in SIP 2:869, which do not conform to the will. (See Bergen's Early Settlers, Kings County, p. 50.)

Anneke Britton was debtor to the estate of Cornelius Steenwick, about July 29, 1686, to the amount of about \$12.10.0, wampum value (New York Wills).

1693, May 3. Agreement between Nathaniel Britton and John Morgone and Abraham Coole, all of Richmond County. Recites will of Nathaniel Britton senior whose heirs have divided the estate. Abraham Coole to have an equal proportion with Richard Britton and Abigail Britton of all the wild Geads that Runes in the woods when John Morgone have had out the third parte. Nathaniel Britton, John Morgone, I.M., his mark, Abraham Cole (RD B:635). Dr. Stillwell's supposition that the widow, Anne Stillwell-Britton, had married John Morgan if true, might represent a different John Morgan (SG 4:49).

On March 30, 1697, Nathaniel Britton, Jr. executor of the estate of Nathaniel Britton, Sr., obtained a receipt from Abraham Cole, Rebecca Cole, and Abigail Britton, for legacies payable under the will dated November 30, 1683. The witnesses were Jacob and Mary Corbett. Rebecca Britton had married Abraham Cole (RD B:634). (Cole genealogy in BH 514; NGSQ 53:139.)

201. JUDGE NATHANIEL (2A) BRITTON (1666-1729)

Nathaniel (2A) Britton, who was born about 1666 and died in the fall of 1729 (eldest son of Nathaniel (1) Britton, and Ann, his wife), apparently was born on ancestral property at Dongan Hills (also known as Garretsons), lived there, and died there.

Nathaniel surely married more than once, but the identity of his supposed first wife has not been recovered.

Nathaniel (2A) Britton married finally, by 1714 or before, Elizabeth, named in his will. She was Elizabeth Garritson, possibly a daughter of Gerrit Gerritson, Jr., and Neeltje Pieterse, his wife, (SG 4:50; CD 29; AC 7:258; SIP 2:900). Note a. Elizabeth was within the child-bearing age, as shown by Nathaniel's will. In proof of Elizabeth's surname is the record that on April 15, 1714, Nathaniel Britton was appointed guardian for the children of his wife's brother, Cornelius Garretson, deceased (NY Wills 8:313; NYHSW 2:130). Elizabeth, Nathaniel's wife, had only two sisters and the brother Cornelius (according to this record). Cornelius' children were of "very tender age"; hence he might have been born around 1683, and Elizabeth, perchance, before that time. CIK says 1681 (AC 7:258).

From deeds made by Nathaniel Britton, with wife Mary, some have surmised that Nathaniel (2A) Britton had a wife Mary. But this is a case of mistaken identity. The Nathaniel in these deeds is Nathaniel (2B), son of William (1), and these deeds have been listed under his name herein. (No deeds or other documents have been found containing the names, Nathaniel Britton, with wife, Mary, attributable to this Nathaniel (2A) who died in 1729.)

It is also clear that this Nathaniel (2A) did not marry Elizabeth Saunders as CIK at one time assumed; she married another Nathaniel, who died in Pennsylvania in 1760 (WJ 107) and was a grandson of William (1) Britton. CIK attained membership in an hereditary society in error founded upon the Saunders line.

Nor has it been demonstrated that Nathaniel (2A) Britton married Elizabeth Lake, daughter of Daniel Lake. Dr. Arthur Adams did not supply dates or proofs (A&R 19). (See SG 4:51.) Nathaniel (2A) Britton, Esq., and Elizabeth Lake were both grandchildren of Lieutenant Nicholas Stillwell (1612-1671/2); hence they were first cousins. His mother was Anne (Britton) and hers was Alice (Lake) (SG; WJ 151). (If an Elizabeth Lake married one Nathaniel Britton, he might have been another Nathaniel, perhaps of the third generation.)

Because there is no evidence that Nathaniel (1) Britton had disposed of his land at Dongan Hills patented to him in 1677, supposedly it passed to his children under the terms of his will; Nathaniel (2A) apparently acquired his share (and may even have bought the other shares).

The deed of Thomas Stillwell dated March 3, 1703/4, for land (adjoining that of Nathaniel Britton) was witnessed by Nathaniel Britton, Nicholas Britton, and Vincent Fountain, and it was recorded for Nathaniel Britton on July 19, 1721 (RD C:79). It seems safe to assume that Nathaniel (2A) Britton thereby enlarged his holdings of land in the immediate neighborhood.

That Nathaniel (2A) was still living in the same locality at the time of his death, is shown by the devise of his farm to his sons, John and Samuel, in this language: the "plantation whereon I now live & dwell situate in the South Precinct of the County of Richmond above-said Lying between ye plantations of Col. Nicholas Britton and Vincent Fountain, Junr." (On the plantation of Col. Nicholas Britton stood the Billiou-Stillwell dwelling.BLV.)

Turning to the early religious affiliations of the Britton family on Staten Island, there were four Britton children baptized at the Dutch Church from 1707 to 1732 (referred to elsewhere). The Brittons evidently became Presbyterians but remained in harmony with the Dutch congregation, not unusual.

On May 13, 1729, Jaques Cortelyou transferred to Nathaniel Britton, Sr., elder, and to Nathaniel Britton, Jr., deacon, and others, a piece of land at Stony Brook upon which a meeting house had been erected, possibly around 1717 (RD D:449; SIP 1:443, 2:869; MH 2:284). The deed contained a bond to assure the Dutch Congregation that they might also use the building. Among the Dutch members were Jaques Cortelyou and Jacob Vanderbilt (SIP 1:446; MH 2:284).

The deed of 1729 is certain evidence, not only that the above Nathaniel Britton, Sr., and Nathaniel Britton, Jr. were actually members of the Presbyterian Church in early days, but also that they held positions of leadership; hence it seems reasonable to suppose that their offspring would follow in their footsteps.

The church stood in a little grove at a sharp bend in the Amboy Road midway between New Dorp and Oakwood; "and many of the hugh stones that once rested in its rude foundation remain on the hallowed ground today" (1900) (MH 2:286).

Nathaniel (2A) Britton, the former judge, had probably been an elder of the Presbyterian Church for some years, and would be honored in 1729 by continuance in office, even if his health were failing. The church deed being dated May 13, 1729, it was made before Nathaniel (2A) signed his will on June 1, 1729 (RD D:449; MH 2:284).

The inventory of the estate of John Crocheron, dated Jan. 9, 1696/7, made by Nathaniel Brittain, Sr., and Nathaniel Brittain, Jr., was taken before Elias Duxbury and Thomas Stillwell (NYHSW 1:271). Nathaniel (1) Britton, who married Anne Stillwell, had died in 1684. Both Nathaniels of the third generation were too young to serve. Possibly the appraisers on the inventory were cousins in some degree, one younger than the other (WJ 104; SIH 27:19). (Note that John Crocheron had a son, Abraham, mentioned in the will of Abraham Lutine, Dec. 2, 1702 NYRSW 1:357).

Joseph Holmes in his will of Dec. 31, 1702, named Nathaniel "Briting", a cousin, as co-trustee (NYHSW 1:388; SHGM 3:480).

Nathaniel (2A) Britton was an assessor in 1698, and a surveyor of highways in 1699 and 1703; and he was a Justice of the Court of Sessions in 1712, 1714, 1715, 1719, 1720, 1721, and 1722 (SIP 2:539, and various deeds, including C:46, 110, 115). It was apparently he who appears in the census of 1706-1709 (SHGM 1:152; TAG 36:67); and it was probably he who served as a Lieutenant of Militia in 1715 in the South Company (SIP 1:144); and he was called "Major" on Feb. 28, 1721 as shown by the deed below.

Nathaniel (2A) Britton has been accepted by an hereditary society as a qualified ancestor by reason of military service. This line is in order, altho the life span of the ancestor should have been stated as (c) 1666-1729, not 1688-1760.

Nathaniel (2A) Britton was a party to other transactions such as the following:

On March 7, 1703, Richard Hall, Esq., and Ann, his wife, of New Jersey, sold to Nathaniel Britton, yeoman, of Richmond County, 160 acres on the South side of Staten Island, which Hall had inherited. This deed was recorded Dec. 9, 1704, for Nathaniel Britton (RD B:506).

On April 25, 1710, Nathaniel Brittin, yeoman, bought 62 acres of land and some meadow from John Roberts, and Anne, his wife, and from John Crocheron, Jr., of Richmond County (SG 4:50; RD B:574).

In 1712, Nathaniel Britton, with James Garrison, and others, petitioned for a ferry franchise, which was granted them, Nov. 27, 1712, for a period of thirty years (SG 4:51).

On December 15, 1714, Nathaniel Britten, Esq., of Staten Island, sold to Peter Rezeau, 7 acres at Carl's Neck, Fresh Kills, adjoining Jacob Garlott, P. Garriott, and others. It was acknowledged on Jan. 11, 1714/5, by Nathaniel Britten, Esq., before Lambert Garrison, Judge. (No wife joined in this deed.) William Tillyer was one of the witnesses (RD B:596).

On November 17, 1716, Abraham Titsworth and Margaret, his wife, sold to Nathaniel Britton, Esq., 80 acres on the South side of Staten Island, adjoining Nathaniel's other land, being 1/3 of 240 acres which Titsworth had purchased. This deed was acknowledged before Abraham Cole, Justice, and was recorded Feb. 28, 1720/1, for Major Nathaniel Britton (RD C:71).

On November 19, 1716, Abraham Titsworth and wife, sold to Nathaniel Britton, Esq., 160 acres, being 2/3 of the 240 acres on the South side of Staten Island, west of the Great Pond. The deed was acknowledged before Abraham Cole, Justice, and recorded July 8?, 1719 (RD B:632). (Abraham Cole was Nathaniel's brother-in-law.)

On October 8, 1722, Nathaniel Britton, Esq., of Staten Island, and Elizabeth, his wife, (who signed by mark) sold to Daniel Lake, one half of a tract containing 160 acres on the south side of Staten Island, near the Great Pond. The witnesses were Johannes Sweem, Syme Van Name and William Tillyer (RD C:127).

On October 12, 1723, Nathaniel Britton, yeoman, of Richmond County, in consideration of love and affection for his son, conveyed unto Nathaniel Britton, yeoman, of Richmond County, 120 acres on the south side of Staten Island, being the east 3/4 of land conveyed to grantor by Richard Hall and Ann, his wife, on March 7, 1703 (RD C:335).

On October 12, 1723, Nathaniel Britton, yeoman, in consideration of love and affection for his son, conveyed unto Richard Britton, yeoman, 125 acres on the south side of Staten Island, reciting deeds to the grantor from Abraham Titsworth (blacksmith), and Margaret, his wife, dated November 17, 1716, and from Richard Hall, dated March 7, 1703 (RD C:254).

Nathaniel Britton, Esq., of Richmond County, being dangerously ill, made his will on June 1, 1729, proved November 11, 1729 (NYHSW 11:150), in which he said, "Whereas it hath pleased God to give unto me thirteen children which are all now living, that is to say, six sons and seven daughters, by name, Nathaniel, Richard, Nicholas, Abigail, Elizabeth, Alice, Rebecca, John, Samuel, Mary, Sarah, Rachel, and William"; the first four having been "already portioned out by me in my lifetime and fully provided for out of my estate"; and the fifth and sixth, "Elizabeth and Alice, having been in part portioned out by me in my lifetime", etc.; and he gave to his wife, Elizabeth, one third of his personal property; devised to his son, William, one lot of 60 acres, plus salt meadow, at the head of the Fresh Kill purchased of James Dye, "on condition that he pay to my grandson, Nathaniel, the son of my son, Abraham, deceased, the sum of 30 pounds, when Nathaniel shall be of lawful age or have lawful issue, and if William die before lawful age or without having lawful issue, the said land shall be for my two sons, John and Samuel"; and he devised to John and Samuel, his farm or plantation "whereon I now live and dwell", situate in the South Precinct (divided by descriptions), upon condition they shall pay six sums, totalling 250 pounds, i.e. 25 pounds to daughter, Elizabeth, wife of James Poullion, 25 pounds to daughter, Alice, wife of John Coward, 50 pounds to daughter, Rebecca, 50 pounds unto daughter, Mary, 50 pounds to daughter, Sarah, and 50 pounds to daughter, Rachel,

(when the last four daughters become of age, or shall have issue); and if my "wife should bring forth a child (by me lawfully begotten) after my decease", John and Samuel shall pay (certain sums) etc.; and John and Samuel shall give grandson, Nathaniel, above named, two cows and two mares when of lawful age or married; if John or Samuel die before having lawful issue, etc. etc.; to son, Nicholas six shillings; gift to wife during widowhood, etc.; and he named his wife, Elizabeth, and son, John, to be the executors. The testator signed the will in the presence of three witnesses, Lions (?) Stillwell, James Carman, and Daniel Sayre, Jr.

The deeds to sons, Nathaniel and Richard, are dated Oct. 12, 1723, which may give some hint concerning their ages. According to Nathaniel's birth date (1666), his first child might have been born about 1688. This would further indicate that Elizabeth was not the mother of the early children.

The known children of Nathaniel (2A) Britton (without factual support for the estimated years of birth) were:

- 202 i. Nathaniel (3), born about 1688;
 ii. Richard, born about 1689 (See SG 4:124);
 iii. Nicholas, born about 1695; (Was he the vestryman at St. Andrew's in 1723?)
 iv. Abigail, born about 1698 (See SI 21);
203 v. Abraham, order not known;
 vi. Elizabeth, born Sept. 19, 1704, wed James Poillon (SG 3:335), son of Jean Poillon and Sarah Lake, his wife;
204 vii. Alice (3), wife of John Coward, born about 1705;
 viii. Rebecca, (under 21 years in 1729);
 ix. John, born about 1713 (See SG 4:124,137);
 x. Samuel, born about 1715 (See NJA 22:33; NYHSW 4:428);
 xi. Mary, born about 1717;
 xii. Sarah, born 1719;
 xiii. Rachel, born March 5, 1721 says CIK. But consider as possible, born Oct. 2, 1724, wed Isaac Boileau in Oct. 1747, died 1814, according to Florence Ashwarth of Dallas, Texas;
205 xiv. William (3), born about 1723.

On September 1, 1732, an agreement was made between Abraham Brouwer of Brooklyn, miller, and Elizabeth Brittain, widow of Nathaniel, late of Staten Island, wherein it was set forth that they intended to marry, and it was agreed that Brouwer should pay her 200 pounds per year so long as she remained his widow, which should be in lieu of dower. "If she should again marry this allowance is revoked." This document was recorded April 16, 1739. Liber V, p. 95, Kings County Records (SG 40:50). The fact that the marriage was consummated is shown by a deed made by Abraham Brouwer and Elizabeth, his wife, to Peter Hagewout, dated May 1, 1734 (RD D:157). Abraham and Elizabeth Brouwer were witnesses to the will of James Laroe of Bergen, on Nov. 14, 1728 (NJA 23:283). Elizabeth Brouwer consented on Nov. 30, 1743, to the marriage of her son, William.

202. CAPT. NATHANIEL (3) BRITTON (1688?-1747)

Nathaniel (3) Britton, son of Nathaniel (2A) Britton, wed Frances. (Stillwell states that he was a son of Nathaniel (2A) Britton. SG 4:136). Note b.

It was probably he who was a deacon at the Presbyterian Church, and who took his father's earmark on June 25, 1737 (SHGM 1:48).

It may be relevant to mention that George Whitefield preached on Staten Island in 1740. Again from 1744 to 1748, as a Presbyterian, he preached with great skill and passion to thousands in America (SIP 1:444,5).

See deed April 22, 1710, signed by Frances Britton and others (RD B:577).

Nathaniel was listed in the Militia of 1715 as a private (SIP 1:145).

He was apparently the Captain of the West Division, Richmond County, Militia in 1738, and a member of the Expedition to Canada in 1746/7, resulting in his untimely end (NY State Historian's Report; BH 156).

Nathaniel Britton, "being in good health" made his will dated July 2, 1746, probated Feb. 24, 1746/7, witnessed by Benjamin Britton, et al., wherein he stated that he was resolved to "adventure on the present expedition against Kenede (Canada), now in the possession of the french", and giving to his wife, Frances, his "house and lot in Richmond County for the support of my family". He mentioned his ownership of lots in Somerset County, N.J. (NYHSW 4:110; 16:162).

Was his home at Stony Brook? What became of the 120 acres given to him by his father?

The names of any children have not been recovered.

203.

ABRAHAM (3) BRITTON

Abraham (3) Britton, son of Nathaniel (2A) Britton, died before June 1, 1729, the date of his father's will.

The birth of Abraham (3) years before 1729, and the fact of his death are established. He may possibly have been born between 1690 and 1700. He would naturally have chosen to be married at the Presbyterian Church where his father and brother were acting as officials.

The name, Abraham, first appeared here in the Britton family, the third generation in the line of Nathaniel (1). It was not used in those times by William (1) or his progeny.

Abraham's life was short - too brief to have made an auspicious record, or to have accumulated property to be administered at his death. It is evident, however, that he married and left a minor son:

206 1. Nathaniel (4).

Where did Nathaniel live during his minority? And where did the widow live?

206.

NATHANIEL (4) BRITTON (17 -1792)

Nathaniel (4) Britten, born years before 1729, died in the summer of 1792, is believed to have been the son of Abraham (3) Britten, and is proved to have been the father of Abraham (5) Britten. This young grandson of Nathaniel (2A) Britton would surely have been baptized and married where his family were officiating. Nathaniel (4) was survived by a wife, mentioned but not named in his will. I am inclined to imagine that his wife's surname may have been Fountain, as hinted below.

Under the will of Nathaniel (2A) Britton of 1729, his grandson, Nathaniel was given money and farm animals. Possibly he was old enough to have had experience in the care of such animals. Because he was not given land (and if his father left him none), he began life under the necessity of eventually acquiring his own land, either by purchase or gift, and of learning a trade.

Looking backward for a moment, another Nathaniel (whose parentage has not been determined), had been a Charter member of The Church of St. Andrew in 1713 and a Vestryman in and around 1723, while we have seen that two of that name had been officials of the Staten Island Presbyterian Church in and around 1729.

Nathaniel (2B) Britton having died in 1702, and his son, Nathaniel (3) Britton, also a Presbyterian, having gone to Pennsylvania about 1714, there remained on the Island after the death of Nathaniel (2A) in 1729, some of the latter's descendants, as well as the descendants of the other Nathaniel, the vestryman at St. Andrew's. In the ordinary course of events, these descendants of the 18th Century would have continued membership in the respective churches of their ancestors.

Returning now to the fourth generation, there were at least two Nathaniels on the Island. Two Nathaniels appear in the census of 1790, one in Castleton and the other in Worthfield. It is certain that one

of them was the father of Catharine Britten (Bodine).

Fortunately, Nathaniel's will of 1791 supplies the names of his children. Obviously he was not that Nathaniel Britton (Brittain) who had several children baptized at St. Andrew's, including a daughter, Katharine, born April 6, 1752, baptized March 27, 1757, who would be seven years old by the time this compiler's Catharine (5) was born; moreover, the names of the sons, and of the daughters, do not exactly correspond. It is clear that the Nathaniel of this period at St. Andrew's was not identical with my Nathaniel (4) whose supposed grandfather and uncle had been elder and deacon at the Staten Island Presbyterian Church, as shown elsewhere.

Evidently the Presbyterian Church kept no vital records from its inception (about 1717) to 1733 (SIP 1:443). The records of the church (138 pages) from 1733 to 1775, the relevant period, were cut out of the church book. This was done about 1775 (SIP 1:445). Was it because someone saw the coming of the Revolutionary War?

From the above I believe that numerous records of this branch of the Britton family during the critical period were among those which were cut from the record book, an hypothesis supported by their absence from the records of other churches, such as the Dutch church from 1732 to 1772, the Moravian Church (1749-1773), and St. Andrew's (1752 to 1795). It is to be hoped that these records, or some old family Bibles or diaries, may yet be found.

As the life of Nathaniel (4) was drawing to a close, the Presbyterian Church on Staten Island was in decline and nearing its extinction (MH 2:287). Its members were finding other church homes. (The church building was destroyed in the early 1800s.) (SIP 1:446).

The Brittons, being still "independent" religiously, had free choice. Nathaniel (5) Britten had two children by his first wife baptized at the Dutch Church in 1791; and his daughter, Deborah (6) Mersereau, had children baptized there from 1807 to 1823; and her daughter and a niece were married there in 1839 and 1852. (Nathaniel (5) was, however, buried in the yard of the Church of the Ascension, which I attribute to the influence of his second wife, a Bedell.) Nathaniel's sister, Catharine (5) Britton-Bodine became a member of the Dutch Church in 1805; her husband, John Bodine in 1807; and Cornelius Britton became a member in 1808 (Vos), a natural development of the recent worship together of the Presbyterians and the Dutch Reformed.

It is perfectly clear that Nathaniel (2A) Britton had a son, Abraham (3), who in turn had a son, Nathaniel of the fourth generation. I believe that this younger Nathaniel was identical with my Nathaniel (4) who died in 1792, partly because the latter named a son, Abraham, following the local custom of honoring the parent in the naming of children.

In the quest for the identity and ancestry of Nathaniel (4) Britten, none seem to fit the situation other than Abraham (3) and his son, Nathaniel. There was no other Nathaniel of the fourth generation having a son named Abraham. No other Nathaniel on Staten Island in the period represents a challenge to this pattern.

(One Nathaniel witnessed the will of Abraham Barcklow in 1765; in the will of Abraham Kruse made in 1771, Nathaniel is mentioned as an owner of land; and on March 3, 1785, Nathaniel Britten, the cooper, was a witness to the will of James Lisk. WNYHS 13:107).

Several years ago, by independent studies (and for the reasons stated herein, which were original with me), I reached the opinion that Nathaniel (4) Britten was the grandson of Nathaniel (2A) Britton, thru Abraham (3). To my astonishment and some satisfaction, I learned in April, 1970, that in 1941, other descendants, Clarence Raymond Britten and his son, Wilson Alan Britten, utilizing the same conclusion (without explanation), attained membership in one of the hereditary societies.

The name, Antone (Anthony), unusual in this time and place, was, however, common in the Fountain family. This name, Antone, was unknown in the Britten family until the advent of Antone (5), named in the will of Nathaniel (4) Britton (MH 2:85; SHGM 1:7; SI). Nearly all of the early Fountain family were members of the nearby Moravian Church, and after 1795 numerous Brittons became adherents. Vincent Fountain, Jr., is mentioned as a neighbor in the will of Nathaniel (2A) Britton in 1729. The orphan, Nathaniel (4) may have lived with his grandfather,

PETER HOUSMAN
1775

WINENT HAUGHWOUT

NICHOLAS HAUGHWOUT
1792

SILAS BEDELL
EDWARD BEATTY
W. D. MARTIN
1819

LUDWIG
SCHULTZ

JOHN JOHNSON
RIVER ST. ROAD

JOHN BODINE

SIMON BAGERT
1857

NATHANIEL BRITTEN
1775

NATHANIEL LAKERMAN



Nathaniel (2A), or have been a frequent visitor before and after his death. Where else could he keep farm animals mentioned in his grandfather's will? He would, of course, be acquainted in the area and with the neighbors' daughters. It seems plausible that the name, Antone, was derived from the Fountain family; perhaps Nathaniel's wife was a Fountain.

On May 1, 1775, Nathaniel (4) Britten, the cooper, of Castleton, made a mortgage for 100 pounds unto Rev. Richard Charlton (who was then 70 years of age). The mortgage record does not show the name of any wife (Book E:127). There was apparently a house on the land, as indicated by the amount of the loan. I have found no deed to Nathaniel, or from him, or his heirs, for this land. The fact that Nathaniel borrowed from Rev. Charlton is of little significance, since the minister had ample funds and made loans to others. It is solely from this mortgage that we know the size (35 acres) and description of Nathaniel's land, as follows:

Beginning at the South side of the road laid out in 1773, thence South 18.70 chains, thence South 80 degrees West 7.97 chains, thence South 1 degree East 13.65 chains, thence North 73 degrees East 1 chain, thence North 63 degrees East 2 chains, thence North 82 degrees 12.94 chains, thence North 22½ chains to road, thence North 38 degrees West 10.80 chains, thence West 1½ chains to the beginning. Bounded on the West by Silas Bedell and Peter Housman, on the South by John Bodine, and the East by Nathaniel Lakerman, and North by the road.

I have endeavored to locate this property according to the present streets by protracting the lines of the property and articulating the lines of adjoining properties, as shown by such deeds as are of record in several periods, as well as by reference to the atlases. I believe it was located at what is now the Southwest corner of Willow Brook Road and Sunset Avenue. The older documents indicate that the property was in Castleton, while the later documents state Northfield. Perhaps the lines were indefinite before the Act of March 17, 1788, or they may have been changed thereby.

The road, said to be laid out in 1773, seems to be the Gun Factory Road established by a document having no date (RD D:629). Mr. Loring McMillen thinks the document was made about 1760 (SIH 8:15). See SIP 1:226; 2:618,903.

On December 29, 1791, Nathaniel (4) Britten, cooper, of Castleton, made a will probated August 1, 1792 (RW A:53). He signed it Britten. The handwriting of the will is that of Richard Conner who acted as one of the witnesses. He gave to his daughter, Catharine, wife of John Bodine, 10 pounds "for dower"; gave his wearing apparel and linen to his four sons, Nathaniel, Joseph, Antone, and William equally; the remainder to be divided equally between his wife, not named, and sons, Nathaniel, Joseph, Antone, and William; and granddaughter, Mary, and "grandson, Cornelias, to have their father, Abraham Brittain's share if they come to" age 21 years. His sons, Nathaniel and Antone, were named as executors. (The will does not say that Abraham was deceased, but that is the implication.)

The children of Nathaniel (4) Britten were:

- 207 i. Abraham (5) Britten;
- 208 ii. Nathaniel (5), born about 1755;
- 209 iii. Catharine (5), born March 30, 1759;
- iv. Joseph;
- v. Antone;
- vi. William.

207. ABRAHAM (5) BRITTEN

Abraham (5) Britten, who died probably before December 29, 1791, but certainly before May 1, 1798, was a son of Nathaniel (4) Britten. By N.Y. license of December 31, 1773, he married Phebe Vanderbilt, born April 27, 1737, baptized on May 19, 1737, died August 1, 1835, daughter of Jacob Vanderbilt. Phebe wed, 2nd., Wilhelmus Cozine (CH 429).

On the same day, May 1, 1775, when Nathaniel (4) made his mortgage, Abraham (5), likewise a cooper, made a mortgage to Cornelius Kruse, Jr., for 50 pounds, covering 1 acre on the North side of Staten Island (RD B:129). It was on the South side of the main road from Ryerss' Ferry to Richmond, probably on the same road as Nathaniel (4) was, but just a little to the Westward. On May 1, 1798, Cornelius Britton of Bergen County, N. J., a tailor, released to John Nicholas, Jr., for a consideration of 15 pounds, all interest in the said premises in Northfield, reciting that his father had made the mortgage, and that he, Cornelius, was the heir. He signed the receipt "Cornelius britten" (RD E:406).

The common occupation of Nathaniel (4) and Abraham (5), the proximity of the properties, and the simultaneous need or use of the money, is consonant with the father and son relationship.

In his will of 1772, Barent Slaughter gave a legacy to his friend, one Abraham, son of Nathaniel Brittain (NYHSW 8:159).

Abraham had at least two children:

- 210 i. Cornelius (6) Britten, born June 1, 1778;
 ii. Mary.

210. CORNELIUS (6) BRITTEN (1778-1832)

Cornelius (6) Britten, born June 1, 1778, per Bible, died at Bergen, N.J. on September 30, 1832, son of Abraham (5) Britten, wed on January 2, 1802 at Bergen, Sarah Prior, born at Bergen, September 29, 1781, died September 26, 1860.

It is said that Cornelius kept a private school.

Cornelius (6) Britten and Sarah Prior, his wife, had children:

- 211 i. Abraham (7), born March 12, 1803, died April 18, 1866;
 ii. Catharine, born November 25, 1804, wed Andrew Rapp;
 iii. Phebe, born July 21, 1807, wed John McLaughlin;
 iv. Mary, born March 27, 1811, died Feb. 6, 1846, wed
 James McLaughlin;
 v. Eleanor Prior, born March 21, 1813, wed Abraham Post;
 vi. Cornelius, born Feb. 13, 1815, wed Eliza Sturge;
 vii. Andrew, born Nov. 5, 1816, died April 18, 1866;
 viii. Nathaniel, born Oct. 9, 1818;
 ix. John, born March 9, 1822;
 212 x. Jasper Prior (7), born (ca) 1809, married Dec. 27, 1832
 (Bibles at NJHS and GSNJ).

211. ABRAHAM (7) BRITTEN (1803-1866)

Abraham (7) Britten, born March 12, 1803, died April 18, 1866, wed on Dec. 25, 1825, Gertrude Van Clief, and had children:

- i. Gertrude (8), born Sept. 13, 1826; died Sept. 24, 1826;
 ii. Cornelius, died Sept. 11, 1851;
 iii. Sarah Gertrude, born Feb. 21, 1830; married Valentine Havens;
 iv. Mary Jane (8), born Sept. 7, 1832; married Garret I. Van Horne;
 Mary Jane (8) Britten wed Garret I. Van Horne (son of John Garret Van Horn and Annatje Van Ripen, his wife), b. July 30, 1830 at Bergen, N.J.; m. Dec. 25, 1852; d. Nov. 17, 1864, Jersey City, N.J.
 They had a son, John Garret (9) Van Horne, b. Dec. 10, 1853; m. Apr. 12, 1882; d. June 7, 1932.
 He had a daughter, Mary Van Horne (10) Murray.
 She had a daughter, Grace Murray (11) Hopper, a Commander in the United States Naval Reserve, my informant.
 v. Catharine Ann, born Jan. 13, 1835; died May 18, 1857;
 vi. John Van Clief, born Dec. 5, 1837; died Sept. 15, 1860;
 vii. Nathaniel, born Dec. 18, 1839;
 viii. Benjamin Taylor, born March 25, 1842;

- ix. Abraham, born Jan. 27, 1844; died Dec. 23, 1863;
- x. Daniel, born April 6, 1846; died April 11, 1866;
- xi. James Luther, born June 30, 1848 (Bible at NJHS).

212. JASPER PRIOR (7) BRITTEN (1809-)

Jasper Prior (7) Britten, born at Jersey City, N.J. (ca) 1809, wed on Dec. 27, 1832, Adrianna Welsh, born at Jersey City on August 27, 1810. They had a son:

213 BENJAMIN FOSTER (8) BRITTEN (1837-1912)

Benjamin Foster (8) Britten, born at Jersey City, N.J. (ca) 1837, died (ca) 1912, wed at Bergen Reformed Church, Jersey City, on Nov. 10, 1858, Hannah A. Taylor. They had a son:

214 EDWIN FRANKLIN (9) BRITTEN (1859-1942)

Edwin Franklin (9) Britten, born at Jersey City on Dec. 26, 1859, died at Maplewood, N.J. on August 8, 1942, married at Jersey City, N.J. on May 25, 1881, Mary Huson, born at Jersey City on Sept. 22, 1861, died at Maplewood, N.J. on April 15, 1945. They had a son:

215 CLARENCE RAYMOND (10) BRITTEN (1882-)

Clarence Raymond (10) Britten, born at Jersey City, N.J. on Feb. 10, 1882, wed on Dec. 3, 1921 at Maplewood, N.J., Mildred Rose Wilson, born at East Orange, N. J., on Nov. 28, 1890. They have a son, Wilson Alan (11) Britten, born May 12, 1923, at Maplewood.

208. NATHANIEL (5) BRITTON (1755-1843)

Nathaniel (5) Britton, born about 1755, died December 22, 1843, buried at the Church of the Ascension, believed to be a son of Nathaniel (4) Britten, wed (1), on May 22, 1779, Elsey Van Buskirk, of Bergen, daughter of Cornelius Buskirk; and wed (2), on Dec. 30, 1804, Margaret Bedell, at St. Andrew's Church, born (ca) 1768, died Sept. 21, 1849 (CH 348; SI 272).

On March 7, 1807, Cornelius and Jane Britton; Joshua and Deborah Mersereau; Nathaniel Britton, Sr., in behalf of his three infant sons, Abraham, John, and Nathaniel; and others, made a deed to Philip Buskirk for 144 acres at Castleton which their grandfather, Cornelius Buskirk had owned (RD V:490); and this was confirmed in 1834 by Cornelius, Abraham, John, and Nathaniel, Jr. (RD V:494). There was a Van Buskirk mill (SIP 1:352). (See mortgage of 1812, book D, p.4.)

In 1813, Cornelius Van Buskirk sold to Nathaniel Britton, yeoman, 26½ acres (RD X:343).

On June 5, 1819, Nathaniel Britton, Margaret, his wife, Cornelius Britton, Jane, his wife, Joshua Mersereau, Deborah, his wife, and Paul Mersereau, Nancy, his wife, sold to Samuel Frost, 6.6 acres (RD I:97).

Here are some other deeds made by Nathaniel Britton (farmer) and his wife, Margaret:

1819 to son, Nathaniel, Jr.	RD 0:174	79½ acres at Castleton,
1819 to Cornelius Britton	U:48	land at Castleton,
1827 to Abraham Britton	P:158	5.1 acres at Castleton,
1827 to Richard Sharrot	P:177	on East side of Clove Rd.,
1827 to Elizabeth Parkinson	R:106,	
1833 to James and Abraham Britton	X:340	They were brothers, not identified. Abraham's wife was Catharine Ann (RD W:66; X:367),
1841 to Joseph W. Alsop, Jr.	7:516.	

Nathaniel (5) Britton, left a will dated Oct. 24, 1836, probated March 4, 1844 (RW F:344), naming children and grandchildren. A map of his lands made in 1844, showing Britten Street, is mentioned in SIH 20:3. (Notice that he is called Nathaniel Britton, Jr.)

By the first marriage, Nathaniel (5) had children (SG 4:138):

- 216 i. Deborah (6) Britton, born Aug. 4, 1782, baptized Sept. 14, 1782;
- 217 ii. Cornelius (6), born July 1, 1785;
- 218 iii. Abraham (6), born 1787, baptized Jan. 9, 1791;
- iv. John, baptized Sept. 30, 1791, at Reformed Protestant Dutch Church;
- 219 v. Nathaniel (Nathan) (6), born 1793.

By the second marriage he had:

- 220 vi. Jasper Alexander Hamilton (6) Britten, born 1811.

(Nathaniel (5) Britton may have named his son, Jasper (6), born 1811, in honor of his supposed first cousin, Jasper (7) born (ca) 1809; and Jasper was also a Stillwell ancestral name.)

216. DEBORAH BRITTON (6) MERSEREAU (1782-1840)

Deborah Britton, born Aug. 4, 1782, baptized Sept. 14, 1782, died March 28, 1840, buried at the Dutch Church, daughter of Nathaniel (5) Britton, wed on Jan. 7, 1801, at St. Andrew's, to Joshua Mersereau (Mariner), born in 1773, died March 7, 1847, buried at the Dutch Church.

"Debby" was admitted to the Dutch Church on Nov. 12, 1808. See tombstones in the yard of that church (Vos).

Joshua and Deborah had children (order not determined):

- i. Nathaniel, born 1802, died 1805;
- ii. Paul (7) Mersereau, bap. Dec. 2, 1804 at the Dutch Church;
- iii. Mary, bap. Oct. 18, 1807 at Dutch Church;
- iv. Cornelius Britton (7) Mersereau, born May 12, 1811, bap. July 14, 1811;
- v. Joshua (7) Mersereau, bap. July 3, 1814 at the Dutch Church;
- vi. Margaret (7), wife of Aaron Van Name;
- vii. Elizabeth Britton;
- viii. Elsey Britten, bap. June 9, 1818, died Aug. 23, 1831, buried at Dutch Church;
- ix. Deborah Ann;
- x. Robert Murray, bap. May 15, 1823, at the Dutch Church;
- xi. Margaret, born 1827, died 1829;
- xii. John, born 1826, died 1827.

217. CORNELIUS (6) BRITTON (1785-1867)

Cornelius (6) Britton, born July 1, 1785, died April 3, 1867, son of Nathaniel (5), and Elsie Van Buskirk, his wife, wed on Feb. 9, 1807 at St. Andrew's Church, Jane Bedell (SI 273), born (ca) 1784, died March 14, 1822, buried at Church of the Ascension. They had children:

- i. Alice, or Elsie, funeral Nov. 16, 1809, St. Andrew's;
- ii. Elizabeth;
- iii. Matilda, married on Sept. 3, 1835, Abraham Lockman at the Moravian Church (SI 196).

218. ABRAHAM (6) BRITTON (1787-1866)

Abraham (6) Britton, born in 1787, baptized Jan. 9, 1791, at the Dutch church, died August 26, 1866, was buried at the Staten Island Cemetery. He was a son of Nathaniel (5) and on Dec. 31, 1810, he married Magdalane de Hart at St. Andrew's Church (Vos; SG 4:138).

Abraham was a miller, "residing on paternal property" on Clove Road (CH 349; MH 2:172; picture of the mill in MH 1:331, and the pond in MH 1:383).

A map of various mills (Dongan's, Britton's, Bedell's, and

Van Buskirk's) is shown in SIH 10:3. Nathaniel (5) Britton, the father of Hamilton (6) Britton, had Dongan's Lower Mill during the Revolution (SIH 10:3, 15). But Nathaniel moved to the Clove Valley. His son, Abraham (6) Britton, may have dammed the Clove Brook to form Britton's Pond, and built the mill, possibly about 1825. A good picture of the mill wheel is shown in SIH 10:16.

In the 1840s, Gothic type cottages were built. Abraham Britton's was on the west side of Clove Road, and that of his brother, Henry, on the east side (SIH 17:26).

On May 1, 1815, Nathaniel Britton, et al, executors of the estate of Isaac Lakeman, sold to Abraham Britton, miller, 23 acres on the south side of the Clove Road (RD P:184).

Abraham was the executor of the estate of Catherine Bedell in 1835 (RW F:110).

Abraham (6) Britton, of Castleton, made his will on June 1, 1864, proved November 1, 1866 (RW K:401), in which he named his wife, Magdalane (Lana), and children:

- i. Henry, (died July 1, 1876);
- ii. Abraham, Jr., died August 1876, leaving a son, H. (8) Britton, who died in 1949 (SIH X:9);
- 221 iii. Mary Ann, who wed Peter Martling;
- iv. Elsie Jane, who wed Thomas Lisk;
- v. Eleanor.

221. MARY ANN (7) BRITTON-MARTLING

Mary Ann (7) Britton, who died before her father, Abraham (6) Britton, wed Peter Martling, and had children: John (8) Martling; Mary Elizabeth (8) Vroom, wife of Garret; Helen Salina (8) Swift, wife of James; Dorcas Mills; Jane A. Hyler; Abraham B. (8) Martling.

219. NATHANIEL (6) BRITTON, JR. (1793-1841)

Nathaniel (6) Britton, Jr., (Nathan) born in 1793, died Feb. 13, 1841, late of Castleton, wed Mary Ann Bodine, baptized at the Dutch Church, Oct. 18, 1798, died Oct. 18, 1861, daughter of Vincent Bodine, and Jane Blake, his wife. Nathan's funeral services were held at St. Andrew's Church.

In 1838, Nathaniel and his wife sold land to Lewis Lyman (RD 4:329). Nathaniel owned all the land on the easterly side of Broadway, from the shore to the Clove Road. He resided on the property. It was surveyed and sold in parcels soon after his death (CH 349; SIP 2:999).

Administration on Nathaniel's estate was granted March 1, 1841 (2-122).

Mary Ann Bodine-Britton left a will dated June 10, 1861, and proved November 25, 1861 (RW I:526).

The children of the marriage were:

- i. Jane, wed on July 17, 1833, Edward Burbank (son of Isaac and Sally Egbert, his wife). They had children, baptized at the Moravian Church, Isaac on May 2, 1834, and Edward Egbert (SG 4:137);
- ii. Harriet, wife of John Wood;
- iii. Deborah, wife of David Burgher;
- iv. Mary Ann, born 1821, died Jan. 10, 1865, married Alfred Ditton, Jan. 2, 1839, at Dutch Church;
- v. Emily, married James B. Wood in 1844, had daughter Mary Ann, b. 1844; Henrietta, b. 1850; and William Henry, bap. 1855 (SG 4:137);
- vi. Nathan, born Jan. 9, 1826;
- vii. John, born Jan. 9, 1826, died June 15, 1848, wed Mary Amanda, and had daughter, Mary Amanda (Will RW G:256);
- viii. Catharine Matilda, born Dec. 9, 1827;
- ix. Cornelius, born 1830;
- x. Elizabeth, born 1832, died Feb. 26, 1849;
- xi. Isabella B., born 1835-Jan. 14, 1865, wed Jacob B. Decker, June 14, 1852, at Dutch Church.

(Guardian appointed for last six children Jan, 28, 1843.)

220. JASPER ALEXANDER HAMILTON (6) BRITTON (1811-1882)

Jasper Alexander Hamilton (6) Britton, Esq., born in 1811, died in 1882 (SG 4:136), buried in Moravian Cemetery, son of Nathaniel (5) Britton (SIH 1:31), wed Harriet Lord. Children:

1. Richard H. (7) Britton;
- 222 11. Nathaniel Lord (7) Britton, born Jan. 15, 1859, died in 1934, wed Elizabeth Gertrude Knight;
111. Harriet Louise (7), born 1871, died Feb. 24, 1951, in 81st year (SIH 12:5); and she was a past regent of the Richmond County chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

222. DR. NATHANIEL LORD (7) BRITTON (1859-1934)

Dr. Nathaniel Lord Britton became a professor of Geology and Botany and an author in those fields (SIP 1:40; 2:1001). He discovered a hybrid oak on Staten Island which was named for him (WTD 97), and he was one of the founders of the Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences, eventually becoming its president. He was director of the New York Botanical Garden from 1896 to 1930 (SIP 2:834), and his studies also took him to New Jersey (WTD 50). He was a friend of the notable William T. Davis and a co-worker with him for many years.

He occupied the Britton Cottage for some time and finally deeded it to the Institute. In 1951 it was transferred to the Staten Island Historical Society.

Others have thought Nathaniel Lord Britton was a descendant of the builder of this house (PR 122). I think not.

209. CATHARINE BRITTEN (5) BODINE (1759-1838)

Catharine (5) Britten, born March 30, 1759, died Dec. 29, 1838, aged 79 years, 3 months, and 8 days, daughter of Nathaniel (4) Britten, wed on August 20, 1778 (during the Revolution), John Bodine, born in 1753, died in the Dongan Manor House, March 22, 1835, at 81 years, 10 months, and 2 days, son of John Bodine and Dorcas, his wife. (Notes c and d.) Both John and Catharine have tombstones in the yard of the Dutch Church at Port Richmond.

"Caty" Bodine was admitted to the Dutch Church on Feb. 20, 1805, by confession of faith; and John was admitted on Oct. 31, 1807, by confession of faith. Apparently funeral services for John Bodine were conducted at St. Andrew's Church on March 24, 1835.

Several writers have told of the torture of John Bodine. My aunt, Joanna Elmira Van Name, told the story this way:

"When General Washington heard that the Hessian soldiers were to be sent from New York to Staten Island, he sent out scouts to warn the people. When Mr. Bodine heard of it, he packed a large chest with the most valuable things in the house, and buried it in a snow-bank in a fence corner, and, as it was snowing at the time, no trace of it could be seen. When the soldiers arrived at the house, they searched it, and demanded money and valuables, and when Mr. Bodine or his wife would not tell, they hung him to the rafters of a shed, and burned him with hot irons, but still he would not tell, so after the soldiers had taken what they wanted, they left, and Mr. Bodine was cut down in time to save his life. Many of the articles in the chest are now heirlooms among his descendants. The chest was in the possession of his granddaughter, Mrs. Joshua Van Name, (nee Alletta Bodine Lake) as late as 1874, when it became so wormeaten that it fell into decay. Mr. Bodine owned, and resided at, the Dongan Manor, a tract of ninety acres, on the Manor Road in Castleton, Staten Island, New York."

Others have related the story in a substantially similar manner. Bayles, however, said the money was hidden "under the stepstone at his back door", but Hines and Davis said it was concealed "beneath the hearthstone" (BH 220; H&D 98). Another difference: Some say the perpetrators were British soldiers, some say the Hessians, and some, just avaricious robbers. "He then lived in the house where Hamilton Britten now (1853) resides and which he had just sold" (AN V:82, 108).

Some of the silver spoons once owned by John and Catharine Bodine were given to me by my Van Name aunts, most of which I have given to my grandchildren. They bear the initials "CB" on the handles and have a design on the bottom of the bowl. The teaspoons measuring 5 and 7/8 inches in length, having on the end of the handles a basket of flowers and leaves, and the tablespoons measuring 8 and 9/16 inches in length, having on the end of the handles a sheaf of wheat and a sickle. Stamped on the back of all handles is a Hall Mark indicating (by an anchor) that they were made in Birmingham, that duty was paid, and that they were made by "IB" (John Buck). Another part of the Hall Mark resembles five leaves with a stem. The Hall Mark seems to indicate that they were made during 1786 or later; hence they were not owned during the Revolution.

John Bodine acquired the Manor House which had been built by Governor Thomas Dongan about 1688. It stood in the block bounded by the present Richmond Terrace, and Bodine, Dongan, and Cedar Streets (SIP 2:890; H&D 98; SIH 20:1). The Manor House was sold by John C. Dongan in 1794, and eventually was sold by Alexander McComb to John (6) Bodine, Jr., who sold it, with 20 acres of land, to his father, John Bodine, Sr. (who died in 1835). John Bodine, Sr. sold it to Judge Ogden Edwards. It reverted to John Bodine, and then passed to his son, Jacob (6) Bodine, who transferred it to Jacob Post. Later, when owned by Albert Bodine, it burned on Christmas Day, 1878 (MH 1:111; see picture in SIP 2:opp. p. 890).

In 1959, another Bodine homestead still stood on the south side of Richmond Terrace, just west of Bodine Street (SIH 20:1, map at page 2). But the Dongan Mansion at Castleton Four Corners must be distinguished from both of the above houses (SIP 2:890; picture SIP 2:opp. p. 866). The Bodine Inn at 1785 Victory Boulevard, Four Corners, erected in 1790, was destroyed (SIH 9:29; picture in SIP 2:866).

In 1673 Governor Francis Lovelace began the construction of the first mill on Staten Island. But before 1687 Gov. Thomas Dongan acquired it (SIH 1:26; BH 95), and it became known as Dongan's Mill. It was a water-power grist mill (SIH 1:25). Dongan's Mill, the oldest and the most famous of all Island mills, and the last to go, stood on the north side of Richmond Terrace 100 feet west of Clove Road (SIH 1:27, 10:3, 9).

The Lower Mill was transferred to Jacob Bodine before 1829 (SIH 1:27, 10:15,19, 20:12). A map of various mills is shown in SIH 10:3.

The Bodine Mill Pond was part of the dividing line between West Brighton and Port Richmond (SIH 10:19, 20:2).

On March 11, 1809, John and Catharine Bodine, of Southfield, made a deed (RD G:86); on Sept. 22, 1825, they made a deed for lands adjoining Cornelius Britten and John Bodine, witnessed by Ann Bodine (RD P:187); and on March 1, 1832, they made a deed to John Bush (RD T:359).

On May 25, 1832, John Bodine, Sr., farmer of Castleton, and Catharine, his wife, sold to Cornelius Britton, farmer of Castleton, upland and marsh in Castleton, on the road from Bodine's Mill to the Quarantine (witnessed by Ann Bodine) (RD U:51).

A map of the John Bodine Estate on Shore Road at Van Street was filed in 1845 (Map #35); and a map of lands of John Bodine, Sr., in Castleton, at the Southeast corner of Clove Road and the Shore Road was filed in August 1846. It shows the location of the "Mansion", Bodine's Mill, and the estate of Jacob Bodine (Map #43). Bodine Street was named for John Bodine, Sr. because it was laid out thru his property (SIH 1:27).

On August 18, 1835, the executors of the estate of John Bodine, Sr., deceased; Catharine Bodine, widow of John; Vincent Bodine and Sarah Ann, his wife; Jacob Bodine and Hannah, his wife; Joseph Lake

and Mary, his wife; Martha Bodine; Ann Bodine; Egbert Lisk and Phebe, his wife sold to Abraham Varick, of New York, the Dongan Farm at Castleton, and other lands, with exceptions of portions sold by John Bodine to eight named purchasers (RD Y:101).

John Bodine died leaving a will dated Sept. 29, 1829, proved May 27, 1835, wherein he gave his farm to his wife, Catharine, and named his children, John, Nathaniel, Vincent, Jacob, Abraham, Mary, Ann, Phebe, and Patty. Son Jacob was one of the executors; Cornelius was a witness. Named in the probate proceedings were children and some grandchildren (RW E:102).

Catharine Britten (5) Bodine left a will dated May 26, 1836, probated, after the delay of a contest, on Nov. 14, 1840, in which she gave her estate to her daughters, Martha and Ann, then living with her. Rev. Peter J. Van Pelt was appointed to be the executor. (See his autobiography in SIH 8:25). The witnesses to the will were Abraham Housman and Etsil Wood. Catharine signed by mark (RW F:70).

The children of John Bodine and Catharine, his wife, were (order not certain):

- 223 i. Mary (6), born March 20, 1779, wed Joseph Lake;
- 224 ii. John (6), born (ca) 1781, died 1831;
- 225 iii. Jacob;
- 226 iv. Vincent;
- 227 v. Nathaniel;
- vi. Abraham;
- 228 vii. Phebe J., born Jan. 1, 1800;
- viii. Patty, possibly. One Patty Bodine wed William Edwards on Oct. 5, 1814. Miss Patty Bodine was admitted to the Dutch Church on confession of faith, May 11, 1832 (Vos);
- ix. Ann, wed Jabez B. Cooley on Nov. 2, 1845, and died on July 7, 1852. No children;
- x. Martha, born 1789, died Feb. 17, 1843, wed William Edmonds or Edwards.

223. MARY (6) BODINE-LAKE (1779-1839)

Mary Bodine, born March 20, 1779, died Feb. 19, 1839, age 59 years, 10 months, 20 days, buried at Dutch Church, daughter of John Bodine and Catharine (5) Britten, his wife, wed Joseph Lake, born November 1, 1772, died March 16, 1854, age 81 years, buried at the Moravian Church of United Brethren of New Dorp. I photographed the tombstone. Mary, his wife, was buried at the Dutch Reformed Church yard.

Joseph married (2), Ann Prall, widow, nee Egbert, on June 2, 1839.

Joseph Lake left a will dated Oct. 12, 1843 (RW H:531), in which he named Andrew B. Decker, a brother-in-law of his second wife, as executor. Joseph left children by the first marriage:

- i. Abraham, supposedly born 1799;
- ii. John B., born Jan. 21, 1801, baptized March 13, 1805;
- iii. Nathaniel, born June 22, 1803, baptized Mar. 13, 1805;
- iv. Cornelius, born April 20, 1806;
- v. Catharine (Almira), born April 21, 1807;
- vi. Jacob, born June 20, 1810;
- vii. Mary Ann, born May 20, 1814;
- 229 viii. Alletta (7), born June 22, 1818.

Some of the descendants are set forth in a brochure I published in 1954, entitled "Facts Regarding One Joseph Lake of Staten Island, N.Y. (Revised)."

229. ALLETTA LAKE (7) VAN NAME (1818-1877)

Alletta (7) Lake, born June 22, 1818, died February 23, 1877, daughter of Joseph Lake and Mary (6) Bodine, wed on May 15, 1842, Joshua Van Name, born Jan. 23, 1818, died Feb. 22, 1890, son of John Van Name and Johanna Housman, his wife. Both are buried in the Old Camden (N.J.) Cemetery on Haddon Avenue (SIH XIV:19).

Joshua Van Name and Alletta (7) Lake, his wife, had children:

- i. Mary Catharine, (Kate), born March 15, 1843, died Mar. 11, 1929, unmarried. See letters SIH 22:15,29;
- ii. Anna Eliza, born May 7, 1845, died Sept. 26, 1871;
- iii. Jane Matilda (Jennie), born April 25, 1848, died single, Feb. 14, 1933;
- iv. Joanna Elmira, (El), born July 16, 1852, died single, June 28, 1931;
- v. Charles Edmund, born Oct. 24, 1854, died Nov. 11, 1855;
- vi. Clarence Barrett (8), born Sept. 17, 1858, married Xenia Smith (SJH 5:13).

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230. CLARENCE BARRETT (8) VAN NAME (1858-1927)

Clarence Barrett (8) Van Name, born on Staten Island, September 17, 1858, died at Haddonfield, N. J., July 13, 1927, son of Joshua Van Name and Alletta (7) Lake, married at Camden, on June 15, 1882, Xenia Smith, born Sept. 1, 1857, died at Haddonfield, on May 7, 1928, daughter of Henry Smith and Martha Nelson, his wife. Their funeral services were held at my home. Both were buried in Harleigh Cemetery, Camden. Clarence B. was named by the nurse, Charlotte Baker, after Clarence Barrett, son of Col. Barrett of Staten Island (MH 2:496).

The children of Clarence B. (8) and Xenia were:

- i. Clarence Barrett, died young,
- ii. Herbert Orlando, died about two years of age, in 1885,
- iii. Alletta, born Oct. 14, 1886, at Camden, N.J.,
- iv. Elmer Garfield, born March 29, 1888, at 343 Mt. Vernon St., Camden, N.J.,
- v. Martha Till, born February 7, 1894, at Camden, N.J.

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231. ALLETTA (9) VAN NAME MARSHALL (1886-1969)

Alletta (9), born Oct. 14, 1886, died Sept. 3, 1969, wed on Aug. 6, 1919, Ervin Marshall, born Jan. 5, 1891, died Nov. 17, 1961, son of Robert Marshall and Charity (Stratton). Their children were:

- i. Xenia Delyle, born May 16, 1921, at Salem, N.J. Living at Barrington, N.J.
- ii. Herbert William, born Jan. 8, 1923, living,
- iii. LeRoy Van Name, born Nov. 26, 1926, living.

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234. HERBERT WILLIAM (10) MARSHALL (1923-)

Herbert William (10), born Jan. 8, 1923, at Salem, N. J., wed on Sept. 29, 1951, Anna Peycke, daughter of Henry Peycke (died Oct. 24, 1964), and Marie (Schmitt) of Mt. Ephraim, N. J. They have children:

- i. Randall Herbert, born Oct. 27, 1952,
- ii. Glenn William, born Nov. 6, 1954,
- iii. Dawn Marie, born Feb. 12, 1957.

235. LEROY VAN NAME (10) MARSHALL (1926-)

LeRoy Van Name (10), born Nov. 26, 1926, at Camden, N. J., wed on Sept. 27, 1947, at Oaklyn Baptist Church, Marilyn Cheesman, daughter of Joseph H. and Drusilla (Green) of Oaklyn, N. J. They have children:

- i. LeRoy David, born Oct. 11, 1949,
- ii. Steven Wesley, born Oct. 14, 1954,
- iii. Kathy Ann, born Jan. 29, 1957,
- iv. Debra Lynn, born June 12, 1962.

232. ELMER GARFIELD (9) VAN NAME (1888-)

Elmer Garfield (9), born March 29, 1888, living, wed on March 29, 1916, Emily Osler Paul at 320 Line St., Camden, N. J. by Rev. Daniel Johnson, Minister of Wiley M. E. Church. She was born Jan. 25, 1895, daughter of Henry Paul and Emily S. Osler, his wife. See Who's Who in America and SJH 5:15. Children:

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 - i. David Engelbert (10), born February 9, 1917, living,
 - ii. Xenia Elizabeth, born Jan. 8, 1920, single, living,
 - iii. Emily Paul, born Sept. 11, 1921, died Jan. 21, 1923.

236. DAVID ENGELBERT (10) VAN NAME (1917-)

David Engelbert (10), born at Camden, N. J., February 9, 1917, wed on Sept. 3, 1944, at New York City, Elaine Ann Ropp, born Dec. 20, 1917, at Dryden (Attica), Michigan, daughter of Moses G. Ropp and Edith Schaaf, his wife. They live in Haddonfield, N. J. and have three children: (SDV 26)

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 - i. Dennis Lee (11), born February 17, 1946, a graduate of Susquehanna University,
 - ii. Dale Allen, born February 9, 1950, a student at Juniata College,
 - iii. Linda Elaine, born in Philadelphia August 23, 1952. a student at Western Maryland College, class of 1974.
 (All three children are life members of the Huguenot Society of New Jersey.) (DSV 21; JP 12).

237. DENNIS LEE (11) VAN NAME (1946-)

Dennis Lee (11) Van Name, born February 17, 1946 in Camden, son of David Engelbert (10) Van Name, and Elaine Ann Ropp, his wife, wed at the Methodist Church in Honesdale, Pa., on June 15, 1968, Margaret Cecile Orth, born Sept. 27, 1945, daughter of Wesley Augustus Orth, and Dorothy Alice Robinson, his wife. Margaret (Peggy) is a graduate of Susquehanna University, with a major in Music. Dennis is associated with New Jersey Rivet Company, Camden. They live in Haddonfield.

233. MARTHA TILL (9) VAN NAME LARSSON (1894-)

Martha Till (9), born February 7, 1894, living, daughter of Clarence B. Van Name (8), wed Carl O. A. Larsson on December 14, 1938, in Delaware. They moved from Beach Haven, N. J. to St. Petersburg, Florida. Martha has had no children.

224. JOHN (6) BODINE, JR. (1781-1831)

John (6) Bodine, Esq., born (ca) 1781, died Jan. 28, 1831, aged 50 years, buried at Dutch Churchyard, son of John Bodine, and Catharine (5) Britten, his wife, wed on January 25, 1801, Elizabeth Cruser at the Dutch Church.

He left a will dated Oct. 2, 1824, probated March 28, 1831 (RW D:68).

"Squire" John Bodine owned considerable property on the North Shore, among which was the mill and pond and land East of it, including the old Dongan Manor House, which he sold to his father. He also owned the property now (1877) occupied by the store of Pine Hillyer & Co., the residence of C. M. Pine, and the dwelling West of it, in which he lived at his death (CH 345).

John (6) and Elizabeth had eleven children:

- i. Cornelius C., died Sept. 1842; left a will dated June 13, 1842 (RW F:177);
- ii. Catharine, wed Peter Rolph on Aug. 11, 1822;
- iii. Mary Cruzer, baptized Dec. 23, 1807 at the Dutch Church;
- iv. Mary Tucker, baptized Jan. 13, 1809, wed Paul Merrell;
- v. John, baptized March 31, 1813;
- vi. Peter I. Van Pelt (Bodine), baptized March 31, 1813;
- vii. Abraham Jr., baptized Jan. 1816 (see will);
- viii. Jacob Tucker, Jr. (7), baptized Feb. 27, 1821;
- ix. Lois Barnard, baptized Feb. 27, 1821, at the Dutch Church, wed William Daniels;
- x. Ann Eliza;
- xi. David M.

225. JACOB (6) BODINE (-1845)

Jacob (6) Bodine, died April 9, 1845, son of John (5) Bodine, and Catharine, his wife, wed on July 16, 1814, at the Dutch Church, Miss Johannah Housman (Hannah), of Northfield, daughter of Capt. John Housman, and Mary Johnson, his wife. "Johannah's parents died when she was young; she had brothers or half brothers named John and Albert" (Mrs. Van Hoyser).

On April 29, 1824, John Bodine, Sr., and Catharine, his wife, of Castleton, transferred to Jacob Bodine, miller, certain property (RD 3:291). Jacob built his house near the foot of Clove Road about 1830. Jacob was a miller, grocer, oyster planter, lumber dealer, etc. (SIP 2:998). The map of 1846 shows that the estate of Jacob Bodine had a property at the southeast corner of the Shore Road and Clove Road (Columbia Street), containing 1 acre, on which Jacob (6) (ca 1830), had built a house, "now occupied by his son, W. H. J. Bodine" (1879) (SIH 13:4).

Jacob left a will dated April 7, 1845 (RW G:40).

Jacob (6) and Johannah had these children:

- i. John (Captain) (7), bap. Jan. 1816, at the Dutch Church;
- ii. William Henry J. (7), born Feb. 4, 1821, baptized Dec. 26, 1824 at the Dutch Church (BH 503);
- 238 iii. Mary Housman (7), born Feb. 14, 1817, bap. Dec. 26, 1824;
- iv. Edmund, bap. Dec. 26, 1824, and had children baptized at Dutch Church;
- v. Catharine, baptized Nov. 25, 1827;
- vi. Ellen;
- vii. James Housman, baptized April 17, 1833;
- viii. Jacob, born June 28, 1835, baptized April 12, 1836;
- ix. Albert, baptized Oct. 14, 1838 at the Dutch Church.

238. MARY HOUSMAN (7) BODINE-POST (1817-)

Mary Housman (7) Bodine, born Feb. 14, 1817 (bap. Dec. 26, 1824), daughter of Jacob (6) Bodine and Johannah Housman, his wife, wed (1) "Albert Housman, her cousin", who died in 1834, after having a child, Albert, who died in infancy; and she wed (2), on June 24, 1838, Captain Jacob Van Pelt Post, baptized April 15, 1800, son of Daniel Post and Barbara Van Pelt, his wife.

Capt. Post and wife, Mary, had children baptized at the Dutch Church, as follows:

- i. Edmund Bodine (8), baptized July 9, 1841;
- ii. James Brownlee, baptized Sept. 7, 1842;
- iii. Joanna, baptized April 30, 1847;
- iv. Catharine, baptized Aug. 4, 1848;
- v. Charles Windsor, June 15, 1851;
- vi. Norman Augustus, baptized July 30, 1852;
- vii. Lyman, baptized Oct. 2, 1853;
- viii. Mary Amelia (8), (order of birth not recovered), wed James Robert Wardlaw of New Brighton on November 10,

1880. He was the son of James Wardlaw, Esq., descended from the Wardlaws of Fifeshire, Scotland. They had a daughter,

Gladys Leela (9), who wed on Dec. 24, 1921, Randolph Karl Morgan Van Hoyser, son of the Rev. John Randolph Van Hoyser, and Katherine Folger Miller, his wife. They "left the Island (ca) 1820, and married into the Randolph and Jefferson families of Lewis and Jefferson Counties, Virginia, and claimed to be a direct descendant of John Randolph Van Huyser, of Staten Island, one of the owners of the Dutch West Indies Co." Mrs. Van Huyser wrote to me in 1956 that she had "sent all of the Housman notes to a Housman relative in Belfast, Ireland. His name is P. R. Desmond Calrendon, Ballysillan House, 614 Coumlin Road." She wrote, "He is descended, I think, thru George Housman, who wed Miss Virginia Dawson of Virginia. Frank I. Smith of Staten Island is a Housman relative of Desmond's."

Mrs. Van Huyser also said, "I still have one of Johannah's serving spoons, marked 'JHB'. I also have an oil portrait of Johannah copied from a daguerrotype, and I have a photograph of her taken in the gown she wore at Commodore Vanderbilt's Golden Wedding Anniversary." She wrote further, "My ancestor was a cousin of Capt. John Bodine who was on Washington's staff during the Revolution...Johannah Housman Bodine was a granddaughter of William Henry Johnson and a niece of Nathaniel Johnson and his wife, Eleanore Vanderbilt, and she was a first cousin of both Commodore Vanderbilt and also of his first wife, Sophia Johnson. She had a sister who married a Mr. Webster. Desmond descends thru cousin Allie Housman, who married Mr. Jones." In 1935, Mrs. Van Huyser wrote, "I have a rather lovely old silver cake or fruit basket in the strawberry design, which belonged to my great-grandmother and which we believe came to her thru her husband's mother" (Catharine Bodine). In 1956, "I sent Desmond Johannah's silver fruit basket in the strawberry pattern." In 1956, Mrs. Van Hoyser lived at 185 Old Broadway, Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y.

226. VINCENT (6) BODINE (-1862)

Vincent (6) Bodine, died at Elizabeth, N.J., son of John Bodine, Sr., wed possibly on Feb. 1, 1818, Sarah Ann Martling at St. Andrew's Church.

Vincent's will was dated Feb. 23, 1854, and probated Feb. 17, 1862 (I:550).

His children were: William Henry; Jacob, bap. Jan. 2, 1827; Maria Jane; Mary Elizabeth; Caroline.

227. NATHANIEL (6) BODINE (-1830)

Nathaniel (6) Bodine, died (ca) Nov. 31, 1830, son of John Bodine, Sr., wed on April 9, 1811, at the Moravian Church, Maria Garretson, daughter of John Garretson and Elizabeth Cannon, his wife. Maria wed (2), Stephen Wood.

Nathaniel and Maria had children: James; Sophia? (1814-1828); Susan, 1815; Catherine, 1818; Harriet, 1821; Mary, 1823; and Albert, 1825. Catherine wed Laurence Wood. See SI 203, 216, 218.

228. PHEBE J. BODINE (6) LISK (1800-1884)

Phebe J. (6) Bodine, daughter of John Bodine, Sr., born Jan. 1, 1800, died May 21, 1884, wed on Feb. 27, 1822, Egbert Lisk, born Aug. 19, 1797, died April 5, 1890, and had children: Catharine Almira, who

wed Jacob Hatfield; Frances Emily, who wed John Hunt; Mary Josephine, who wed Mr. Decker; and Ann Imogene, who wed the same John Hunt. All of them had children.

204. ALICE BRITTON (3) COWARD (1705-1766)

The following line of descent was supplied by Charles F. Ames, Esq., New York City.

Alice (3) Britton, born (ca) 1705, died October 30, 1766 in New Jersey, (daughter of Nathaniel (2A) Britton), married in 1727 The Rev. John Coward who was born in England (ca) 1705 and died in New Jersey July 30, 1760, grandson of John Throckmorton. (SHGM 3:475, 476; 5:86.)

Alice and John Coward had nine children, including,

- 239 i. Deliverance, born Nov. 24, 1737;
240 ii. Jonathan (4), born Dec. 28, 1748.

239. DELIVERANCE COWARD FITZ-RANDOLPH (1737-1787)

Deliverance (4) Coward, born Nov. 24, 1737, died Feb. 13, 1787, (daughter of Alice Britton-Coward), wed March 15, 1760, James Fitz-Randolph, born Oct. 1, 1730, died Dec. 20, 1781, son of Isaac Fitz-Randolph and Rebecca Seabrook, his wife (SHGM 4:234). They had a daughter,

241 Hannah (5) Fitz-Randolph, born March 23, 1761, died daughter of Deliverance (4) Coward-FitzRandolph, wed 1783, Capt. William Longstreet, born Oct. 6, 1759, died Sept. 1, 1814, son of Stoffel Longstreet and Abigail Woolley, his wife. They moved to Augusta, Ga. (Who Was Who in America, vol. 1). They had a son,

242 James (6) Longstreet, father of the Civil War General, born in Allentown, New Jersey, 1784, died in 1833 at Augusta, Ga., wed 1814 in Augusta, Ga. Mary Ann Dent, born March 13, 1793, in Maryland, died Sept. 14, 1855, in Macon, Miss., daughter of Thomas Marshall Dent and Elizabeth (Bishop) Stoddert, his wife. They had a daughter,

243 Sarah Jane (7) Longstreet, born July 30, 1831, died Jan. 21, 1921, wed on Aug. 22, 1855, Judge Charles Bingley Ames, (in Civil War), born Oct. 1, 1812, died Aug. 8, 1888, son of Judge Sylvanus Ames and Nabby Lee Johnson. They had a son,

244 John Fisher (8) Ames, born Oct. 16, 1862, died July 20, 1955, wed Nov. 8, 1882, Annie Ella Yates, born March 1, 1866, died March 31, 1897, daughter of Dr. Robert E. V. Yates (in Civil War) and Ella Alice Resser, his wife. They had a son,

245 Charles Fisher (9) Ames, born Oct. 30, 1883, living, wed Nov. 8, 1906, Loline Turner, born Nov. 22, 1888, daughter of John Swepson Turner and wife, Lena DuBose of Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Mr. Ames received the degrees of B.S. and LL.B. at the University of Mississippi. He has children:

- i. Sara Ethelyn (10) Ames, and
ii. John Turner (10) Ames, born August 30, 1913.

240. JONATHAN (4) COWARD, SR. (1748-1833)

Jonathan (4) Coward, Sr., born Dec. 28, 1748, died Dec. 16, 1833, son of Rev. John Coward, wed Theodosia, born April 16, 1751, died Dec. 18, 1805. They had a son,

246 Jonathan (5) Coward, Jr., born April 6, 1776, at Imlaystown, N.J., died April 22, 1845, wed on April 17, 1791, Mary Emley, born Nov. 25, 1772, died Oct. 26, 1845 (SHGM 3:166, 476). They had a son,

247 Clayton (6) Coward, born June 14, 1798, died Oct. 13, 1872, wed on Dec. 18, 1825, Elizabeth Darby, born Dec. 18, 1801, died June 20, 1867 (CW N.J. #473).

205. WILLIAM (3) BRITTON (1723-1804)

William (3) Britton, born (ca) 1723, died March 15, 1804, son of Nathaniel (2A) Britton and Elizabeth Gerritsen, his wife, had a license, dated Nov. 30, 1743, to marry Mary Collins, of Monmouth, born 1724, died August 13, 1805, daughter of Joseph Collins and Rachel Dorset, his wife (WJA 22:33; CIK).

William (3) and his wife, Mary, had these children:

- i. Nathaniel, born March 12, 1744, died Oct. 2, 1817, served in the Revolution, Pennsylvania;
- 248 ii. Zeboath (4), born Jan. 9, 1746, died July 11, 1790;
- iii. Elizabeth, born March 11, 1748, wed Peter White;
- iv. Samuel, born March 9, 1750, wed Sarah Bright, served in the Revolution;
- v. James, born Aug. 3, 1753, wed Elizabeth Butler, to N.B., Canada;
- vi. William, born Oct. 15, 1754, Loyalist to N.B., Canada, De Lancy's Brigade;
- 249 vii. Mary (4), born March 4, 1757, wed John Van Voorhees;
- viii. Joseph, born Sept. 24, 1759, to N.B., Canada;
- ix. Rachel, born May 5, 1761;
- x. Sarah, born Nov. 7, 1764, died Dec. 4, 1843, wed Abraham Willett (1750-1822).

The elder three sons are said to have served in the New Jersey forces during the Revolution; the younger three sons were Tories and went to New Brunswick, Canada, where they became prominent citizens (CIK).

The following was supplied by Charles M. (8) Lord, Sr., Washington, D.C.

248. ZEBOATH (4) BRITTAIN (1746-1790)

Zeboath (4) Brittain, born Jan. 9, 1746 in Hunterdon County, N.J., died July 11, 1790 in Northampton County, Pa., son of William (3) Britton, wed in 1768, Elizabeth Marr, born in Hunterdon County, 1748, died Columbia County, Pa. in 1813, daughter of Lawrence Marr, Sr. They had children, who soon after the death of their father, went with their mother to Northumberland (Columbia) Co., Pa.

- i. William (5), wed Sarah Aton, and went to Lycoming Co., Pa.;
- 250 ii. Joseph (5), born March 1, 1771; died in 1821;
- iii. David;
- iv. John (5), wed Margaret Albertson, and they were the parents of Rev. Alem Marr (6) Brittain, a noted Methodist Circuit Rider. Rev. Brittain died (ca) 1890. Newton D. Brittain, 31 E. 5th St., Chester, Pa. claimed descent from John (5);
- v. Elizabeth;
- vi. Rachel;
- vii. Ellen;
- viii. Sarah.

250. JOSEPH (5) BRITTAIN (1771-1821)

Joseph (5) Brittain, born March 1, 1771, in Northampton County, Pa., died in Lucerne County, in 1821, wed in 1792, Anne White, born in 1773, died in 1825, daughter of John White (Johann Weisz) and Catherine, his wife. They had these children:

- 251 i. Zebulon (6), born Oct. 20, 1794, below;

- ii. Jeremiah;
- iii. Abraham;
- iv. Isaac, and others.

251. ZEBULON (6) BRITTAIN (1794-1851)

Zebulon (6) Brittain, born October 20, 1794, near Light Street in Northumberland County, Pa., died in Williams County, Ohio, in 1851, wed in 1816, Experience (Potter) Perry, born June 13, 1798, in Lucerne County, Pa., died in Hudson, Mich., in 1854, daughter of Joseph Potter, and Diadema Brookins, widow of William Perry, daughter of Boaz Brookins. Joseph Potter was a sergeant in the Vermont Militia. Boaz served in the Massachusetts Militia.

Zebulon (6) Brittain had these children: Brookins; Joseph P.; Silas; Walter C.; Henry O.; Hiram Gilmore; Eliza; Anne; Susanna; and (252) Margaret Anne (7) Brittain.

252. MARGARET ANNE (7) BRITTAIN-BAIRD-CRAWFORD (1837-1900)

Margaret Anne (7) Brittain, born May 27, 1837 in Williams County, Ohio, died in Medina County, Ohio, in 1900, wed (1), Chandler Baird; wed (2), Michael Crawford, born Northampton County, Pa., March 23, 1833, died Medina County, Ohio, Sept. 27, 1898, son of Elijah Crawford and Elizabeth Steel, his wife, of Northampton County, Pa.

Children of Margaret Anne (6) Baird-Crawford were:

- i. Ugelia M. (8) Baird, wed Willis Crane;
- ii. Augusta (8) Baird, wed Lyman Hutchins;
- iii. Ella P. (8) Crawford, wed David Hutchins;
- iv. Melville G. (8) Crawford, wed (1), Mollie Snyder, (2), Olive Roberts. No children;
- 253 v. Lula M. (8) Crawford, wed Edwin S. Lord;
- vi. Arletta M. (8) Crawford, not married.

Ugelia M. (8) Baird-Crane had these children: Jay (9), who moved to Nevada before 1900 and was Sheriff many years; Olive (9), wed Louis Moses, Cleveland, Ohio, and had a daughter, Marion (10), who wed an Englishman; Nell (9), wed Alva Milligan, son of George D. Milligan, Springfield, Mo.; Daniel (9), wed Ivy Denton and had a daughter, Nancy (10), and other children, and lived on a farm in S.W. Missouri.

Augusta (8) Baird-Hutchins had children, all born in Ottawa County, Mich.: Ethel (9), born 1879; Althea, born 1881; and Edith, born 1883.

Ella P. (8) Crawford-Hutchins had children, all born in Ottawa County, Mich.: Earl (9), born 1882; Cecilia, born 1883; Harlan, born in 1890, who wed Edith Tombs, of Detroit, Mich., and two other wives; Lyle, born in Detroit, about 1912. Harlan had one child.

253. LULA M. (8) CRAWFORD-LORD (1867-1939)

Lula M. (8) Crawford, born Aug. 1, 1867 in Medina County, Ohio, died March 30, 1939, Springfield, Mo., wed Sept. 14, 1884, Ottawa County, Mich., Edwin S. Lord, born Nov. 30, 1860, Darlington, Wis., died July 11, 1911 at Grand Rapids, Mich., son of Charles W. Lord, and Sarah E. Curry, his wife, and grandson of George Lord. Their children were:

- i. Arletta F. (9) Lord, born Aug. 8, 1885, Ottawa County, Mich., died May 3, 1968, Springfield, Mo., who did not marry;
- 254 ii. Charles M. (9) Lord, Sr., born June 1, 1895, at Ash Grove, Mo.

254. CHARLES M. (9) LORD (1895-)

Charles M. (9) Lord, Sr., born June 1, 1895, living, wed on July 1, 1930, in Allegheny County, Va., Laura V. Harnsberger, born Oct. 11,

1907, daughter of Charles J. Harnsberger, Sr. and Annie Laurie Huff, his wife, of Allegheny County, Va.

They have a son, Charles M. (10) Lord, Jr., born July 30, 1931, in Washington, wed Sept. 25, 1956, Leita A. Cook, born Oct. 25, 1932, at Cove, Ark., daughter of Fred Cook and Geneva Rollins, his wife. They live in Newport News, Va., and have children:

- i. Edwin F. (11), born April 20, 1959, Washington;
- ii. Douglas A. (11), born Jan. 9, 1964, Newport News.

249. MARY (4) BRITTON-VAN VOORHEES (1757-)

Mary (4) Britton, born March 4, 1757, daughter of William (3) Britton, wed in 1774, John Van Voorhees, (ca) 1747-1793, and had at least one child:

255. ANNA (5) VAN VOORHEES-HYDE (1786-1878)

Anna (5) Van Voorhees, born in 1786, died in 1878, wed in 1806, Benjamin Hyde (1786-1852), and had a daughter:

256. AMY (6) HYDE-KEPHART (1831-1914)

Amy (6) Hyde, born in 1831, died in 1914, wed Henry Harman Kephart (1828-1894) and had at least one child:

257. GEORGE ELWOOD (7) KEPHART (1856-1907)

George Elwood (7) Kephart, born April 15, 1856, died July 12, 1907, wed on February 23, 1882, Anna Catherine Weisel, born Sept. 20, 1859, daughter of Samuel Weisel and Catherine, his wife.

They had children: Calvin Ira (8) Kephart, born May 27, 1883; Horace Weisel; Elsie May; Samuel Weisel, (Captain); Amy Hyde; Franklin Pierson; Russell Elwood; George; Lloyd; Ralph Claude.

258. COLONEL CALVIN IRA (8) KEPHART (1883-1969)

Calvin Ira (8) Kephart, born in Bucks County, Pa., on May 27, 1883, died August 17, 1969 at Bethesda Naval Hospital, son of George Elwood (7) Kephart, wed on April 21, 1917, Olga Ahlson, and had four children:

- i. Arnold Ahlson, born 1919;
- ii. Robert Drake, born 1922, (USN);
- iii. George Weisel, born 1925;
- iv. Calva, (Mrs. William Lee Collier).

A Memoir to Col. Calvin I. Kephart, by Milton Rubincam, F.A.S.G., was published in the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, March 1970, Vol. 58:52. Col. Kephart was "a vigorous and controversial writer, a profound thinker, and a man of original ideas". His diversified interests included law, science, religion, history, heraldry, genealogy, ethnology, eugenics, politics, linguistics, and anthropology. "His capacity for knowledge was well-nigh limitless." His ancestry included William Rittenhouse, Captain Francis Drake, Vincent Raignon (Runyan), Steven Coerte van Voorhees, as well as Nathaniel Brittain (Britton). His degrees were B.S., LL.B., LL.M., D.C.L., B.C.S., Ph.D. He was a member of the Masonic order, of several fraternities, and of numerous hereditary societies.

100. WILLIAM (1) BRITTON (-1683)

William (1) Britton, died in 1683, married Maria (or Mary), born about 1645 (SHGM 1:152; PR 121), daughter of Lieutenant Nicholas Stillwell and Anne, his wife (SIH 27:17).

William Britton, an Englishman, was living at Mespat (Newtown), Long Island, as early as February 12, 1661/2 (SIP 2:870; PR 121). Before coming to Staten Island, William Britton and Nicholas Stillwell had taken part in non-conformist religious services on Long Island (SIP 1:432). The English having taken over the country in 1664, William was on Staten Island by 1676. His wife, Maria, and seven children were baptized by the minister from the Flatlands Dutch Church on July 14, 1678. Nathaniel Britton was a witness (WJ 103,104; SG 3:18; SIP 1:431; Holland Society Year Book 1898).

In 1676, Nathaniel Britton brought a law suit against William Britton and Nathan Whitman for pulling up part of the common fence of the Town of Dover, Staten Island, and removing it for their own use, which the court ordered replaced (WJ 104).

In 1678 and 1679, William Britton was Constable of Staten Island.

In 1680, William was a defendant in a law suit in which Thomas Walton claimed to have lost his crop of "Indgon" corn, by William's unruly horses, thru failure of William to maintain his own fences (SG 4:123).

William (1) Britton died intestate, and an inventory of his estate was taken Dec. 31, 1683 (SG 4:123).

In 1685, Mary Britton acquired a patent for 180 acres at Old Town, near Arrochar (SIP 1:136; 2:869).

On Feb. 29, 1685/6, Mary Britton, widow, made a deed to her son, Nathaniel, (for the value of a bond due by her son to Paulle Richardes, Merchant, of New York), for land adjoining Sarah Whitman's land. It was witnessed by Thomas Lovelace and Thomas Waltone (RD B:220; SIH 19:10; SG 4:123).

On May 4, 1687, Mary Britton, widow, sold to Thomas Dongan, Capt. General and Governor of N.Y., 180 acres (4 lots), at Old Town, reserving 30 acres "now in the actual possession Nathaniell Britton," adjoining the land of Sarah Seidmore (RD B:59; SIH 19:2,5; SG 4:123).

Children of William (1) Britton and Maria, his wife:

- 101 i. William (2), born 1663;
- 102 ii. Nathaniel (2B), born 1665, died (ca) Nov. 19, 1702;
- iii. Richard, born 1667, who went to N.J. (NJA 23:61, 30:61);
- iv. Joseph, born 1669, had son, Jeames, baptized at Dutch Church April 23, 1707;
- 103 v. Benjamin, born 1671;
- vi. Jan (John), born 1673;
- 104 vii. Daniel, born January 1676/7, died 1733;
- 105 viii. Nicholas, bap. Oct. 17, 1680, Colonel (SIP 1:431).

101. WILLIAM (2) BRITTON (1663-)

William (2) Britton, born 1663, baptized when 15 years of age, on July 14, 1678, according to the Flatbush Dutch Church record, died before April 5, 1704, a son of William (1) Britton and Mary, his wife, wed Ann----- (WJ 104; SG 4:124).

In 1691, a patent for land was granted to William Britton who "was in possession and so remained until he (meaning his son?) sold the property in 1719" (SIP 1:130; 2:869). This patent for land at New Dorp was dated September 28, in the 3rd year of the reign of William and Mary (1691/2). See the Tuttle map. (It seems that an earlier patent, dated July 14, 1691, was revoked in 1692.) William filed a petition in 1694 for a grant of land, and in the same year he petitioned for and obtained permission to build a tide mill on Guyon's Creek.

In 1701, William was one of the Protestant petitioners of Richmond County to King William III (SG 4:124).

On April 5, 1704, Ann, the widow of William Britton obtained a license to marry Nathan Whitman. William (3) was then about 19 years old. (Ann must have allowed a sufficient time to elapse after William's death before entering into another marriage; hence William died before 1704.) (SG 4:124).

On April 10, 1708, Ann Whitman, wife of William Britton, was appointed administrator of his estate (NYHSW 2:1).

William had at least one son,

106. 1. William (3), born about 1685.

106. WILLIAM (3) BRITTON (1685-1766)

William (3) Britton, born 1685, died 1766, in Phila. Co., Pa., plausibly the son of William (2) Britton, and Ann, his wife, wed about 1705, Rachel Stillwell, born (ca) 1684, died in 1767, daughter of Captain Thomas Stillwell and Martha Billiou, his wife (PH 23; PR 150; BLV 8; CBD 30; WJ 111). (Notice that Rachel was called Rachel Stillwell in the will of her father of 1704, but was Rachel Britton in 1709; hence she was married between those years. Notice also that William was living when the release of 1709 was signed.)

On November 4, 1709, Martha Stillwell, widow, signed a release to two of her daughters, Anne Van Felt, widow, and Rachel, wife of William Britton (PH 45).

William and Rachel were in the Abington Church (Pa.) in 1711, probably the reason they did not make any reservation when they sold their interest in the Billiou-Perrine house below (SG 4:145).

On Dec. 8, 1710, a deed was recorded from Nicholas (2), Frances, Rachel, William (3) Britton, and others, to Martha Stillwell (RD B:577); a deed was recorded September 17, 1713, from William and Rachel Britton to Nicholas Britton (PR 150; RD B:591); on June 28, 1714, a deed was recorded from William and Rachel Britton to Vincent Fountain (RD B:594); on Dec. 27, 1722, a deed was recorded from William and Rachel to Hendrick Van Lawa (RD C:107); and on Dec. 8, 1732, a deed was recorded from William and Rachel to Jonathan Rowland (RD C:436). They bore earlier dates. William and Rachel executed several deeds in Pennsylvania from 1730 to 1742 (WJ 111).

William and Rachel executed wills (WJ 158).

102. NATHANIEL (2B) BRITTON (1665-1702)

Nathaniel (2B) Britton, (son of William (1) Britton, and Maria, his wife), was born in 1665, as shown by his baptism on July 9, 1678, when he was 13 years old, at the Dutch Reformed Church. He married Mary. At the time of his death, he was living at New Dorp; and it was he who died about November 19, 1702.

Before 1702, he was designated "Senior" in three documents mentioned below, which seems to indicate that he had a close relative known as "Junior", probably Nathaniel (2A) Britton.

Nathaniel (2B) was a Surveyor of Highways in 1699. Manifestly, he was not in the census of 1706-8, nor was he a Charter member of St. Andrew's Church.

In 1685/6, Nathaniel received from his mother the deed shown above (B:220), thus confirming his ancestry.

On August 3, 1694, Nathaniel Britton, Sr., and Mary, his wife, of Richmond County, sold to Steven Mahault, $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 40, bounded by that of Sarah Seidmore, and others; and some salt and fresh meadows (RD B:219).

On October 28, 1695, Obadiah Holmes and Elizabeth, his wife, of Salem County, N.J., sold to Nathaniel Britton, Sr., of Richmond County, 96 acres at New Dorp, formerly called the "Governor's Lot", and some meadow and marsh (RD B:608). This land was acquired on September 29, 1677, when Gov. Edmund Andros granted by patent to Obadiah Holmes a tract of 96 acres of upland and 12 acres of adjacent meadow, known as the "Governor's Lot" (4 of Patents, 140). Obadiah Holmes had probably built the "cottage" about 1678 at the foot of New Dorp Lane (at Cedar Grove Avenue) (PR 121; SIP 2:870, 883). Pictures thereof are shown in PR 157; HGS 98; SIH 2:19, 17:20, 26:1, 27:17; SIP 2:866. Stillwell erroneously considered the property as having belonged to Nathaniel (2A) Britton (SG 4:50). (Note e.)

The purchaser in the above deed of 1695 (B:608) was Nathaniel of the second generation. His son, Nathaniel (3), the grantor in the 1714 deed (C:48 below), inherited by primogeniture the Governor's lot from his father, Nathaniel (2B) Britton. It is clear that the father, Nathaniel (2B) had died before 1714, i.e., in 1702, and therefore, he

was not that Nathaniel (2A) who remained alive until 1729. (Similar reasoning applies to deed C:123, below.)

The Britton Cottage "is one of the best examples of early Colonial cottage architecture in the metropolitan area - a little brown nest with the roof of one section sweeping almost to the ground in the rear, and dormers in the front looking out over the Lower Bay. Dr. Britton and his wife loved the place" (WTD 125).

In "The Britton Cottage - The Story of its Construction" by Loring Mc Millen, published by the Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences in Vol. 9, #1 and 2 (1938 and 1940), the dwelling is described and many details of construction are depicted. It is now owned by the Staten Island Historical Society.

On June 25, 1696, Nathaniel received a grant (recited in mortgage below) from Governor Fletcher for 100 acres on the south side of Staten Island, at Stony Brook, plus some meadow.

"The Presbyterian Church of 1729, sometimes called the Waldensian Church, was on Britton land of 1696." See S.I. Association of Arts and Sciences, Delavan article, Vol. 6: Part II, pp. 113-139, Feb. 1916. A picture of the church of 1670 at Stony Brook is in MH 1:40.

On December 29, 1699, Nathaniel Brittain, and his wife, Mary, made a mortgage to Jaques Poillon, Esq., covering 100 acres at the northeast corner of land of Jacob Marlott, adjoining the land of Richard Curtis, Arent Praal, and Hans Lawrence, which Nathaniel had received by patent from Governor Benjamin Fletcher, June 25, 1696. On Aug. 2, 1701, the debt had been paid and a receipt was given to Nathaniel Britton, "Sign." On July 30, 1708, Mary Britten, relict of Nathaniel Britten, signed a receipt (RD B:363).

On Dec. 10, 1701, a deed was recorded, made by Nathaniel Britton, and Mary, his wife, unto Richard Curtis for 20 acres, the western part of the patent of 1696 (RD B:416; WJ 85, 105; BLV 4). (Curtis died in 1703. NYHSW 1:365.)

On April 10, 1708, administration on the estate of Nathaniel Brittain was granted to his wife, Mary Duchan, Nathaniel having died at a time not specified. It should be noted that on the same date, April 10, 1708, four administrations were granted. Three of them state "lately deceased" but the record in the case of Nathaniel Brittain does not say "lately" (NYHSW 2:1), from which it may be inferred that some time had elapsed after his death. The first printed copy of the inventory of the estate of Nathaniel Britton, late of Newderrup (New Dorp), dated November 21, 1702, is to be found in SIH, April-June, 1966, vol. 27, p. 17. It is also listed in Dec. 1966 in NGSQ 54:254. The appraisers were Stoffel Van Sant and Thomas Walton (who bought the Britton Cottage in 1714). The law required that an inventory be made within 48 hours of the time of death (NGSQ 54:246).

At the death of Nathaniel (2B) Britton all of his real estate, including the Britton Cottage, descended to his son, Nathaniel (3), then about 15 years of age, subject to the dower right of his widow. It is likely that mother and son allowed matters to rest until the time when the son could be bound by contract. Thereupon, Mary "Duchan" obtained administration on April 10, 1708, which would give sanction to transactions with the estate and might also explain the receipt (and release?) of July 30, 1708 (B:363, above). Notice that WJ 104 gives the date of death as 1703, not 1708 (unless it is a printer's error).

The surname of Nathaniel's wife, Mary, has not been established. Justice thought her maiden name had been Duchesne (Duchan); but Miss Bailey thought it (Duchesne) was the surname of a second husband (PR121; WJ 104). See PH 22; BLV 5; PW 798.

The widow, Mary, wed after April 13, 1715 and before May 4, 1716, Judge Lambert Garrison, a widower, and she was living in 1754 when her son made his will (WJ 106; PR 121).

Nathaniel (2B) Britton and Mary, his wife, had at least one child, the eldest son:

107 1. Nathaniel (3) Britton, born about 1688, died 1760.

107. NATHANIEL (3) BRITTON (1688-1760)

Nathaniel (3) Britton, born about 1688, died in 1760, at Smithville, Pa., son of Nathaniel (2B) Britton and Mary, his wife, wed on

April 13, 1710, Elizabeth Saunders (PMHB 23:105).

Nathaniel (3) and his mother were probably named in the census of 1706-8.

Nathaniel (3) acquired the Britton Cottage by descent from his father, Nathaniel (2B) Britton, and lived there 12 years.

Among the organizers of the Abington (Pa.) Presbyterian Church in 1714 were Nathaniel, Elizabeth, William, Rachel, and Martha Britton (WJ 107). This move was, no doubt, the reason for the sale of their real estate on Staten Island, as follows:

On April 9, 1714, Nathaniel Britton, of New Dorp, yeoman, and Elizabeth, his wife, sold to Thomas Walton, land on the south side of Staten Island, formerly called the Governor's lot, 10 acres, with 8 acres of marsh. The deed was acknowledged before Nathaniel Britton, Justice (RD C:48; PR 121, 157).

On April 13, 1715, Nathaniel Britton, yeoman, because of love and affection for his mother, Mary Britton, conveyed to her one acre of land on the south side of Staten Island, adjoining Jacob Vanderbilt. Elizabeth, wife of Nathaniel, joined in the deed. Their acknowledgements were taken on April 30, 1715 before Nathaniel Britton, Justice.

On May 4, 1716, Mary Garrison, "now the wife of Lambert Garrison, Esq.", relinquished her rights to her son, Nathaniel Britton (RD B:604).

On May 4, 1719, Nathaniel Britton, of Richmond County, son and heir of Nathaniel Britton, deceased, with the joinder of his wife, Elizabeth, conveyed to Jacob Vanderbilt, 83 acres out of 100 acres, on the south side of Staten Island, granted to his father, Nathaniel, by Governor Fletcher, June 25, 1696; also some meadow at the Great Kill (RD C:123; SIP 1:130).

Nathaniel (3) Britton died leaving a will dated June 15, 1754, proved in Philadelphia, May 13, 1760, naming his wife, Elizabeth, mother, Mary Garrison, and children:

- i. Elizabeth (4), born (ca) 1713, wed Lambert Dorland;
- ii. Mary, bap. Oct. 6, 1724, wed Nicholas Vansandt;
- iii. John, born 1715, wed Eve Dorland;
- iv. Rachel, born Dec. 29, 1724, wed Isaac Billew, son of Jacob and Ann. (For further records see WJ 108; PR 121; SG 4:131; CDB 64).

103. BENJAMIN (2) BRITTON (1671-)

Benjamin (2) Britton, born 1671, son of William (1) Britton, probably wed Martha Stillwell (SG 3:285; 4:124).

Benjamin had a home at Stony Brook in 1708 (SIP 2:869).

Gracia Britton thought Benjamin had wed Maude La Tourette. She extends some of Benjamin's descendants in 31 typewritten mimeographed pages (GB).

Benjamin Britton of Philadelphia is shown in SG 4:135.

104. CAPT. DANIEL (2) BRITTON (1677-1733)

Daniel (2) Britton (Brittain, Britten), born January 1676/7, died in April, 1733, son of William (1) Britton, and Mary, his wife, wed in 1699, Elizabeth Powell, daughter of Richard Powell (WJ 106; PW 798). In another reference, Monette thought Daniel was a son of Nathaniel (1). Monette mentions acquisition of land by Daniel Britton in 1691, but cites no record (PW 590). (Elizabeth Murrney, wife of John, widow of Daniel Britton, died April, 1760, age 76 (PW 375).

Daniel was a Surveyor of Highways, served on a jury, was Judge in 1724 and 1731; and was a party to numerous deeds (PW). See the Story of New Jersey, Vol. 4, p. 109.

Daniel (2) Britton left a will, dated April 5, 1733, proved April 28, 1733, naming his wife, Elizabeth, children, Daniel, William, Benjamin, Mary, Elizabeth, and Deliverance, and several grandchildren (NJA 30:62). A daughter, Mary, was born Feb. 24, 1700 (PW 253, 264).

See Daniel Britton who had a daughter, Sarah, baptized Feb. 5, 1720/1 (WJ 108).

Nicklas (2) Britten, born 1680, bap. Oct. 17, 1680, died Jan. 12, 1740/1, son of William (1) Britton, and Maria, his wife, wed (ca) 1701, Frances Stillwell (WJ 157), bap. March 31, 1681, died May 7, 1748, daughter of Capt. Thomas Stillwell and Martha Billiou, his wife (SG 3:281). A tombstone in Moravian Cemetery states that "Colonel Nicklas Britten" was aged 61 years (MH 2:59; PH 22, 45, 53, 59; BLV 5; CDB 30; SIH 1:431). Both Nicklas and Frances were in the census of 1706-7 (SHGM 1:152).

In his will dated May 21, 1704, Thomas Stillwell gave to his daughter, Frances, wife of Nicholas Brittan, 60 acres of land (on which the Billiou-Stillwell house stood), "as it is now in his possession" for her life, and then to her son, Nicholas Brittan (NYHSW 1:404, 16:44; SIH 20:22). See map SIH 19:2.

In 1709, Nicholas received a deed from Ann Van Pelt for her 1/3 interest in the Billiou-Stillwell property, she making a reservation of a place to dwell; and in 1713, Rachel Britton transferred her share to Nicholas without reservation (indicating she had a place to live) (PR 150; SG 3:277). (Nicholas made several deeds which are of record.)

Investigation by Mr. McMillen has shown that the ancient Billiou-Stillwell house, located at 1476 Richmond Road in Dongan Hills (formerly Garretsons), was built about 1670 by my ancestor, Pierre Billiou (Fwd; BLV 8; PH 19). It was enlarged by Thomas Stillwell about 1680 (PR 150), and may have been further enlarged in 1713 by Nicholas Britten (PH 25). It was restored in 1943-1951 by the Staten Island Historical Society, the present owner (Fwd; SIH 6:9). Some beautiful photographs of the house and its interior are shown in PH.

Nicholas Brittain was a Sergeant in the Militia in 1715 (SIP 1:145), and later he became a Captain or "Major".

The will of Nicklas Britten, dated Jan. 5, 1740/1, proved Feb. 27, 1740, mentioned his wife, "Francke"; daughter Martha Moore; daughter Rachel Britton; and son Nathaniel Britten's children, Mary, Franke, and Martha. The witnesses were Vincent Fountain and others (WJ 107). (One Vincent Fountain left a will, dated Sept. 23, 1740, probated Nov. 12, 1740, naming his wife, Martha, and six children, including Anthony.)

The children of Nicholas (2) and Frances Britten were:

- i. Martha, born (ca) 1702, wed Samuel Moore;
- ii. Nicholas, born before May 21, 1704 (WJ 154; SG 4:132);
- iii. Mary, born before May 21, 1704;
- iv. Nathaniel, probably died before Jan. 5, 1740/1, leaving the children above (WJ 108);
- v. perhaps William, bap. Oct. 11, 1708 at the Dutch Church (SI 13). See The New York Post-Boy, by Kenneth Scott (1970), page 20;
- vi. Rachel, wed after Jan. 5, 1740, Thomas Dongan, and died in 1748 (SIP 2:890).

On Aug. 13, 1746, Frances Britten, widow, and her two daughters sold the Billiou-Stillwell property to Walter Dongan (PR 150; PH 19); and on Nov. 12, 1749, Thomas Dongan (husband of Rachel) sold it to Joseph Holmes (PR 150).

FOOTNOTES

a. Col. Kephart was unable to satisfy himself concerning Elizabeth Gerretson's parentage; and I have not studied it. Of interest are Delavan's remarks in S.I. Association of Arts and Sciences, Vol. 6, Part II, pp. 113-139, Feb. 1916, that Valentine Fountain conveyed the east half of his 320 acres to James Hanse Dye and the west 150 acres to Elizabeth Gerritse before 1696. On March 22, 1699, Elizabeth Gerritse sold to Pierre Joubert the west 80 acres of the west 160 acres. In Jan. 1704, Johannes Garretson, and Hester, his wife, sold to Louis Gitou the east 80 acres of the west 160 acres (See PH 11).

Captain Nicholas Garrison was the first Moravian on Staten Island (ca) 1745 (SI v).

b. One Nathaniel Britton and Esther Bellville, his wife, had a daughter, Sara, baptized April 9, 1732, at the Port Richmond Dutch Church (SI 43). Re Belleville family see SIP 2:860 and SG 4:144.

c. John Bodine probably descended from Vincent Boden of New York, mariner (PR 124). See his will of 1735.

At the Rutgers University Library, New Brunswick, N.J. there is a Bodine manuscript. It indicates that Vincent Bodine, son of Jean Bodine and Esther Bridon, had a wife, Heijltje (Helene) Smith, and children: Hester, bap. Feb. 20, 1715, Francis, Jacob, bap. 1729, and Vincent, born in New York, March 10, bap. March 25, 1733. The record of 1733 is written in the French language.

On Feb. 2, 1736/7, John and Esther Corson, heirs of Francis Bridon, dec'd., sold to John Bodine, of Richmond County, all of their interest in a house and 10 acres, in the possession of said John Bodine, upon consideration that Bodine should pay Mary Ann Ablin, of New York City, widow, the sum of 7 pounds. Recorded Nov. 3, 1743 (RD D:104).

Frances Bodine was on a jury July 29, 1730 (BH 135).

James Bodine, Sr., born Dec. 17, 1758, had a wife, Elizabeth, born July 3, 1760. Their children and grandchildren are listed on a loose paper in a Bible at Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences.

The will of John Bodine of New York City, dated April 23, 1857, gives considerable data about the family, some of whom went to Barnegat, N.J., to Forked River, N.J., and to California. Some married into the Housman family. An account of the family was written by Edwin Salter of Ocean County, N.J. (See deed RD 6:508).

A line of descent from John Bodine claimed in SJH 3:8 does not conform to what has been generally accepted.

John Bodine (died 1835) had a sister, Ann Bodine, born March 30, 1769, who wed Judge John Housman (1764-1825). John Housman and Ann Bodine, his wife, were ancestors of Marie Alice Bush, who wed T. Livingston Kennedy on Oct. 19, 1880. Mrs. Kennedy was a descendant of Capt. John Van Name and Johanna Housman, his wife (SIP 5:221, 318; HSF 6, 8). Mrs. Kennedy "recalled her grandmother on the Bodine side 'so erect and aristocratic'. Their home and lands were where the County Farm is now". (From diary of Ida Dudley Dale at SIHS).

d. There are, no doubt, many who would like to know the ancestry of Dorcas, the wife of John Bodine (1719-1779), and have hoped that it might be recovered. I offer possible clues that may, perhaps some day, bring the solution.

In the Staten Island census of 1706 (SHGM 1:153) there is a "Dorkas Galbut" evidently in the family of Jacob "Gallot" (who was 58 years old; hence was born about 1648). This Dorcas must have been an adult daughter of Jacob (i.e. over 16 years of age; hence was born in 1690 or before). Aritus "Gilbert" being named first among the women was probably the wife of Jacob, or his eldest daughter, and Margreat was probably a daughter.

Dorcas, a Scriptural name, is considered a Greek Christian name used for females (meaning gazelle), and has been used as a surname on Staten Island. Guillot and Guillet are among the diminutive forms of William in the French language. Phillip Gilliot was living in New York City in 1721. Leng and Davis construe the census as meaning Garriott, and think Philip may have been a descendant of Jacob. (SIP 2:899).

This family, probably Guillot, a French family, were neighbors of the Bodines; in fact only one family intervened in the census listing, namely the "Corso" family.

There are no early Staten Island church records extant, other than those of the Dutch church and those in the records of the Flatbush church (SI; SIP 1:431), and the names of Dorcas and Guillot do not appear in either. The family attended the French church, whose records are lost (SIP 1:142).

In 1680, Jacob Gariot presented a petition respecting his land on the north side of Staten Island (SIP 1:125). Jacob Gariot (Gariat) received a deed from Ellis Duxbury (and Abraham Lackman) August 27, 1694 (RD B:221), and a deed from Peter Jobert, March 18, 1703/4. (RD B:434). On June 19, 1707, Jacob Galliot of Richmond County, filed a petition for a warrant to lay out a cartway from his lands to the Kings Highway. (PW 6:1121). He (as Jacob Galliot) acquired

a Patent, September 1, 1708, for property adjoining Francis Vincent (7:323). On February 12, 1715, he, Jacob Garriot, and his wife, Susanna, sold land to Francis Bridon (RD B:609). I wonder if this is the land at Charles Neck which Francis Bridon, and his heirs, conveyed to Jean Bodine, in 1722 and 1736, as mentioned by Miss Sinnott. It will be recalled that Francis Bridon (Junior) and Susanna Rushe were brother and sister of Esther, the second wife of Jean Bodine. Jacob is mentioned in other deeds of 1703, 1705, and 1714. Jacob Garriot was the executor of the Will of Peter Le Count, dated October 11, 1702, probated April 10, 1704. (WNYHS 1:385, Liber 7:159).

There is no other Dorcas in the 1706 census except "durka Sign" (Dorcas Seguine. SIH 2:950). The census seems to indicate that the Seguines were not neighbors of the Bodines, and that "durka Sign", a girl in 1706, was under 16; hence was born after 1690. Her father was born in 1661. Jean Seguin and Dorcas Seguin were witnesses to a baptism in 1730 (SHGM 1:83). Perhaps they were brother and sister?

My hypothesis is that Dorcas Guillot or Dorcas Seguine married and had a daughter or granddaughter, named Dorcas, born about 1720, who married John Bodine. The proximity of residence would point to the former. In the early days young people usually married neighbors.

e. I possess an oil painting of the Britton cottage as it looked at the time Dr. Britton owned it, made by Ida Dudley Dale.

ADDENDA

Numerous Brittons are to be found in Stillwell's Genealogy, the New Jersey Archives, and other publications. A few, not identified, are mentioned below.

There is a tradition that the first marriage on Staten Island was that of Cornelius Britton and Charlotte Colon (MH 1:45).

1712. Nathaniel Britton, et al. petitioned for a ferry franchise. Sarah Britton, daughter of Nathaniel, wed Daniel Gerneaux (Gano) and went to New Jersey. They had a son Rev. John Gano, born in 1727 (Collections of N.J. Hist. Socy. vol. IX, 117).

On January 25, 1749, the Daniel Ferrine estate sold 5 tracts of land to William Lake, some of which tracts adjoined land of Nathaniel Britton, land of Jacob Vanderbilt, and land of the "English Presbyterian Society". I obtained a photostat from the Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences.

The remains of a Britton house on Amboy Road are pictured as they were in 1890 in SIH 28:35. The Britton house, near Oakwood Station, which was demolished about 1893, "was built (about 1660) amid scenes that made up the earliest history of Staten Island." (MH 1:41). It was stated in 1930, that an old Britton homestead which stood on the Richmond Road in Stony Brook had disappeared. "Fortunately photographs remain to show its former appearance" (SIP 2:870, and picture opposite; MH 1:164).

Nathaniel Brittain's "son had his Skull mashed to pieces by a kick from a horse." (GSPA 3:40).

Nathaniel Brittain died Jan. 18, 1776 (GSPA 3:45).

Nathaniel Britton was born 1783 per Bible record. See GMNJ 41:37.

Nathaniel Brittain, Staten Island farmer, furnished provisions to the British, and went to Nova Scotia, where he died (MH 336).

Nathaniel Brittain, Upper Freehold Twp., Monmouth Co., died July 8, 1791, intest. Admr. Rachel, his wife (1748-Aug. 9, 1810) (NJA 37:50). Had son, Abraham, who wed Rebecca Robins. Sarah Britton wed Elijah Robins (NYGBR 81:80):

Britton's Mill Pond. Nathaniel, May 1, 1812 (Mortgage D:4).

Nathaniel Britton, weaver and shoemaker, wed Catherine Colon at the Moravian Church July 17, 1774. He was baptized at St. Andrew's on June 5, 1775; and they had a daughter bap. there the same day, and a son Nathaniel in 1781. They made two mortgages in 1776 and 1778 to Abraham Vandeventer (B:445, 154).

Nathaniel Britton was a contributor at St. Andrew's Church in 1787 (Sta 131).

Nathaniel Britton and Leah Pue wed Oct. 12, 1779 in N.J.

Nathaniel Britton and Sarah Pugh wed Oct. 31, 1779 in N.J.

Nathaniel Britton, late of Bedford, Westchester County, and Charity, his wife, made a mortgage (ca) 1816, cancelled 1817, covering a "mill seat" on the highway that separates Castleton and Northfield, 16 acres.

1821. Nathaniel Britton, blacksmith, of Northfield, bought land from Catherine Decker, and others (RD I:163).

"About 50 years ago" (1848), one of the oldest houses on the Island - a long stone structure - stood in West New Brighton. The last owner and occupant was Nathaniel Britton, Jr. (MH 1:294).

1739. Nicholas Britton was Justice (BH 156).

Nicholas Britton, freeholder, Somerset Co. 1753 (GMNJ 18:47).

Nicholas Britton, of South Brunswick, Middlesex County, died in 1783. Will names sons, Joseph, Isaac, Nicholas, Nathaniel, daughters, Martha Armstrong and Mary Britton (NJ 35:59).

July 20, 1701. Abraam Britan and Mary Petiljon were parents, Dutch Church at Kingston, N.Y., daughter, Mary.

Abraham Brittain, Monmouth, wed Sarah Stillwell June 10, 1757 in N.J. (NJ 22:33). Abraham Britton 1770-1807, N.J., wf. Rebecca Robins (SHGM 2:333; NYGBR 81:79). Abraham Britton, May 1, 1798, in deed RD E:406. (GMNJ 43:110).

Abraham Britton of Castleton, received deed May 1, 1815, from executor of Isaac Lakerman, dec'd. (RW P:184).

Abraham Brittain, Shrewsbury, Monmouth Co., d. 1783. Will names wife, Sarah; nephew, Abraham, son of brother, Nathaniel; other sons of Nathaniel, Thomas and Nathaniel; nephew Samuel Still; niece Sarah Walker; brother, Richard (NJ 35:58).

Abraham Britton, of Castleton, received deed, May 18, 1831, from Maurice H. Cruser for 10 acres on Clove Road (RD T:126).

Abraham Britton, son of Nathaniel, mentioned in deed of 1832 from Macdonald to Racy (RD V:222).

Abraham Britton mentioned in deed to John K. Vanderbilt (1832) and deed to George M. Barrett (1833) (RD V:147; U:336).

Abraham Britton, of Castleton, wed April 28, 1831, Catharine Ann Lockman (Vos).

Abraham Britton, Jr. wed Henrietta Laforge, Jan. 1844 (Vos).

Abraham Britton, bap. Sept. 1829, son of James and Mary (Vos).

1777. Capt. Abraham Britton in Revolution. Bucks Co., Pa. (GSPa 23:215).

Abraham and Isaac Brittin, sons of Jacob of Morris Co., guardianship, over 14 years, fellowbondsmen, Abraham Bedell, of said County, Feb. 27, 1797 (NJ 38:45).

1749. Benjamin Britton, Philadelphia (GSPa 21:175).

Three Brittons moved from Bucks Co., Pa. to Virginia, Benjamin in 1768, N. and J. in 1790 (GSPa 3:39, 52).

Daniel and Elizabeth Britton, church members, Church of Christ, Aug. 15, 1708, Woodbridge, Middlesex County (PW 111).

Daniel Brittain and Elizabeth had a daughter, Mary, born at Woodbridge, Feb. 24, 1700 (PW 253 & 264).

Capt. Daniel Brittain was an Executor, 1729-1730 (NJ 23:366; PW 854).

Elijah Britton mar. Hannah Elwell Mar. 25, 1810, Salem County (GMNJ 5:25).

1812. Elijah Britton and Joseph Britten, privates in Militia (GCHB 5:15).

Sept. 12, 1702. Francis Britton, Oyster Bay, Long Island, baptized. St. Mary's Church, Burlington, N.J. (GSPa 2:243).

Joseph Brittin of Trenton, Hunterdon Co. (now Mercer County) left will 1755-6, wife Charity, children, Isaac and Joseph (NJ 32:41).

Charity Briton, of Trenton, Hunterdon Co., d. 1790. Left will naming son Samuel Bellangeau, nephew Henry Bellangeau, daughter, Jane Jenkins, Ann Bellville, Charity, dau. of son Joseph, Susannah Briton, wife of son, Joseph, sons Joseph and Isaac (NJ 36:30).

Joseph and Nathaniel were Loyalists (MH 1:336).

Joseph Britton in N.J. Militia 1812-1815 (GCHB 5:15).

Joseph and Jane Brittan had a son William James, born March 18, 1817, bap. at Kingston Presbyterian Church (Franklin Twp., Somerset Co., N.J.). Also Edmund, b. July 27, 1820 and John b. July 7, 1824 (GMNJ 28:68, 70, and 72).

Deed Joseph Brittain and wife Mar. 13, 1784 to George Ely, Trenton, Hunterdon (AU:289).

In 1792 Joseph Britton and wife sold to the State of New Jersey 2½ acres of land on which the State Capital stands (State Library Book A-S p. 278). See History of Burlington and Mercer Counties by Woodward and Hageman, p. 671.

Jeremiah Britten, Rev. Soldier, wife Elizabeth (GMNJ 3:132).

James Britton, born in England, 1610, subscribed to town orders at Woburn, Mass., 1637. (Directory of the Ancestral Heads of New England Families, 1620-1700 (1964), page xxxii.)

Jacob Brittin, (1744-1784), Revolutionary Soldier, one of Gen. Washington's Body Guard; son of William and Sarah; mar. 1774 Elizabeth Van Sickle; children: Theodocia, William, Abraham (b. 1780, mar. Elizabeth Baker), Isaac, and Sally Ross (GMNJ 2:114).

Theodocia Brittin mar. Miller Walker (GMNJ 3:54).

John Britton and family came from Ireland to Philadelphia in 1750 (GSPa 10:60).

John Britian mar. Phebe Pettitt, June 15, 1772 New Providence Presbyterian Church (now in Union County) (GMNJ 18:91).

John Britton, Middletown, Monmouth Co., died intest. 1754, Rachil, widow, and son (NJ 32:41).

Lyonell Brittain, in Pennsylvania, Bucks and Philadelphia Counties. 200 acres at Upland. Came in 1680 in "Owner's Advice" (GSPa 23:120; NJA 21:458; WS 1:172).

Martha Britton died 1809, wed John Baker. Mt. Holly to West Creek, N.J. Had children (NJG 17:747).

Richard Britan of Burlington, N.J. wed Rhoda Woodward July 23, 1767 (NJ 22:33).

Thomas Britton came to America in 1677 (Salem Monthly Meeting, Minutes 1686-1881 at GSPa.)

William Britton was Attorney General of N.J. 1708 (of Salem County) (C&S 349).

A deed was made to William Britton in 1807 (GLD SS:524).

William Britton, of Woodbridge (N.J.) died in 1748. His widow, Sarah, and Samuel Moore, were appointed administrators (NJ 30:62).

William Britten had an order or agreement regarding taxation dated July 10, 1662, at Middelburgh (Newtown) (PW 289).

William Britton came from Bristol, Eng. to Newport, R.I. His family name was Summerill, but on leaving England, he assumed his mother's family name Briton.

In the New Jersey Archives are the following: Daniel Brittain (Britton, Britten) is mentioned in 1702, 1704 (23:101, 374) and at later dates; William Brittain in 1739 and later; Elizabeth in 1717-1726; Joseph in 1716-1720; Richard in 1710; Thomas in 1715; Benjamin in 1731; and many more.

Brittain, Joseph, Chesterfield and Nottingham Militia, Ensign, May 14, 1722 (Adj. General's office N.J.; AAA Comm. p. 181).

Brittan, Richard, Sergeant, Col. Farmer's Reg. 5th Company, 1715 (Adj. General's office N.J., p. 12, 13; NJHSP April, 1928).

Brittain, William, Private, Capt. William Faulkner's Company, March and April 1762, (F. & I. War) (Adj. Gen. office N.J. p. 52, 53).

Brittain, Nicholas, of Somerset Co., N.J., Justice of the Peace, 1749, 1752 (Som. Quart. 8:34); Judge of the Quorum, 1749 (NJ 16:90); Justice of the Peace, Somerset Co., Aug. 26, 1752 (Nelson's Civil List, C-2; 210).

The U. S. Census of 1790 shows various Brittons in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, N. Carolina, and S. Carolina. (The census records for New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia, and Georgia were destroyed by the British when they burned Washington. Tax records may be useful.)

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