

APPENDIX I

**TRANSCRIPT OF THE HISTORY OF AN EARLY 18TH CENTURY
GENN FAMILY IN THE VIRGINIA - MARYLAND AREA**

Written by Reverend Nathan Genn in 1883

and received from
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of Malvern, Pennsylvania
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This Document Identifies With Reasonable Certainty,
the Birth and Origins of

WILLIAM GENN, (1754 - 1835)

the Great Grandfather of

DIOGO MADDISON GENN, (1844 - 1877)

From Whom Descended the Genn Family of Canada

Structure, spelling and punctuation has been modified and brought in line with current usage. Variation in the spelling of personal names are as found. Words in brackets have been added for clarity. Pages 1 to 46 and page 61 were left blank in the original, presumably to allow for earlier notes at a later date.

Family Record of Nathan Genn, son of Thomas the Blacksmith, gathered up as far back as 1750. Commencing with the two brothers that came from Virginia, James (Genn) and Thomas (Genn), his brother. We will copy some of the papers in our possession that can be relied upon. First in reference to Thomas.

First a Grant of land, unto James Byrne of St.Mary's County, the 15th day, 1750. Said wt. being assigned to me from said Byrne, for, and in consideration of forty shillings current money of Maryland, as witness my hand and seal,
Witness
Thomas (his x mark) Jones

James Genn

John Carey, Land Office, Dorchester County, Rent Roll, 1733, folio 156, Piney Neck surveyed for Samuel Fountain, the 17th day of February 1743. Beginning at a marked white oak, standing on the north side of a branch, called Vans Branch, that makes out of the South side of the Great Choptank River, and near the dwelling plantation of Thomas Fountains. Patented 26 August 1748. Esefr Taskers, Receiver for Rent, to Michaelmass 1748 180 acres
Thomas Genn from Samuel Fountain and Wife, September 2nd 1752.

This and other lands to William Wilson Jr., from James Genn, 7th March 1771
182 acres

Same book, folio 177, Skinners Chance surveyed for John Skinner the 29th December 1742. Beginning at two bounded white oaks, standing near the old path that leads from said Skinners to Choptank River or bridge. Patented to Samuel Fountain, the 29th September 1748. The Agents Receiver for Rent to Michaelmass 1748. Thomas Genn from Samuel Fountain and Wife, September 2nd 1752, by name, Skinners Chance.

The Deeds are on record in Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland, as follows:

Lib J C Book, folio 634. Samuel Fountain, gentleman, and Mary, his wife of Dorchester County in the Province of Maryland, to Thomas Genn of the County and Province aforesaid, for 36 pounds paper money of Maryland, land at Pinne Neck in the said County, on the south side of the Great Choptank, beginning at a marked white oak, standing near the overgoing of Vauns Branch, being the beginning tree of said track

of land containing one hundred and eighty acres. Dated September 2nd 1752. Recorded November 15th, 1752.

Same book, folio 643, Samuel Fountain, gentleman, and Mary, his wife, of Dorchester County, in the Province of Maryland, of the one part, and Thomas Genn, ship carpenter, of the Province and County aforesaid, of the other part. A tract of land called, and known by the name of Skinners Chance, lying and being in the aforesaid County, and on the borders thereof, beginning at two bounded white oaks, standing near an old path, which leads from John Skinners former dwelling house to Choptank Bridge, and containing eighty acres of land. more or less, the rent to the Lord of the soil only excepted, September 2, 1752.

The above named land, and others in the mean time obtained, were sold by James Genn, the eldest son of Thomas Genn, as follows, Lib R S Book No.6 folio. This indenture made this twenty sixth day of January in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and seventy one (26 January 1771), by and between James Genn, son and heir of Thomas Genn, of Dorchester County, in the Province of Maryland, deceased, of the one part, and William Juell of the Province and County aforesaid, of the other part. Witnesseth, Skinners Chance corrected, seventy nine and one half acres.

Witnesses

James Genn

Thomas White

Benson Stanton

This indenture made the seventh day of March in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and seventy one (7 March 1771), between James Genn of Dorchester County of the Province of Maryland, mariner, of the one part, and William Wilson Jr., of Talbot County and Province aforesaid, planter, of the other part. Witnesseth, that the said James Genn, for, and in consideration and sells land near the head of Choptank Rivere called Hayes Adventure, containing fifty acres, more or less, and Genn's Sand Hill, containing thirty acres of land, more or less, and Kollock's Cow Pasture, containing one hundred acres of land, more or less, and also his part of Piney Neck, containing one hundred and eighty two acres, more or less, together with a resurvey called Cape Ann, which resurvey includes the aforesaid tracts of land, beginning for the outline, of the lands resurveyed, at a marked cedar post,

standing close on the east side of Great Choptank River, and about forty feet above the dwelling house, which Thomas Genn formerly lived in, it being the beginning of the original Hays Adventure vc
James Genn
Witnesses
Thomas White Recorded
Benson Stanton March 14th 1771

Below are memorandums from the records relating to the settlement of the estate of Thomas Genn, Prerogative Office, Annapolis md, Maryland.

Know all men by these presents, that we, Cecelia Ginn, Eliab Vinson, and Thomas Smith, son of William of Dorchester County, are held and firmly bound unto the Right Honorable, the Lord of the Province and sealed with our seals, and dated this eighth day of March in the seventeenth year of this said Lordship's Dominion and Anno Domini 1768 (8 March 1768). The conditions of the above obligation is such that if the above bound administoratrix, of all and singular, the goods and chattels, rights and credits of Thomas Ginn, late of Dorchester, deceased, do make or cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of all and singular and signed, sealed and delivered
In the presence of
J. Richardson Jr.
Ralph Green

Ann Arundel County

Lib WD Book No.7, folio 46 to 50 inclusive
Inventory of the goods and chattels of Thomas Genn, late, of Dorchester County, deceased, appraised in current money, as came to our sight and knowledge, among the items are

1 new vessel frame on the stocks	25#	0s.	0d.
Lime 1/6 666 foot in 1/2 oak plank @ 5 1/6	1#	18s.	0d.
1273 foot of 1 1/4 in pine ditto @ 4/-	2#	10s.	11d.
112 foot 2in ditto ditto @ 5/-	0#	5s.	10d.

Samuel Fountain
John Doherty Appraisers

Examined and approved by James Genn a brother Samuel Genn, son of Thomas Ginn

Lib. WD.7 book No.10 folio 172 and 173, additional inventory of
estate of Thomas Genn
approved by Samuel Genn nearest
 Josiah Genn akin

Book A folio 127 Caroline County a copy of the Dorchester County
Record, final account. Representatives, the widow and 7
children, born:

James
Josiah
Anne
Samuel
Sarah
Thomas
and Mary, children of the deceased.

On the 12th day of July, Anno Domini 1770 (12 July 1770), Secely
Genn the foregoing accountant made oath and which thereupon
after due examination by virtue of a special commission from the
Prerogative Office, for that purpose to me directed passed by
Jno Goldsborough Dy. Com. for Dorchester County.

Thomas Genn being a brother of James who came from the Colony of
Virginia must have been also from Virginia. This is the facts
as far as we now have them. We are indebted to Mr. Thomas
Smith, formerly of Boston, Massachusetts, but hailing from
Philadelphia when we received these papers which we have
transcribed. He has taken much pains to look them up. He fully
believes the papers to be correct, and that James Genn and
Thomas Genn were brothers and came from Virginia. He offers
another proof of these facts in the transaction or purchase of
600 acres of land by William Hughtlett, Thomas Hughlet his son,
and James Genn, of Thomas Baker. This entire statement will be
found on page 53 and 54. There can be no doubt that the papers
Mr. Smith presents are correct, backed up by the old family
Bible that was the property of James Genn, now the property of
Robert Jarman, a great grandson of James Genn with myself, N.
Genn. Mr. Thomas Smith's mother was a great granddaughter of
Thomas Genn, brother of James. Of course, Mr. Smith is desirous
to trace out the family of Thomas Genn as he is of that branch
of the family. Myself and family are of the other, James Genn,
(branch).

Written March 30, 1883, by N. Genn, great grandson of James
Genn.

Mr. Smith is of the opinion, I presume he is correct, that the
widow of Thomas Genn, Cecely - sometimes I see it spelled Secely
- who administered on the estate of Thomas Genn was not the

mother of his seven children, and gives very conclusive reason for his belief. First, there is no intimation of it to be found anywhere among the papers that such was the fact. And again he said the children, all of them, left as soon as the estate was closed, and some of them before. We find today that some of their descendents are found in New England. One of the sons settled in Maine. Mrs. Grant, great granddaughter of Thomas lives there at this writing. So we think, with Mr. Smith, that Secely was not the mother of those seven children above named, but that they were by a former wife. Who she was remains to be looked up. Or who Secely the widow was before her marriage to Thomas Genn we know not. We have no family records of Thomas Genn. The old Bible I have spoken of was the Bible containing the records of James Genn and that is why we know so much more of James Genn and family than we do of Thomas Genn and his family. We find on the administratrix bond of Secelia, widow, the names of Eliab Vinson and Thomas Smith, son of William of Dorchester County.

The names of the children as before stated are:

James,	born, October 4, 1745 in Virginia died, April 17, 1818 in Bucksport, Maine
Josiah,	born, December 7, 1749 in Virginia died, July 16, 1830
Anne,	born, October 15, 1755 in Maryland
Samuel,	born, June 23, 1753 in Maryland
Sarah,	born, February 23, 1759 in Maryland
Thomas,	born, May 6, 1762 married, April 20, 1786 died, April 23, 1817
Mary,	died young

Josiah seems to be the only one that remained settled in these parts. He owned property 4 miles north of Greensboro and lived there for many years, known as Genn's Shops or Church. Regular service was held in the church. There was also a school, regularly kept up for many years. I have been told by my father, Thomas the Smith that Josiah and his sons built the church. My father bought the property of Josiah early in the year of 1812. Josiah and family moved out west to Indiana the same year.

The above was written by N. Genn, great grandson of James, March 30, 1883.

Family record of Nathan Genn, great grandson of James, and as we have left this page for some other things connected with my great grandfather. We state one quite interesting, it is as

follows:

A letter written by him, my great grandfather, to James, the oldest son of his brother Thomas,

Bridgetown,
Queen Ann County
Maryland
February 25, 1770

This comes to let you know we are all well and have long expected you and am surprised you never have sent to me since you left me knowing how you left your affairs here, being in a very bad manner, and beg of all love to come or send against harvest or it will be a great hurt to you for you will certainly loose some of your land, and negros is said to be left in security to Mr. Hardcastle for the money you had and he, it is said, three times selling him after his time is up, and if it is so, I shall be obliged to advance the money to save him. But I do not know the certainty of it. He is still using the timber at a great rate which is a hurt at so low a price. I have not settled with the widow. She has recovered the money of garrer no more but remain your loving uncle,

James Genn

Tis as you left it
Dont fail

On the back of the letter is written:

To

Capt.

James Genn at Cape Ann
New England

The above is a true copy of the original letter. It was sent to us by Mrs. Grant, a great granddaughter of the original Thomas, and granddaughter of the Captain James to whom the letter was sent. The old original letter is in my possession at this time, dated February 25, 1770. Its age at the time of this writing is 113 years, 1 month, 10 days.

Written this 4th day of April 1883, by Nathan Genn, great grandson of the original James Genn.

The earliest record we have of our people is of James Genn who came from Virginia and this information is from a record of which the following is a copy: Lib R T Book No. 6, folio 443, Queen Anns County, July, seventeenth day Anno Dom, seventeen hundred and fifty, (July 17, 1750)

The following deed was brought to be recorded, viz: This indenture made the second day of February in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and forty nine, (2 February 1749) between John Baker, Planter, of St.Marys County, in the Province of Maryland, of the one part, and William Hughlett and Thomas Hughlett, his son, and James Genn of the Colony of Virginia, gentlemen, of the other part. Witnesseth that the said John Baker, for and in consideration of the sum of eighty pounds gold or silver currency of this Province of Maryland, in whole money, and not in paper currency by the said William Hughlett, Thomas Hughlett and James Genn, to him the said John Baker in hand paid at the receipt thereof.

Him the said John Baker doth hereby acknowledge himself content and paid, hath given granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents, doth grant, bargain and sell unto the said William Hulett, Thomas Hulett and James Genn, their heirs and assigns forever, all his the said John Bakers right, title and interest in and unto a certain tract of land called, and known by the name of Bakers Planes, lying and being in Queen Annes County, near the head of great Choptank River, in the Province aforesaid, containing six hundred acres of land, more or less, and being a warrant of land, granted John Baker, of St.Marys City, inholder, father to the aforesaid John Baker, bearing date: July the seventeenth day in the year sixteen hundred and eighty (July 17, 1680) and laid out August the sixth in the same year, for six hundred acres of land, more or less, beginning at a marked white oak, standing near the side of a branch and near to a parcel of land called Old Town, and on the north-west side of Great Choptank River, running with the river, north-east,

three hundred perches, to a marked peck hickory standing near the side of a branch, and from the said peck hickory north-west three hundred and twenty perches, and from the end of north-west line, south-west three hundred perches, from the end of

southwest line, southeast three hundred and twenty perches to the first named tree, containing six hundred acres, more or less. The above mentioned six hundred acres being the above said six hundred acres of land as by the cases mentioned, the said James Genn is to have for his part or share of the aforesaid tract of land, two hundred acres of land laid out at the eastern part of the said six hundred acres of land according as he the said James Genn shall think most suitable to him, together with all privileges and advantages belonging to said land and all its appertances to have and to hold the said parcel of land and house, orchards, gardens, and all others, the appertances belonging to the premises and to the only proper use of behoof of them.

The said William Hughlett, Thomas Hughlett and James Genn, in manner and form aforesaid, their heirs and assigns forever, and the said John Baker for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators and in manner and form following, that the said land and premises is free and clear from all manner of incumbrances, the rents now due, or hereafter to grow due to the Lord of the soil only excepted, and the said William Hughlett, Thomas Hughlett and James Genn, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns has in the said land an absolute clear and sure estate of inheritance, which the said John Baker doth hereby oblige himself, his heirs, executors, administrators and to warrant and will forever defend the said land from any person or persons, laying any just right, property or claim thereunto, by, from, or under him or them, to the said William Hughlett, Thomas Hughlett and James Genn, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever in witness thereof, the said John Baker has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

John Baker

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of us
Richard Barnhouse
James Biscoe

At the time this purchase of land was made, - see on next page.

and for the twenty four years afterward, the dividing line between Queen Annes and Dorchester Counties was Choptank River. In November 1773 Caroline County was formed out of these two counties. I think he lived in Dorchester County for a while before he built his house in Queen Anne County, for he assigned

to his brother Thomas, August 17, 1752, a land warrant bearing date September 18, 1751, transferring to Thomas Genn's, Sand Hill, and that document located him in Dorchester County. It was Sand Hill that was on the east side of the river about four miles below Choptank Bridge, now Greensboro. His house was of brick and was situated between the Greensboro and the Old Town road and the river. About half mile above the bridge the family burial lot is located near where the house stood and is surrounded by a cedar hedge. He lived on this six hundred acre tract, undivided for twenty two years. On March 19, 1772 a division is made and he takes the eastern part bordering on the river. He purchased land at various times and at his death, which occurred September 25th 1781, he held about one thousand acres, mostly on the road from Greensboro to Nine Bridges, now Bridgetown.

In his will, which is dated May 8th 1779, he does not make any provision for his children by his first wife. My knowledge of the above fact is mostly from the old family Bible, that was in his family, which is now the property of Robert Jarmans. That old book gives his birth, marriages, names of his two wives, their births and deaths, births of children with their names.

This Bible, now 1894, the property of Nathan Genn. (Marginal note written by other than Nathan Genn, who died in 1887.)

I am not a little indebted to Mr. Thomas Smith of Philadelphia who visited us January 1, 1880. Mr. Smith is of our family; his mother is a descendent of the Thomas (Genn), brother to James. He has spared no pains in looking up his ancestry. He has made quite a search into the old land offices and has gathered much important information and before he ceases to give up the search (we) hope he will be able to trace the family beyond that of James and Thomas, the two brothers from Virginia. I am anxious to get all the information possible. I think it is a duty we owe to each other, but something much neglected.

I who pen these lines am a great grandson of James; and grandson of John, son of James; and son of Thomas, son of John; and born December 21, 1816.
N. Genn, March 28th 1883.

Family of James Genn as far back as 1750.

James Genn, of whom we have been speaking, was brother of Thomas Genn. They came from Virginia about 1750. James held an interest in a tract of land of six hundred acres on the west side of the Choptank River, between what is now to be known (as) Greensborough and Old Town, with William Hughlett and Thomas

Hughlett, his son. Thomas Genn, brother of James, located on the east side of Choptank River, about three miles below the bridge that crosses the river at Greensboro. James Genn was born 12th day of January 1716. Thomas, brother to James, the time of his birth we do not know. The administrative papers show his death to have taken place sometime in the year of 1767. It appears Thomas died some fourteen years before James, and as our family are the descendents of James and not Thomas, we drop Thomas for the present and trace out the family of James. We have already said he was born January 12th 1716. Just one hundred years, eleven months 9 days before his great grandson, Nathan, who penned these lines, son of Thomas the Blacksmith.

James Genn was married August 27th 1747 to Ann Straughan, who was born November 1719.

Children born:

Thomas,	1st born,	May 20th 1748
John,	2nd born,	July 19th 1750
Mary,	3rd born,	July 1st 1752
William,	4th born,	March 6th 1754

The above named children were by the first wife; and John, the second son was grandfather to Nathan, son of Thomas the Blacksmith.

The mother of the above children, and wife of James, departed this life October 23rd 1755, age 36 years.

James Genn was married to Mary Andrews for his second wife, and daughter of James Andrews, February 16th 1758, and she was born April 12th 1740.

Children born:

James,	5th born,	July 6th 1759	
		died in infancy	
Ann,	6th born,	July 18 1760	
Lot,	7th born,	January 12th 1762	
James,	8th born,	March 30th 1765	- 6:00 AM
Anndrew,	9th born,	Monday, March 12th 1770	- 7:00 at night
Rubin,	10th born,	Sunday, September 20 1772	

The above written by Nathan Genn March 28th 1883.

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Names of children, continued:

Charles,	11th born,	Sunday, January 8th 1775	
Lee,	12th born,	Saturday, August 3rd 1776	
		and departed this life	April 29th 1790
Elizabeth,	13th born,	July 22 1778	
Sarah,	14th born,	March 6th 1780	
		and died	September 26th 1782

James Genn, father of the above named family of children departed this life September 25th 1781 at 2 o'clock. Age, 65 years, 8 months, 13 days.

The second and last wife departed this life July 6th 1790. Age 50 years, 3 months, 6 days.

It does appear from the will of James Genn, my great grandfather, that he did disinherit the children by the first wife,

Thomas
John
Mary
and William

That was a very strange step (the) old man took. The more strange when one part of the family of children is as near and should be as dear as another. But he was getting along in life but not so old to be prejudiced against any of them. But I suppose the second wife had quite an influence over the old man. The second son, John was my grandfather, and had the old man divided those thousands of acres of land and their part in other parts of the estate, some of it might, for what I know, we might have had some of those Brod ackers (broad acres?) spoken of, between Greensboro and Bridgetown. We will try and content ourselves.

I do not know what the views and feelings of the old man (were) in reference to religion, or any of his family. As they had the Bible, let us hope favourable for them. I remember well the seventh one of the children, his name was Lot, never was married, lived to 81 years, born 1762 January 12th, died some time in 1842 or 3. He has been often to my father's. I remember to have heard him say his prayers after we had gone to bed. I hope to meet Uncle Lot in heaven.

Written by Nathan Genn, son of Thomas the Blacksmith, March 28th 1883.

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Some things to be understood to make these papers the more easily understood,

First, until November 1773 the land on the west side of Choptank River was Queen Anne County and that on the east side was Dorchester County. Out of the named counties, Caroline County was made, as we have said, November 1773.

One other thing to be understood is that the early name of Greensboro was Choptank Bridg. The little town was not known by the name of Greensboro until about 1820.

Now with this knowledge of things we think it quite easy to locate these two brothers, James Genn and Thomas Genn. By the help of the papers referred to, and as before stated, we locate Thomas on the east side of the Choptank, then Dorchester County, about three miles below the bridge, Choptank Bridg, and about three hundred yards above the mouth of Vauns Branch, now Yechariaho Mill. The house was of brick and located about 100 feet from the river bank on a low level flat of ground. He was a ship carpenter. The place selected for his business, as a considerable branch enters the river from the opposite side so that vessels could be launched easily. Just south of the house 50 feet is growing a mulberry tree and about 100 feet north of the site of the house is a burial lot perhaps 50 feet square and in all probability he is put away in this burial lot to wait the summons of the last day.

Some of his descendents from New England have late visited us. We have taken them to the old place. All think from the best information obtained that this was the place he lived and died. At the time of his death there was a frame of a vessel on the stocks, appraised at 25#, and other lumber. Those of his descendents that have visited the old place was Wesley Genn and son (), great grandson of Thomas, whose father Thomas Genn, was a great grandson of the old man Thomas; Mr. Thomas Smith, too, whose mother is a great granddaughter of Thomas and granddaughter of Samuel. They seemed to take quite an interest in the old place, cut walking canes, most of the old trees nearby and some of the bricks or bats, and other momentos.

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James Genn

On page 58 we have been writing about Thomas. On this page we will say something more about James, my great grandfather. We have already said the early name of Greensboro was Choptank Bridge. The name was changed about 1820. I think not earlier. And the home of James Genn was about half mile above the bridge that crosses the river, and between the Old Town road and the river, west side, half mile above the bridge brings you to where the house of James Genn was located. I remember it was brick

with a cellar under it. Perhaps the brick was brought from England. I have one of them laid away as a relic of the past. The house has been taken away some time, but still the old cellar brick and mortar is there.

I remember to have stayed all night in this same house; I, and a cousin of mine, Robert Jarman, with a married sister of his, Susen, the oldest sister, who married Joshua Melvin. The Melvin was carrying on the farm for someone. I do not know who owned the farm at that time. Little did I know at that time that it was once the property and home of my great grandfather.

About fifty feet or more there is a burial lot now grown over with cedars, and in the midst of them there was a large walnut tree. This tree was standing when myself and cousin took the night with his sister, but of late has been cut down. A short time ago the stump was there quite perfect. Old uncle Lot, one of the sons of my great grandfather, and (the) only one I ever saw of them, told my father that his, Lots, father was buried in that place, and under that tree. As I have before stated, Lot often came to my fathers, never was married. I have seen him hundreds of times. He died sometime since I was married, I think in 1842 or 1843.

James Genn was born January 12th 1716, died September 25th 1781, age, 65 years, 8 months, 13 days.

The farm, at this writing, belongs to William C. Slatterfield of Greensboro. There is a plain, common, one storey house on the place, about three hundred yards beyond where the old house stood. From my earliest recollections, the old place has been neglected. It might be made a desirable place, and I suppose Slatterfield will make it so. The Choptank borders it on the east and county road from Greensboro to Old Town on the west. Sail vessels do not come up the river to town by two or three miles. But the river is being cleaned out for the purpose of bringing vessels to town. But scows can go up as far and a little above the bridge.

Just now I will leave a page for further remarks.

The above was written April 2nd 1883 by Nathan Genn, great grandson of James Genn.

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After History of the Children of James Genn

A list of which occurs on page 56 and 57.

This page appears to be in other than Nathan Genn's handwriting.

First wife:

- i Thomas - History unknown
- ii John - Married Rachell Baggs, farmer, died near Bridgtown.
 - The father of 8 children, among them, Thomas the Blacksmith, who was the father of

Reverend Nathan Genn, and but for him, John, the Genn family name would have been extinct long ago.

- Died April 3, 1804, that is in Maryland.

iii Mary - History unknown.

iv William - History unknown.

Second wife:

v James - Died in infancy.

vi Ann - Married Baptist Davis November 20, 1783.
- Baptist Davis born October 25, 1758.
- Had 5 children: Mary, 1785; James, 1789; Solomon and Ann, twins, 1791; Solomon, 1793.

vii Lott - Lived and died in the vicinity of his birth, Greensboro, Md. Never married, died about 1840.

viii James - History unknown.

ix Andrew -

x Reuben -

xi Charles -

xii Lee - Died in his 14th year

xiii Elizabeth -

xiv Sarah - Died in infancy.

Reverend Nathan Genn says his father told him that he has heard Lott say: He, Lott, had a half brother in England, who had written him "that he had plenty of this world's goods", but not having heard from him for some time, suppose he must be dead. This was prior to 1840. This may have been Thomas or William. The x th. Reuben, may have reached his majority as the court records show a transfer of 68 3/4 acres land on road from Bridgetown to Greensboro from Reuben Genn to Batcholor Chance, 9/14/1795, which would make him 20 years old.

I have no further information.

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Family record of Nathan Genn, grandson of John and great grandson of James, the original. John Genn, my grandfather, was the second son of James, and by the first wife, Ann Straughan. John, my grandfather, was born July 19, 1750, and was married to Rachel Baggs in the year of (about 1775)

Rachel Baggs was born ... There appears to have been three children, two daughters and one son. Old Captain Andrew Baggs was the son who married for his first wife a Miss Mason, and for his second, Fannie Straughan. Mary was the other sister. She married Thomas Roe. Andrew Baggs died October 12, 1830. Mary Roe, the sister died 1834.

I remember to have seen Andrew and Mary but never saw my grandmother Rachel. I have heard my father say she died before he was grown.

My grandparents lived and died on a farm near Nine Bridges, now Bridgetown. A portion of the farm joins the place and (was) known for some years past as the Thomas Jones farm. I think my father was born there. Not right sure and may be all or nearly.

My grandfather in early life did own a small tract of land on the road from Choptank Bridge to Nine Bridges, about midway, and joining the old well known place of Genn's Shops and Church, afterward becoming the property of my father, the Blacksmith, where I was born and raised. But the little place referred to my grandfather's, I do not remember ever to have heard my father say that his father ever lived there. I think he never did (live there) or I would have heard father say so. At the death of my grandfather it was sold and Robert Jarman, who married the eldest daughter, bought it and in after years bought adjoining land to it and there he settled and raised quite a family of children. His first wife died there, my father's sister. And there his second wife died. She was a widow Anthony. And there the old man died. I believe he died before his second wife. And now the property is the possession of Robert, second son by first wife, my father's sister Elizabeth. Robert is living on it at this writing, August 31st. 1883.

So from the best information I can gather, my grandfather, John Genn lived for many years on the farm joining Nine Bridges, and there he died April 3rd 1804, age 54 years, the father of six sons and two daughters.

MARGIN NOTES:

John Genn died April 3, 1804.

Rachel Baggs died about perhaps 1792.

Queen Ann Co. Land Records show: "1791 - 10/12 R.T.Earle sold John Genn 128 acres for #192 on road from 9 Bridges to Choptank, now Greensboro." This is the place referred to at the foot of this page where he died, I think.

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Family record of Nathan Genn, grandson of John and great grandson of James. John Genn and Rachel Baggs married.

But before I proceed with my grandfather John's family record I will say what I have to say and know about my grandmother's family. I have stated elsewhere that she was a Rachel Baggs. I never have heard anything beyond that. It appears that there were three of them, (if more, I never heard of them) one brother and two sisters. The brother's name was Andrew, and better known by the name of Captain Andrew Baggs. I think he was captain of a company in the war of 1812. He owned large possessions, both real and movable. I suppose in those good old times the oldest son inherited all the land and quite a share of the balance. I do not know that the two sisters had much

besides what their husbands accumulated.

He (Captain Andrew Baggs) has left quite a numerous posterity behind him. Two sons still live, one in Baltimore, Md. and the other one in Indianapolis, Ind. The grand children and great grand children reside in this county, Caroline, and the adjacent ones. His death (Captain Andrew Baggs) took place, as before stated, October 12, 1830. The old homestead passed into the hands of his son Andrew and then in after years into the hands of others, and now is the property of Mr. House. (Now, 1894, property of Dr. Betson.)

In front and on the south side, a little to the right, is located the graveyard that most of our family of the old heads are buried. My grandfather and grandmother are buried there, my Aunt Betsy, father's eldest sister, who was Robert Jarman's wife, and old uncle Lot, the fifth son of my great grand father James, the original. I have two uncles, my father's brothers, Griffin and Isaac. I do not know that there are any others. And I doubt that there is one single stone to mark the spot where any one of them lays.

This property is located about midway between Greensboro and Bridgetown, about three miles to either place. It is not on any county road. It is between the two county roads leading from Greensboro to Bridgetown and near Genn's Shops, known as Genn's Church and Schoolhouse 50 and 60 years past.

I do not know his (Capt. Andrew Baggs) age. From his appearance I would not think him over seventy. If that was his age, and died in 1830, he was born in 1760. I think this statement is very near correct, and if so, that would make him one year older than Uncle Lot Genn.

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Some further remarks in reference to the Baggs family.

Mary, sister to Andrew and my grandmother, married Thomas Roe, but when that took place I do not know, as I have no record to guide me. I suppose there is one somewhere. I have often heard my father speak of them. He always called him Uncle Tomme, was uncle by marriage only; and Mary, Aunt Mollie, she was his aunt, his mother's sister.

Their home was on the county road leading from Genn's Shops to Bridgetown, about half way. Whether it ever was any part of the Baggs property or not I do not know. It still is in the family, owned by a grandson and granddaughter, A. B. Roe and M. E. Powell, wife of John Powell, who lives on it at this writing, September 4, 1883. I do not know at what time old Mr. Roe died

but it was before my recollection. I must have been very small, if born.

Mary his wife lived to be very old, seventy-five at least. I remember her well. She died in 1834, the year before I was married. She died at one of her married daughters, with whom she was living at the time of her death. The daughter was Rebeka, wife of Parrot Roe. He and Rebeckah, his wife, were cousins. I remember having been at her funeral, preached by Reverend Edward Saunders, Junior, preacher of Greensboro circuit. She was buried beside her husband on the old farm, above described, where they had lived for many years and raised a family of children, two sons and four daughters. Not one of them living at this writing and has not been for years.

The farm, I suppose, was divided at the death of the father, between the two sons. It was so divided at my earliest recollection. Thomas, the oldest son never was married. James, the youngest, left one daughter and three sons. The daughter, Mrs. Powell, and two sons still live at this writing, September 5th 1883. There are quite a number of grand children still alive, and quite a company of great grand children. I mean great grand children of Aunt Molley, my grandmother's sister, and I believe, some few great great grand children.

And still some branches of the family were rather short lived. Some of the different branches of the old Roe family did well in life and others not so well, as is the case the world over. Quite a number of them were religious, loved the church, and some of them furnished a home for the Minister of Christ.

And now I close my remarks in reference to the Baggs family, only as I may have occasion to it in writing about my grandmother Genn. I have not been able to give dates as I would like. Some that I have given I know to be correct, and others I think are not far from being correct. I was unable to come up with Baggs' and Roe's family record.

Written this 5th day of September 1883. Nathan Genn.

MARGIN NOTE: Mary Roe my grandmother's sister died 1834.

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Family record of John Genn and Rachal Bags, his wife, my grand father and mother.

I have been unable to meet with any family record of my grandfather's. I have made a diligent search. I suppose there was none. I got some information from an old Bible that was the property and family record of my great grandfather, James the original, and is now the property of Robert Jarman. He has kindly consented to give it to me as he has no family. It will soon be in my possession. In this old Bible referred to, I find the birth of my grandfather, John, who was the second son of James, my great grandfather. I also find the birth of my father and one other. My grandfather was born July 19th 1750.

From the best information I can get, the marriage with Rachel Baggs took place about 1775. My grandmother's birth I do not

know. How old she was at the time of their marriage, or what was her age at the time of her death, some years before my grandfather, perhaps about 1792.

Children:

1. Griffin - born about 1776
2. Elizabeth - " " 1778
3. Isaac - " " 1780
4. William - " " 1782
5. Nathan - " " 1784
6. Thomas - " February 9, 1786
7. Nancey - born about 1788
8. John - " " 1790

As to the number and names of the children, I know I am right, but which of the first two is older I cannot say. But I am inclined to believe that Griffin is (older). The others are in their proper order, and I think that I am not far out of the way as regards to the date of their births. I have no recollection of any one of them but Thomas, my father and John, the youngest.

MARGIN NOTES:

John Genn born July 19, 1750, died April 3, 1804.

Nathan - died December 1, 1816, old Genn Bible says so.

Griffin Genn born 1776, died about 1800 or 1804.

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Record of John Genn and family.

I will put down what little information I am in possession of in reference to the family of children.

Griffin whom I have put first on the role. My father seemed to know but little about him or I never heard him say but little of him. My father said uncle Lot told him that Griffin was a house joiner, and if so, must have left his father when my father was small, as my father was one of the three youngest. I suppose he served some time at his trade. Uncle Lot further told my father that he, Griffin, did the joiners work of the brick house that stands at the crossing of the main street in Greensboro. The street is now known as Raleroad (Railroad) Avenue to the bridge. The house was built for a private residence and known then as the old Dr. Tilden property.

I have been told he (Griffin) married a Miss Price of Queen Anns. I do not remember to have ever heard my father say anything about his marriage. I am sure he left no children, or at least I never heard of any. I suppose his married life was short. I once heard my brother William say that his widow married a Mr. Baynard. Perhaps he was right. And he further said that Christopher Vincant's wife was a daughter of the last marriage and that William Chance's wife was another daughter. Vincant and Chance once lived in Greensboro. Whether this statement is correct or not I am not prepared to say. Perhaps it is. I know nothing about his moral life. Let us hope he was a good man and died in the faith of the fathers.

I sometimes feel as if all my old relations were good people. Those that I do remember were pleased to see others, and did not place any trouble in their way, not even of their children. Then let us trust and hope to meet those of our kindred that we have never seen in the flesh.

He (Griffin) must have died quite a young man, and was I to fix the time, I would say Griffin Genn died, I would say between 1800 and 1804. His father died April 3rd 1804 and I have the impression that he (Griffin) died first. Had he been living at the time, he being the oldest child, would have administered on the estate, but his name is not mentioned. But the husband of the oldest daughter, Robert Jarman, administered, for I have heard my father say so. I think Uncle Lot's statement is that he was buried in the old Baggs graveyard. Perhaps beside his mother, for no doubt she died first. And in after years Uncle Lot, himself, was laid away, and others I will name as I come to them.

Written this 12th day of September 1883, stormy day. By N.Genn.

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Record of John Genn and family, continued.

Elizabeth Genn, second child of John Genn is the next one we have something to say about. I think my father has told me that she kept my grandfather's house in the latter part of his life. I have heard him speak of other women keeping his house, I suppose before Elizabeth was capable of taking charge. I remember having seen one old lady who he (my father) said kept his father's house when he (my father) was a boy. Her name was Hinson. I do remember her, (she) was very old, a widow.

Elizabeth married Robert Jarman, a house carpenter, who boarded with my grandfather at the time they were married, which took place, according to the best information that I can collect, in 1803. I find the birth of the first child is dated 1804. The same year my grandfather died and after grandfather's death, he (Robert Jarman) administered on the estate, and I think (Robert and Elizabeth) took home with them the two youngest children,

Nancey and John. At least this was the case for a while.

As the fruit of their marriage, they had quite a number of children: Susen, their first, Mary, Wesley, Elizabeth, Robert, James and Ann. Susen married Joshua Melvin. Mary married John Coursey. Wesley married Elizabeth Harrington. Elizabeth married Theadore Straughn. Robert never was married and now owns the old place where they were all born and raised. James married Hanner Newlee, died a young man. Ann died while but a girl. At the time of this writing, 1883, there are but two living, Wesley and Robert. The others have been dead years past. They have left some few children.

I do not remember to have seen my Aunt Elizabeth. I do remember the circumstances of her death and the funeral which took place in 1820. I was four years old. (She was) rather a young woman, only 42 years old. Robert Jarman married again, a widow Anthony by whom she had several children. (Robert Jarman) died in leaving a widow, my aunt. _____

Elizabeth died the 5th day of October 1820, as before stated, and was buried in the old Andrew Baggs burying ground beside her parents. Robert Jarman, her husband, was buried on his own premises. His widow survived him by a few years.

I suppose my Aunt Betzey was a good woman. I hope to meet her beyond the river washed in the blood of yonder lamb. Old Uncle Robert was a member of the church and so was his last wife. I have met her in class often. Their children were quite moral. But one of them religious and that was James, he was very pious. But as I have before stated, they have all passed away but two of them, Wesley and Robert. So I close with my Aunt Betzey and family, oldest sister of my father.

Written by Nathan Genn, Grandson of John, September 15th 1883.

MARGIN NOTES FROM PAGE 67:

Elizabeth Genn, born 1778, see page 108.

Robert Jarman, born August 19th 1776?.

Elizabeth Genn married 1803.

Children born: Susen Jarman, September 27th 1804, died 1852.
Mary born July 30th 1808, died 1837.
Wesley, May 22nd 1810
Elizabeth, January 5th 1812, died 1856.
Robert, August 18th 1815
James, August 28th 1817, died August 22, 1849.

Elizabeth Jarman died 5 October 1820

Robert Jarman died June 27th 1851, age 79 years, 10 mo., 8 days.

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Record of John Genn and family, continued.

Isaac Genn, second son and third child.

This son is the one we have heard the least about of any of them. We must take old uncle Lot Genn for our authority for what we say, and no doubt it is correct. He (Lot) commences with him a young man clerking for a firm in Hillsboro. In that day the place was known as Tuckahoe Bridge. We have no knowledge that he was ever a married man. On page 65 we have put his birth in 1780. If our dates are correct he would have been 24 years old at the death of his father. But my impression is that he died before his father. I am not certain, I have no date on the subject.

Uncle Lot Genn has been heard to say by some of the family that he (Isaac) was a beautiful young man, his form quite perfect. Dying so young a man and following the business that he was... I suppose his effects if any went into the hands of his father. Uncle Lot said he was buried in the old Baggs burying ground. I

have no knowledge of ever hearing my father say anything about him. So with these brief remarks we drop him, unless, in time, we learn something more.

This was a young man, his countenance beautiful, his form perfect, his future prospects hopeful. But oh, his sun went down at noon, as is the case with many. These endowments are no barrier against sickness and death. The old must die, the frost changes the leaf and grass, and darkness follows the absence of light. So the old with gray hair, furred cheeks, will soon be gone to return no more.

But this was a young man, the idol of his friends. The father of this youth might have expected this boy to have stood by his bedside when dying, and receive the last blessing with hands on his head, Jacob-like. But no, God ordered otherwise. It is a sad thing for young people to die. They, when pious and devout, are the hope of the future. This was a young man. Who can tell what might or would have been if this young man had lived. Hillsboro, the place of his business, might have been quite a different place, for better or worse. This was a young man. Hillsboro today might have been one of the leading places on the Eastern shore of Maryland for business and religion. Or, on the other hand, might have been forgotten, with a few miserable inhabitants dwelling in wretched hovels, without education or church advantage. Let me say, once and for all, that society cannot afford to neglect the youth. All of this might have been the one way or the other.

Written by N. Genn, grandson of John, September 20th 1883.

MARGIN NOTE

Isaac Genn born 1780.

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William Genn

We now commence with William, third son of John Genn. We have heard something more about him. We have his birth on page 65 as 1782. He must have died a short time after my birth, 1816. He too seems to have a trade in hand, Tanner by trade. Mr. Jothan Nichokle, a man of the same business, (said) that he (William) once worked with in the same yard at Whiteleysburg. He (William) was a married man. I think the lady's name was Milley Bloxley. But my sister Louisa thinks it was Penington. I am sure she is mistaken.

Be that as it may, I have no knowledge of but one child and him my father (was) to raise after the death of his father. His name was Thomas and when a child has quite a spell of sickness, and even after was entirely deaf, lived to be a man grown, died young and was buried in the old grave yard at Genn's Shops, where I was raised. He was not quite as old as myself by two or three years.

But something more about the parents (William). Whether he ever had a permanent place of business or ever owned any real estate, I do not know. It is doubtful. Perhaps (he) worked journey work. (He) must have died rather a young man. I think I have heard my father say that he had been told that he (William) died in New Castle Co., Delaware, at a place called Red Lion, and there, I suppose, was buried. My father did not seem to know, for certain. I have heard my father say that he (William) once worked at Millington, at that time head of Chester (River?).

His widow married for her second husband a man by the name of Stedan. By him she had one child, a daughter. Stedam lived but a short time. I knew nothing of him.

She married for her third husband a man by the name of Hinesley. A drinking, bad man, and so ill and cross to my uncle's boy, Thomas, and the daughter by Stedam, that my father took the boy Thomas, and William Temple took the Seadam daughter, and raised her to be a very nice young woman. I do not know what became of her. She married, I think, and moved to Philadelphia. I have not seen or heard from her for long years.

What became of the mother and Hinesley I do not remember. I think she died first, after dragging out a miserable life in her old age. Hinesley, I think, continued his drunkenness a few years longer and passed away. After her marriage with Hinesley my father and family seemed to pass them by. They lived and died in the neighborhood of Templeville, and there were buried, I suppose.

Written by N. Genn, grandson of John and Rachel, his wife,
September 17th 1883.

MARGIN NOTE:

William Genn, born 1782.

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Record of John Genn and family, continued.

We now commence with Nathan Genn, fourth son of John Genn and Rachel, his wife. We have him on page 65 as born 1784, which date I got from the old Bible so often referred to. We have heard father say more about him than any of the others. As he died two or three weeks before I was born, which was December 21st 1816, I was named after him. We will say more about his death by and by. He was a cartwright by trade. Where he served his time I do not know. His place of business was Kenton, Delaware. He married for his first wife, a Miss Hood, an Irish lady, whose parents came from Ireland. His wife died leaving one child. He married for his second wife the sister to the first, they were twin sisters. The second wife died leaving no child. I have been told that he (Nathan) was promised to a third at the time of his death.

The old people (parents of twins Miss Hood), of course, took the first wife's child and raised it. I remember the old people. The parents of those wives have been to my father's often when I was quite a boy. They were nice old people. The old man died at Kenton I think, I am not sure. They had a son, a man with

family. He moved to Baltimore. After the death of the old man (Mr. Hood, father of the twin wives), the old lady and granddaughter (daughter of first wife, Miss Hood) moved to Baltimore and there the old lady (Mrs. Hood) died. The granddaughter, whose name was Sarah Ann, I was well acquainted with. She married in Baltimore. She was married a second time and died a widow some three years past. I do not remember correctly, about 1880. I do not know that she left any children. I think not. I had not seen her for many years.

And now something more about the father (Uncle Nathan). I suppose he died a poor man. At least he left the old people (Mr. and Mrs. Hood) and daughter (Sarah Ann) very poor. My people, many of them have lived and died poor, with good trades in their hands. Perhaps bad managers. I never heard of their being lazy. My father bought of the old lady (Mrs. Hood) an old fashioned bureau that was made by my Uncle Nathan. He kept it until the day of his death. It was sold at his vendue. My mother bought it and kept it until her death. It was sold at her sale. I am on a search for it.

I have fixed the time of his (Uncle Nathan) death at the first of December 1816. My parents have told me often that I was born two or three weeks after his death and hence, I have borne that name about me for 67 years. I am not displeased with it. I am within a weeks time of the proper date of his death. I have heard father say he was sent for but he (Uncle Nathan) was dead when he got there. I do not know where he was buried, I think not in the old Baggs burying ground, though it might have been.

As to his moral life I know nothing. Perhaps he feared the Lord and thought upon his word, which every man ought. Let us hope in the mercy of the Lord. Written by N. Genn, grandson of John, September 18th 1883.

MARGIN NOTES:

Nathan Genn, born 1784

Nathan Genn died in the fall of 1816.

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Record of John Genn and family, continued.

Next on the list is Thoma, the fifth son, and as he is my father I shall dismiss him, and in this place I shall say nothing about him, but will when I write his family record.

And this will lead us to take the next on our role, which is Nancey, the second daughter and seventh child. On our role we have her birth in 1788.

I believe I cannot call upon any circumstance in my childhood that leads me to any recollection of her. I suppose I was 4 years old at the time of her death. I have heard she was a very industrious woman. She married a man by the name of John Poore. He too, it was said was a good farmer and was getting on very well. She married Poore contrary to the wishes of her people. I have heard it said that old Andrew Baggs, her own uncle, said that he would rather follow her to her grave. The marriage proved to be an unfortunate one.

As the fruit of this marriage they had three children, one daughter and two sons. All three of them living at the time of this writing. The older son now lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, and has for 40 years. The daughter, with her children, (lives) in

the upper part of this state, Maryland. The other, and younger (son) is living in Delaware, near Willow Grove. Jane (Poore), William (Poore) and and John Macdaniel (Poore) are the names.

Poore (John) himself was a drinking man, and wicked. I think from reports, rather dangerous when under the influence of liquor. I remember to have seen him once, I was small.

Perhaps I ought not to say much about her (Nancey's) death as the children are still living. But it is my business to state facts as near as I can. She came to her death at the hands of her husband while (he was) in one of his drunken spells. So much for a young woman marrying a man that drinks and gets drunk, and that contrary to the wishes of her people. Poore, the husband and father, was taken into custody by the law. I have heard my parents say often that they were both taken from the house at the same time, one to the grave, the other to prison, Denton Jail. He was tried for murder. My father kept out of the way and pressed nothing in his case. He thought it best to do so. The colored man that lived with him saw him (John Poore) commit the act. Had his (the colored man's) oath been allowed, Poore would have been hung. He was sentenced to the penitentiary for a few years. I think he did not serve out his full time. He came back and lived but a few years and died a miserable creature.

So ends this unhappy affair. The relations looked after the children, I believe, I do not know which of them.

Written by Nathan Genn, grandson of John, September 19th 1883.

MARGIN NOTES:

Nancey Genn, born 1788

Nancey Poor died about the year of 1821, not certain.

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Record of John Genn and family, continued.
John, the sixth son and eighth child.

On our role we have him born in 1790. Of this member of the family we were better acquainted than any other, as he lived with my father and about the house where I was raised. He was a helper in the blacksmith shop with my father and on the farm when not engaged in the shop. He was without any trade, but a good hand at almost anything.

He (John) married Rebeca Faulkner, sister to Robert Jarman's last wife. After the marriage, my father built a house on his land for him, where he lived for a number of years and continued to work for my father.

In 1830 he (John) moved to Wilmington, Delaware, or some five miles up the Brandywine (Creek) to a large cotton factory known as Young's Factory. He had quite a family of children at that time. He remained there a number of years. I have visited him there often. From there he moved to Gloucester, New Jersey, where he might have the advantage of another factory, as his family at this time was quite large. I visited him while (he was) there. At this place he lost his wife and one son. He quit housekeeping, his family about all grown and some of them married. From there he moved to Wilmington with one of his

married daughters. The death of his wife and son, spoken of, seemed to affect his mind.

In the fall of 1860 he (John) came down and spent the winter with me. In the spring of 1861 he returned to Wilmington with the married daughter, and a very short time after, died. He had provided a lot in the Gloucester cemetery and there was taken and buried beside wife and son.

They (John and Rebeka) had quite a number of children. I do not know that I remember all of their names. Mary the eldest, Rachel, Isaac, John Thomas, Margraet, Luena, Robert William, David. These if not more. Some of the children did very well, while others of them did not do so well. My Uncle John, whom I loved about as well as father, was a man of no education, neither his wife. I do not know that either of them could read. And the children were very much neglected in this particular. Uncle John was at one time religious, but whether faithful until death I do not know. Aunt Beckey was a member of (the) church for a number of years. The children, I think most of them (were) members of the church. I think most of the children are living at this writing. Two or three in Wilmington own the property they live in. One married daughter is in Reading, Pennsylvania. One is in Philadelphia and another is on the Brandywine. So they are scattered. Mary married a man by the name of Cheers.

I truly loved Uncle John, like a father to me. I have worked many days with him in the corn field. We used to hoe the most of the corn during its cultivation. So I close with Uncle John. I hope to meet him in heaven.

Written by Nathan Genn, grandson of John, September 20th 1883.

MARGIN NOTES from page 72:

John Genn, born 1790, see page 107, married 1819.

Rebekah Genn died October 24th 1854.

Isaac N. Genn died September 12, 1896.

John Genn Died 1861.

The above parents had 13 children. The oldest born ??? 15th 1819 and the youngest in ??? 5th 1844. Some of them had others that are living ascatered. Some of them in Wilmington where their father died, 1861.

Uncle John was the youngest child of my grandfather John and Rachel his wife.

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Family record of Thomas Genn, my father, and fifth son of John Genn.

Thomas Genn was born February 9th 1786, and as this is my father, I expect to write out his family record as perfect as I can. According to our plan, he was entitled to a place on page 71, in his father's record. But I have reserved this place for his own family record with all the particulars so far as I know.

My father, at an early age, left his father for the purpose of learning a trade, and thinking he would like the blacksmith business, indentured himself to a James Carter in the little town of Nine Bridges, now known as Bridgetown. What his age was at this time I do not know. I do not remember ever to have heard him say. In that place and with that man (James Carter) he served out his time, and when free, left to provide for himself.

I should have said that during his boyhood days he was made a cripple for life by riding horse race, which was common in those times. I think this took place before he went to learn a trade and perhaps was the cause of it. He was ever lame and could not stand much travel. But on his coming free and leaving Bridgetown he went to what was known as Hardcastle's Mill, now Mores Mill, with his apron under his arm. It was the gift of his old master. I have heard him repeat this often, and it was all the goods he possessed.

This mill is located about three miles north of Greensboro on the east side of the Choptank. Here the blacksmithing had been carried on for years. He worked for a certain amount, I do not remember. At this place he worked straight along for five years, and during these years he married my mother. At this place my brother William was born, which was the first child. Born October 2nd 1811.

Where my mother lived at the time of their marriage I do not know. At the end of their five years they moved to what was familiarly known as Genn's Shop and Church. The church was one of the appointments of Greensboro Circuit. In the same house there was a school taught the year through. The blacksmithing was carried on at this place. There were three roads centered there; one to Greensboro, 4 miles; one to Bridgetown, 4 miles; and the third one to Old Town, 2 miles. At this writing there is a cross road.

MARGIN NOTES:

Thomas Genn, born February 9th 1786, died, August 29, 1845

Thomas Genn and Nancey Bradley married, September 23rd 1810.

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Family record of Thomas Genn, my father, and fifth son of John, and is known as Thomas the Blacksmith.

At this church and shop above named my father bought property, a house and two acres of land from Josiah Genn, son of Thomas Genn, brother of James the original, who came from Virginia. I think he gave \$200 for this property, the first purchase he ever made. This purchase was made in 1811, as my father moved there at the beginning of 1812. Josiah moved from the old place for the west, Indiana, in the spring of that year. I have heard my father say he ironed his wagon and shod his horses for him (Josiah). The old man and family, I think, settled in Blooming Grove, Indiana, where quite a number of his descendents reside.

It is here (Genn's Shop and Church) that my father lived and died. He raised quite a family of children. After his purchase from Josiah he got along in his business affairs and bought adjoining lands until he had there in one body of land over 300 acres, besides other land (away) from home. He carried on his farm and blacksmithing, too. This is the old place where we were all born and raised, except William, my eldest brother and only brother who was born at the mill as before stated.

My father and my mother (Nancey Bradley) were married September 23rd 1810. Where this took place I do not know. I remember to have heard them say they were married on Sunday afternoon. I suppose it took place among some of the Boons as she was raised among the Boon family. This locality was a few miles west of

Greensboro. Her parents died when she was small. I know but little about my mother's family. I wish I knew more. I remember hearing her speak of a brother by the name of Henry and the only one I ever heard her say anything about. I have been told he went out west when a young man, and returned, but did not remain long, returned west and never was heard from since.

My impression is the parents died when the children were young. I have heard my mother speak of some old aunt Sarah Boon. I suppose she called her aunt because she was living about the house. Old Mrs. Spenser Hitch of Greensboro told me she knew of my mother living with her aunt, Mrs. Hitch's aunt, who was an old Mrs. Boon. There were quite a number of the Boon family living in the locality of Greensboro and they were (one of) the leading families of the county, about two miles west of Greensboro.

I must confess that I know but little about my mother's family. So much for the neglect of not keeping family records.

Written October 8th 1883

MARGIN NOTES:

1794 8/30 James Clements sold to James C. Genn oldest son Josiah 2 acres 3 1/2 # on main road 9 Bridges to Greensboro "Queen Ann Co. Land Records". Likely this is the same tract. It may have passed from Ja's C. to Josiah thence to Thomas.

My mother, Nancey Genn was born July 4th 1792. Died May 9, 1849.