

ent, and Isabella Douglas was bought by him. It was a long drive to his home from Philadelphia, and during the trip Mr. Fortner became impressed with the fact that his purchase was no ordinary person, and upon his arrival at his home, when he was greeted by his son Benjamin, who was a young man, he made a remark, "Ben, I have brought you home a wife." This remark, probably made in jest, proved prophetic, for Ben prevailed upon the mourning Isabella to let him console her, and she became his wife.

In the course of time ten children came to this couple, their names being Louis, Andrew, James, Benjamin, Jonas, Abigail, Sarah, Elizabeth, Francina and George.

Abigail Fortner married William Garrison, probably somewhere about 1770, and he it was who was the ancestor of the Garrison family who have been well known in this locality for over one hundred years. William Garrison and Abigail Fortner had only one child, William, who was later known as "Major," and whose remains now lie in the Old School Baptist graveyard in Hopewell. "Major" William Garrison married Ose Roberts, and had five children: John, Ursula, Abigail, Sarah and Naomi. John Garrison married, for his first wife, Johannah Sutphin, and had six children: Ann, William, Peter, Ose, James and Margaret. His second wife was Martha Titus and the result of this union was seven children, named Joseph, John, Charles, Ose, Sarah, Benjamin and Spencer, all born, and have always lived in the western states.

Ursula Garrison married Walter Skillman, and one of her children, William Garrison Skillman, late of Philadelphia, was well known here. Andrew Garrison removed to Minnesota and was murdered. Elizabeth married Samuel French, of Chicago. Abigail married John Sorter. Sarah Garrison married Spencer Stout Weart and lived all her life at "Hill Top," where George A. Weart now resides. Of her children, and there were nine, only four are now living, namely: William A., of Blawenburg, George W. of Ocean County, Mrs. Jonathan H. Blackwell of Trenton, and Mrs. A. L. Holcombe of this place.

Naomi Garrison married Robert Phillips and moved to Algonquin, Ill., and had six children. One, Dr. Edward H. Phillips of Cape May, is still living and is well known here.

Peter S. Garrison married Hannah Boggs and lived at Blawenburg on a farm that was part of a tract that belonged to Peter Sutphin, his grandfather, and this farm is still in the possession of his son, John B., who is a practicing physician in New York City. James married a Miss Van Cleve and two of their sons are living, Benjamin of Philadelphia and Wellington of Trenton. Ose Garrison married the late John Van Horn Whitlock and lived and died at Blawenburg. Their son, Spener W., still lives at that place. Margaret married Abner Hageman and had one son, James G., who is now living at Rocky Hill, N. J. She married a second time, Abraham J. Voorhees, and two sons by this marriage are still living, namely: William of Trenton and Charles of Chicago. -Hopewell (N. J.) Herald, Dec. 18, 1907.