

## Excerpt from Historical collections relating to the Potts family in Great Britain and America William John Potts

THOMAS POTTS 1 was the fourth and only surviving son of Richard and Anne Pott of Chesterfield Derbyshire England He was baptized at Chesterfield July 12 1647 When about thirty one years of age he together with his family came to America in the good ship the Shield and landed at Burlington New Jersey in December 1678 He was a tanner by occupation and established himself in that business at Burlington where he continued to reside until about 1699 when he removed to Philadelphia where he died in 1726 aged 79 years His signature was very peculiar signing his name either tthomas Potts or ttho Potts and in legal documents he usually described himself as tanner In religious persuasion he was a Baptist He was three possibly four times married and died leaving a widow and an only son Thomas On Dec 23 1680 he purchased a town lot as appears by the following abstract Liber B Part 1 folio 23 at Trenton Thomas Potts One deed of Conveyance bearing date ye Three & all that Lott of Twentieth day of decetnber in the yeare 1680 made Land being an by John Woolston of y one pte unto Thomas Potts Eighth pte of a of y other pte for y Consid acon of ffi ve pounds in a Lott of Land Cowe & Calfe ye said Thomas Potts to ye said John w hin Burling Woolston paid Hee y said John Woolston hath ton called Tho sold &c All that his pcell of Land being one eighth Ollive Town pte of a Lott of Land within Burlington aforesaid Lott from Johu called Thomas Ollive Town Lott abutting north on Woolston the River Dellaware conteyning by estitnacon Two Acres or thereabouts be it more or less now or late in ye tenure of ye said John Woolston or his Assigns And all & singular ways water privileges advantages & Appurtennts to y said Lott or pcell of Land belonging To hold to him ye said Tho Potts his Heirs & Assigns forever Sealed & Delived with endorsm of Livery & before Elizabeth Brewerton & Thomas Revell Acknowledged before Robert Stacy Comr Note Tanning is still an important industry at Chesterfield Derbyshire and it is quite common to see on tombstones the name of So and So tanner Thomas Potts Shield and Family 127 Thomas Potts and Ann Potts were subscribing witnesses to several early marriages among which was that of John Antrim on the 15th day of the 3d month 1682 as appears by the records of the Friends Meeting at Burlington The old Court records of Burlington contain this entry of the marriage of Thomas Bibb and Ruth Kettle Thomas Bibb The marriage between Thomas Bibb & Ruth Kettle & was solemnized the Seaven a twentieth day of July Ruth Kettle Anno 1693 at ye House of Tho Potts in Burlington her ffather in Law before Edw Hunloke Depty Govrnor John Tatham & Tho Revell Justices And before many

other witnesses July 27th 1693 The term father in law was at that date very generally used as a synonym for step father Thomas Potts could scarcely have had a married son deceased at that time indeed Ruth Kettle must have been considerably older than any of Thomas Potts own children hence the only legitimate conclusion is that Thomas Potts had married a widow Kettle who had at least one child Ruth This also accounts for the use of the term children in the passenger list of of the Shield In the Chesterfield Parish registers the name of Thomas Potts wife is given as Joani but after coming to America she is always called Ann Perhaps Ann was a second wife This would explain and in a great measure confirm the tradition that the mother of the infant Thomas died at sea as well as the Ruth Kettle relationship Thomas Potts does not appear to have been identified with any religious denomination after coming to America until 1686 when both he and his wife united with the Baptists and were baptized at Burlington West Jersey by Eli Note Thomas and Ruth Bibb were members of Pennypock Baptist Church where the birth of two of their children are given viz Thoma<sup>9</sup> Bibb born i mo 17 1695 Mary Bibb born 5 mo 24 1698 Thomas Bibb was a Justice of the Peace in 1608 as Keach They were among the founders of the first Baptist Church at Burlington and when that Church ceased to exist in 1699 they joined the Pennypack Church in Philadelphia County Pennsylvania and there continued in membership during life Morgan Edwards in his Materials toward a History of the Baptists in America in a foot note on page 1 13 says There was a little Baptist Church at Burlington planted by Mr Keach Elias about the year 1690 which is one of the two which he is said to have gathered in this country See Crosby Vol 4 p 309 The names of the members were Thomas Bibb Thomas Potts and Ann his wife Nathaniel Douglass and Emblem his wife and Edmund Wells Joseph Wood Ann Gill John Jones Nathaniel West and Elizabeth his wife They broke up and joined Penepek Oct 9 1699 Thomas Potts of Burlington tanner was one of the bondsmen of Mary Ingram as administratrix of the estate of John Ingram deceased in 1694 This bond is still on file and bears the distinctive signature thomas Potts On March 14 1699 Thomas Potts senior of the town and county of Burlington tanner and Anne his wife conveyed by deed to Christopher Wetherill of the same place taylor a Lott of land situate on Island of Burlington containing about 2 acres being 8 part of a lot of land called Thomas Olive's Lott which s 1 Thomas Potts purchased of John Woolston by deed Dec 23 AD 1680 together with dwelling bark mill tanyard &c To secure to the said Christopher Wetherill quiet possession of these premises Thomas Potts senior of the town and county of Burlington tanner and Thomas Potts junior of the township of Springfield in said county yeoman son of the said Thomas Potts senior executed a bond dated March 14th in the 12th year of the reign of William Third Anno 1699 This bond is signed by both Thomas Potts Sr and Thomas

Potts Jr and is recorded at Trenton Thesigna See Liber B Part 2 folio 678 Trenton New Jersey Records ture of Thomas Potts Sr is here given as copied from the original by the late James H Carr Esq Thomas Potts removed to Philadelphia probably in the Spring of 1699 In 1700 he was a subscribing witness to the will of John Bolt of Philadelphia butcher The following is a fac simile of his signature On 9th mo 9 1 701 Ann daughter of Thomas and Ann Potts was buried in the Friends graveyard at Philadelphia This second daughter Ann was probably born in America The minutes of the Common Council of Philadelphia of February 2 1702 show that Thomas Potts is admitted ffreeman of this City paying for his freedome twenty two shillings and sixpence which he had paid for his ffreedome Thomas Potts tanner was one of the executors of the will of Richard Sparks of Philadelphia but late of Liverpool mariner made September 9 171 1 On August 26 171 2 he was a subscribing witness to the will of James Kennison of Philadelphia saddler as shown by his peculiar signature thus Pennypack Baptist Church records the death Ann Potts in 1714 and the Friends Monthly Meeting at Third and Arch Streets Philadelphia shows that Ann wife of Thomas Potts tanner was buried in the Friends graveyard on 7 mo 9 1714 He did not long remain a widower as the Penny pack Baptist records show that he married Grace Farmer in 1 7 1 5 She had been baptized at Pennypack in 1699 by John Watts She did not long survive her marriage as the Friends records show that she was buried in the Philadelphia graveyard on 6 mo 15 1 7 1 5 In 1 7 1 6 he married Alice Pusser She had been baptized at Pen1 ypack by Thomas Griffith in 1705 The baptism and marriage are bo h entered upon the Pennypack Church records Man Powell of Philadelphia widow made her will September 13 1 7 1 8 Among others she names her grandchildren children of Judith and Abel Morgan and appoints Abel Morgan as her executor She mentions Thomas Potts Sr and his son Thomas Potts Jr tanners and Thomas Bibb tanner Thomas Potts Sr tanner in his will in 1725 made a bequest to Judith Morgan daughter of Thomas Griffith and late wife of Abel Morgan Thomas Potts died at Philadelphia September 4 1726 aged 79 years and was probably buried in the Friends graveyard The Pennypack Church has this record Thomas potts dyed at ditto Philadelphia Sept 4 1726 His will bears date of February 25 1724 5 and was proven at Philadelphia November 18 1726 It is recorded in Will Book E page 8 and is as follows The Will of Thomas Potts Tanner In the name of God Amen I Thomas Potts of the City of Philadelphia in the Province of Pensylvania Tanner Being aged and weak in Body but of sound and perfect Memory praise be given to God for the same and knowing the uncertainty of this Life on earth and being desirous to settle things in order Do make this my Last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say First and principally I Commend my Soul to Almighty God my Note Rev Abel Morgan son of Rev Morgan

Rydderch and pastor at Penny pack Baptist Church was three times married His first wife was Priscilla Powell and third wife Judith Griffith See Penn Mag of Hist and Biog Vol VI p 500 Creator assuredly Believing that I shall receive full pardon and free remission of all my sins & be saved by the precious Death and Merits of my Blessed Savior & redeemer Christ Jesus And my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be Buried in such Decent & Christian Manner as my executor hereafter named shall be thought Meet & Convenient And as touching such worldly Estate as the Lord in his Mercy hath Lent me my will & meaning is the same shall be Employed & Bestowed as hereafter by this my will is Exprest First I will that all my Just Debts & funeral Charges be fully paid and discharged Item I give and bequeath unto my Dear and well beloved wife Alice the sum of forty shillings Current money of Pennsylvania afores 1 to be paid in one month next after my Decease And I also Give and Bequeath unto my said Wife the sum of Twelve pounds Money afores Yearly Income to be paid unto her by even and Equal Quarterly payments every Year During her Natural Life I do Likewise give her my best feather Bed with all its appurtenances and the furniture of one Room or Chamber all which s 1 Legacies & Bequeaths I do give to my said wife in Lieu for a full recompense & Satisfaction of her Dower & Title of Dower or thirds of all my Estate both real & personal Item I give and Bequeathe unto my grandson Thomas Potts all that my Land & Lott of Ground Lying In Gilberts Alley formerly belonging to Arthur Wells Containing In front to the sd Alley fifteen foott Together with Buildings tenements hereditements and appurtenances whatsoever thereon standing being belonging or in any wise appertaining To hold to him and his heirs and assigns forever also I give to my s Grandson my Coate plate buttons & a small silver Breaker Item I Give to each of the other Children of my son Thomas Potts the Just sum of five pounds a piece Money afores 1 to be paid to each of them when they attain their respective age of eighteen Years or marry which shall first happen Item I Give & Bequeath unto my Good Friend Thomas Griffith Minister of the Gospel amongs the Baptist the Sum of Twenty Shillings money afores 1 to Be paid to him in Six Months next after my Decease Item I give to Judith Morgan Daughter of Thomas Griffith & Late wife of Abel Morgan the Just Sum of twenty Shillings of Like Money to be paid to her also within Six Months after my Decease And all the rest and residue of my Estate Messaages Land & Premises with the appurtenances Both real & Personal whatsoever & wheresoever the Same may & shall be found and of what kind Nature or Species the Same may be I Give and Bequeath the Same to my Son Thomas Potts to Hold to him his heirs and assigns for ever And I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Thomas Potts Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament Hereby Revoking Disallowing & making void all former and other will or wills by me heretofore made and Declared Either by word or wrighting Declaring this to be

My Last will & Testament In Witness whereof I have herunto set my hand and Seal this twenty fifth day of February In the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Twenty four five 1724 5 Sealed Signed Published and Declared to be his last will and Testament in the Sight and presence of us Andrew Edge George Sharswood Alexander Legg Philad Novr 18 1726 Then personally appear 1 Andrew Edge George Sharswood two of the witnesses to the foregoing will and upon their Oaths did Declare the same to be his last will and Testament and that at the doing thereof he was of sound mind memory and understanding to the best of their knowledge Coram Pet Evans Reg Genl Be it remembered that on the 18th day of Novr 1726 the Last Will and Testament of Thomas Potts deceased was proved in due form of Law and Probate and Letters Testamentary were Granted unto Thomas Potts sole Executor therein named being first sworn well and truly to administer the said dece Estate and bring an Inventory thereof into the Register General's Office at Philadelphia at or before the 18th day of Decr next And also to render an acc t when thereunto Lawfully required Given under the Seal of the s 1 Office TP Pet Evans Reg Genl Children of Thomas and Joani Potts 2 Anna Potts bap Dec 5 1675 bur OA 26 1676 3 Thomas Potts bap Dec 30 1677 d Feb 2 1754 m 1st Mary Records 2d Mary Borden 3d Rebecca Wright nee Stacey Child of Thomas and Anne Potts 4 Anne Potts b bur 9 mo Nov 9 1701 3 Thomas Potts 2 Junior Thomas 1 Richard was baptized at Chesterfield Derbyshire England Dec r 30 1677 and the next year was brought to America with his parents In 1699 he is mentioned as of Springfield Township Burlington County but afterwards of Mansfield where he owned laud by purchase as well as by gift from his father in law How long he continued in Mansfield is not apparent In 1741 to 1744 he was living in Southampton Township Bucks County Pennsylvania but in 1745 he had returned to Burlington County He seems to have been three times married and died in Burlington County Feb 2 1754 He is usually spoken of as Thomas Potts Jr but for the purpose of distinction he will be referred to in this work when necessary as Thomas Potts Jr Mansfield In 1697 Thomas Potts Junr bought land in Mansfield Township as appears from the following abstract taken from Liber B Part 2 folio 613 Trenton records Thomas Potts junr 144 Acres except 8 acres before granted to Edw Boulton from George Porter date March 5 1697 Between George Porter of y County of Burlington in the Province of West Jersey yeo and man Thomas Potts junr of ye County of Burlington yeoman Consideration 60 144 Acres being part of that 150 acres purchased by the said Geo Porter of ffrancis Austin by Deed of Conveyance dated Jany 2 1697 Situated on y next creek north from John Woolstons & lying between ye lands of sd John Woolston & Thomas Revell within ye Township of Mansfield in ye county of Burlington except & reserved forth by ye sd 144 acres 8 acres thereof heretofore by ye sd George

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Potts retaining one fourth interest for himself The forge was completed in the summer of 1725 and was probably operated for a few years but no account of it has been obtained The property afterwards passed into the hands of a Mr Lewis of Philadelphia Thomas Potts had emigrated in the Shield which brought so many emigrants to West Jersey Joseph Borden furnished the capital for his son in law Referring to the same property the Pennsylvania Gazette of December 20 1739 contains the following advertisement To BE Sou Three fourth parts of an Iron Work and Grist Mill scituate within half a Mile of Burdens Town in the County of Burlington lying about the Distance of a small mile up a Navigable Creek which empties into the Delaware River close by Burdens town whereby the Water Carriage up and down that River is rendered very commodious Together with three fourths of 17 acres of Land and 3 Acres of Meadow purchased for Iron Oar Also a Coal House and many other Necessaries for carrying on the said Work tho now somewhat out of Repair Any person inclined to purchase the same may apply to Samuel Bustill of Burlington and John Cox of Trenton Attorneys at Law two of the Executors of Daniel Cox Esq deceased who are empowered to sell the same where they may be inform d of the Conditions of sale NB Mr Thomas Potts who owns the other Quarter Part of the Premises will be inclined to sell with the said Executors on reasonable Terms Note Mr AN Hungerford informs the compiler hereof that the deeds are recorded in the Burtingtou boots Two questions arise one as to the identity of Joseph Borden and the other as to the identity of Thomas Potts mentioned in the foregoing transactions There were at the time not only several Thomas Potts but also several Joseph Bordens Those who have written upon the subject seem to have assumed that this Joseph Borden was he who subsequently became the founder of Bordentown To say the least this seems very improbable Joseph Borden the founder of Bordentown and son of Benjamin Borden was born May 1 2 1687 which would make him at the signing of the deed not yet 38 years of age It seems unlikely that he had a married daughter at that date His biographers place the time of his marriage at about the year 17 16 and his children are all accounted for and no daughter married a Thomas Potts but two of them did marry sons of Thomas Potts Jr Mansfield subsequently Again there is no evidence that Joseph Borden the founder had a step son Thomas Potts who might have been designated as son in law or that he had a step daughter who may have married a Thomas Potts It is also alleged that the first purchase of land by Joseph Borden the founder at Farnsworths Landing was not made until 1724 It is therefore assumed that the Joseph Borden of the foregoing deed was not Joseph Borden the founder There were at the date of making the deed six Thomas Potts in West Jersey and Pennsylvania of marriageable age if we include Thomas son of Thomas Potts Jr Mansfield then just past 18 years of age All these are fairly well accounted for and the only one who

may have married a daughter of a Joseph Borden before 1725 seems to be Thomas Potts Jr Mansfield On account of the Note As Joseph Borden had seven children and the youngest was born in 1723 he must have married at an earlier date t Note Thomas Farnsworth of England landed at Burlington in 1677 located on the site of Bordentown became the owner of 548 acres of land and established a ferry there known as Farnsworths Landing 137 great disparity of the ages of his elder and younger children it seems probable that they were by different wives Furthermore Mary the wife of this Thomas Potts died April 2 1741 aged 56 years 8 months 26 days This shows that she was born about September 5 1684 If this Mary Potts was Mary Records then she was less than 14 years of age at the time of her marriage in 1698 which is extremely improbable Therefore while not positively proven it is reasonably certain that Thomas Potts Jr Mansfield married for his second wife Mary daughter of Joseph Borden Thomas Potts was the executor of his father's will and will he became possessed of a lot of ground on Chestnut Street Philadelphia which he sold in 1728 as appears from the following deed recorded in Deed Book H page 78 Deed of Thomas Potts to George House This Indenture made the 10th day of March in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Eight Between Thomas Potts only son and heir at law of Thomas Potts late of the City of Philadelphia in the Province of Pennsylvania Tanner deceased of the one Part and George House of the said City Cordwainer of the other part Witnesseth that the said Thomas Potts the son for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty five Pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania to him paid by the said George House hath granted bargained sold enfeoffed and confirmed and by these presents doth grant bargain sell enfeoff and confirm unto the said George House and to his heirs and assigns a Certain Lot or Piece of Ground situate in the said City of Thirteen foot Six inch s breadth and length Fifty one foot bounded northward with Chestnut Street eastward with Caleb Cash's house and ground southward with a Lot of the late Henry Tregany now Thomas Peters and westward with a Lot late of William Budd now also of the said Thomas Peters which piece of Ground was formerly granted by Caleb Cash of said City last maker unto William Carter of the same place Block maker in Fee by Deed dated the thirtieth of September One Thousand Seven Hundred and on Record at Philadelphia aforesaid Book B Vol 3 page 276 Who granted unto Daniel Gaunt of the said City Cordwainer in fee by Indenture on the First day of Oc tober One Thousand seven Hundred and on Record at Philadelphia Book E3 Vol 6 page 19 Paying unto the said William Carter his heirs and assigns forever the yearly Rent of Two Pounds Four Shillings and Nine Pence Half Penny at two Days of payment in the year Viz the Twenty five of March and Twenty ninth of September by equal Portions the first Payment at the Twenty fifth day of March next ensueing the date of the same indenture And the said Daniel Gaunt granted the



same piece of Ground unto the said Thomas Potts in Fee by Indenture of the Second of October One thousand Seven Hundred and on record at Philadelphia aforesaid Book E5 Vol 7 Page 122 under the rent aforesaid as by the same Deed and Indentures Relation thereunto had appears Together with the Walls Bricks Timber and Stuff On the same Lot being or thereto belonging Which remain unconsumed by a conflagration that lately happened unto a messuage thereon lately being Together also with all and singular the Cellar Walls Ways Walls Waters Watercourses Easements Rights Liberties Privileges Hereditaments and Appurtenances unto the same piece of Ground hereby Granted belonging and the Reversions and Remainders thereof To have and to hold the said piece of Ground and Premises hereby granted or mentioned to be granted with the appurtenances unto the said George House his heirs and assigns forever under the yearly Quit Rent hereafter accruing for the same to the Chief Lord of the Fee thereof and subject to the said Yearly Rent of Two Pounds Four Shillings Nine Pence Half Penny herein before recited as the same shall hereafter grow due and the said Thomas Potts the Son and his heirs the said piece of Ground and Premises hereby Granted or mentioned to be granted with the appurtenances unto the said George House his heirs and assigns against him the said Thomas Potts party hereto and his Heirs and against all and every other person whatsoever lawfully claiming or to claim by from or under him them or any of them or by from or under the said Thomas Potts the father shall and will under the several rents aforesaid Warrant and forever defend by these presents and the said Thomas Potts party hereto for himself his Heirs Executors and Administrators doth covenant promise and grant to and with the said George House his Heirs and Assigns by these presents That the said Thomas Potts Party hereto and his heirs and all and every other Person or Persons having claimed or to claim any Estate Right Title or Interest of in or to the Premises or any part or parcel thereof by from or under him them or any of them or by from or under the said Thomas Potts the father shall and will at the request cost and charges in Law of the said George House his heirs and assigns make execute and acknowledge or cause so to be all and every such further and other reasonable act and acts Deed or Deeds Device or Devices in Law whatsoever for the further and better assurance and confirmation of the said Lot or Piece of Ground Hereditaments and Premises hereby granted or mentioned to be granted with the appurtenances under the said several Rents Unto the said George House his heirs and assigns as by him or them or by his or their Counsel learned in the Law shall be reasonably devised advised or required In Witness whereof the said Parties to these Presents have interchangeably set their hands and seals hereunto Dated the day and year first above written Thomas Potts Seal Sealed and Delivered in the presence of us Thomas Test Joseph Brientnall Indorsed Received the Day

of the Date of the within written Indenture of the within named George House the sum of Twenty five Pounds It being the consideration money mentioned and Received Witnesses Present at signing j me Tho Potts Thomas Test Joseph Brientnall In 1 741 Thomas Potts is found in Southampton Township Bucks County Pennsylvania His wife died April 2 1 741 and was buried in the Southampton Baptist graveyard Her tombstone bears the following inscription In Memory of Mary late wife of Thomas Potts Deceased April 2d 1741 Aged 56 years 8 months 26 days On September 24 1 741 Thomas Potts yeoman of Southampton Township Bucks County purchased 5 acres and 60 perches in the Manor of Moreland from Isaac Walton and Sarah his wife of Byberrv Like his father he mindful of the Biblical injunction that It is not good that man should be alone again married about March 1742 as his third wife Rebecca widow of See Deed Book I page s at Philadelphia Joshua Wright and daughter of Mahlon and Rebecca Stacy The following is the record of the license as it appears in the License Book in the office of the Secretary of State at Trenton New Jersey License of Marriage on the Eighth Day of March AD 1742 was granted by his Excellency Lewis Morris Esqr Governor &c unto Thomas Potts of Southampton in the County of Bucks in the province of pennyslv Gent of the one party & Rebecca Wright of New Hanover in the County of Bur1 Widow of the other party Arch Home Secry Rebecca Stacy the seventh child of Mahlon and Rebecca was born June 8 1684 and married Joshua Wright June 7 1705 and had children Joshua Mahlon Nathan David Elizabeth and Rebecca On February 3 1743 Thomas Potts of Southampton Township in the County of Bucks conveyed unto his son Joshua Potts of the Manor of Moreland County of Philadelphia yeoman a messuage and lot of land in Hatborough in the Manor of Moreland on the York Road Mahlon Stacy Jr of Burlington County New Jersey siezed of lands died intestate leaving as heirs his sisters Mary Pownell Ruth Atkinson and Rebecca Potts and the children of his deceased sisters Amos Januey and Mahlon Kirkbride On March 5 1742 and just prior to her marriage with Thomas Potts Rebecca Wright conveyed a share of her inheritance as an heir to the estate of her brother The Stact Familt Mahlon Stacy and family of Handworth Yorkshire England came passengers in the Shield and settled in Burlington Countt New Jersey His wife's name was Rebecca He died 2 mo 5 1704 Their children were 1 John Stacy b 9 mo 30 1671 2 Elizabeth Stacy b 3 mo 17 1673 m Abel Janney 1 mo 7 1699 1700 3 Sarah Stacy b 7 mo 4 1675 m Joseph Kirkbride 10 mo 3 1702 4 Mary Stacy b 4 mo 12 1677 m Reuben Pownell I mo 7 1699 1700 5 Ruth Stacy b 1 mo 30 1680 m 1st William Beakes 3 mo 3 1705 m 2nd Samuel Atkinson 7 mo 12 1714 6 Rebecca Stacy b 7 mo 30 1682 dy 7 Rebecca Stacy b 4 mo 8 16S4 m 1st Joshua Wright 4 n10 7 1705 md 2nd Thomas Potts March 8 1742 8 Mahlon Stacy b 2 mo 7 1686 m Sarah Bainbridge 3 mo I 1712 Mahlon Stacy deceased to

her six children In the division of the estate certain parts fell to heirs who convey to others as shown by the abstracts of deeds given below Sept 19 1744 Samuel Atkinson of Burlington County yeoman and Ruth his wife Amos Jauney of Fairfax County Va yeoman Mahlon Kirkbride Esq of Bucks County Pa and Thomas Atkinson of Burlington County yeoman convey to Thomas Potts Esq of Bucks County and Rebecca his wife Joshua Wright Mahlon Wright Nathan Wright David Wright John Terry and Rebecca his wife and Isaac Knight Jr of Philadelphia County yeoman and Elizabeth his wife Mary Pownell had before conveyed her interest to Thomas Atkinson See Liber GH page 281 West Jersey Deeds Sept 19 1744 Thomas Potts and Rebecca his wife and Mahlon Kirkbride of Bucks County Samuel Atkinson and wife Ruth Thomas Atkinson yeoman Joshua Wright Mahlon Wright Nathan Wright David Wright John Terry and wife Rebecca Isaac Knight and wife Elizabeth to Amos Jauney of Fairfax County Va certain property in Hunterdon County NJ See Liber GH page 400 Sept 19 1744 Thomas Potts et al to Mahlon Kirkbride See GH page 403 1 Sept 19 1744 Thomas Potts et al to Thomas Atkinson of Burlington County part of the estate of Mahlon Stacy 416 acres and allowance another tract of 400 acres and 51V acres part of 370 acres near Trenton See Liber GH page 406 Dec 12 1745 Thomas Potts and Rebecca his wife of Burlington County et al lawful successors to the estate of Mahlon Stacy late of Burlington County constitute Samuel Atkinson and Joshua Wright attorneys to sell lands in Northampton Township and one third of iron works and furnace on Neshaminy See GH page 380 April 17 1747 Thomas Potts and Rebecca his wife of New Jersey et al to John Abraham De Normandie of the County of Bucks merchant for 300 one third part of 345 acres with furnace forges &c in Northampton Township Burlington County late the estate of Mahlon Stacy See Liber H page 115 Oct 17 1750 Thomas Potts Esq and Rebekah his wife of Burlington County et al to John Monrow of Northampton Township yeoman for 40 some meadow ground late of Mahlon Stacy in Northampton See Liber L page 56 In a deed dated January 1 1754 made by Thomas Potts and Rebecca his wife of Mansfield Township Burlington County he mentions the natural love and affection he bears to his son William Potts yeoman On the same day he conveyed land in Mansfield Township which he had bought in 1724 to Nathaniel Potts of the same place for 200 Thomas Potts like his father was a Baptist The Pen nypack Baptist Church records show that both he and Mary his wife were baptized at Cold Spring June 29 1707 by Evan Morgan He was one of the original members at the organization of the Baptist Church at Southampton Bucks County Pennsylvania in 1746 when his son Joshua Potts became its first stated pastor He died February 2 1754 and was buried in the Baptist graveyard at Bordentown Burlington County The following record thereof is copied from the Southampton Baptist Church books 1754

Thomas Potts Died at his House in West Jersey the 11th Day of February and was Buried at Burdowntown the 4th of the same Month aged 76 years and one month His tombstone still remains in the old Baptist graveyard at Bordentown and bears the inscription as given below See illustration Here Lyeth the Body of Thomas Potts who Departed this Life February the 21 1754 Aged 76 Years and one Month His will made the Thirtieth day of January in the Year of our Lord 1754 is on file at Trenton New Jersey Note The Southampton church was built in 1731 and used for monthly services by some members of Pennypack Baptist Church living in that neighborhood and a Society of Quakers until 1746 when it was incorporated as a Baptist Church with Rev Joshua Potts as the first Pastor Shield 143 and recorded in Liber 8 page 29 It was proven February 27 1754 He mentions the following Son Nathaniel Potts 5 s he having already been provided for Son Joshua Potts 250 and a lot in Burlington Son William Potts 5 s he having heretofore been provided for Daughter Rebecca Cox's children too to be divided among them Daughter Ann Folwell too wife of William Folwell Daughter Mary wife of John Cox 100 My son Thomas Potts's children 100 to be divided among them Wife Rebecca Potts 5 having heretofore well provided for her by an instrument signed by me and in the hands of Samuel Atkinson and use of a room called parlor and conveniences as well as services of negro woman Anjelico as long as Rebecca remains my widow He had lands and meadows adjoining William Black's plantation in Mansfield Township and known as Great Meadows He had negro slaves Jafat a mulatto Jack a negro and Angelico a negro His executors were sons Joshua and William Potts and son in law Thomas Cox The witnesses were John Bates and Jeremiah Bates Quakers and Thomas Folks The inventory filed amounted to 836 6 0 Joshua Potts William Potts and Thomas Cox were duly sworn as executors on February 27 1754 Here is given a fair copy of his signature as appended to The compiler has been unable to procure any other copy of his autograph and as this was written in old age and only three days before his decease when he was in feeble health it is not to be taken as a fair sample Thomas Potts Jr was the father of five sons and three daughters all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood except perhaps the eldest who probably died young The old Burlington Book of Records 1680 contains the following entry in the back part of the book Thomas Potts married Mary Records June 20 1698 Richard Potts born on Sunday Dec 17 1699 about 8th hour at night the will On The following records of births are taken from an old Bible in possession of the family at Trenton Richard ye sonne of Thomas and Mary Potts was borne on Sunday ye 7th day of December Anno 1699 about 8th hour at night Thomas Potts son of Thomas Potts and Mary his wife of Mansfield County of Burlington grandson of Thomas Potts late of Philadelphia Tanner was born on 17 day of 10th Month old style Anno Domini 1706 Children of Thomas Jr and Mary

Records Potts 5 Richard Potts b Dec 17 1699 No further account 6 Rebecca Potts b m Thomas Cox 7 Ann Potts b Nov 26 1704 m William Folwell Dec 6 1727 8 Thomas Potts b 10 mo 17 1705 6 d 1742 m Sarah Beakes 9 Mary Potts b m John Cox 10 Nathaniel Potts b d June 1761 m Susanna Kallam Children of Thomas Jr and Mary Borden Potts 11 Joshua Potts b 1719 d June 18 1761 m Ann Borden 12 William Potts b 1721 d July 15 1783 m Amy Borden.



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