

SHARPS or SHARPENSTINE

MATTHIAS, of Potterstown, Tewkesbury twp.; his will dated 1750, Oct. 16, prob. 1756, Oct. 7; names wife, Anna Gertruy [Gertrude], and the following children; by his first wife had several children, only one of whom is mentioned, and he is the eldest:

- I. MORRIS, in Tewkesbury twp., 1764, buys 361 acres in Upper German Valley 1767, March 31, of Wm. Allen, Blacksmith; his will, prob. 1781, Sept. 12, [Lib. M., fol. 63, Trenton], mentions wife Catharine and ch.:
 - (I). MATTHIAS mar. Elisabeth Hager (dau. Of Johannes, 1st), d. 1791, had second husband, John Alpoock; will of Matthias dated 1773, April 4, prob. April 30, mentions "my bro. Peter," my bro.-in-law Jacob Hager" and three children:
 1. MORRIS, b. 1761, Feb. 26, d. 1830, Feb. 22, m. Mary Cramer (dau. of Matthias); owned farm south of Lebanon, N. J., which was bought by his son-in-law David Sharp, who left it to his son Asa. It is now (1894) owned by Asa's son John; Morris had ch.: (1). *Anna Mary*, b. 1784, Nov. 4, m. David Sharp (s. of John and Lena Crafft); (2). *Elisabeth*, b. 1789, July 10, m. Adam Stiger; (3). *Sarah*, m. Urias Hoagland; (4). *Susan*, m. Elleck Probasco; (5). *Anna*, m. John Welsh (s. of William, 2d). That the above Morris was the son of Matthias above is conjectured. Matthias' son Morris is said to have died in Cincinnati.
 2. ELISABETH CATHERINE, b. 1766, Aug. 10, m. Nicholas Neighbor (s. of Leonard, 2d).
 3. JOHN, b. 1770, Feb. 10, "went to Albany."
 - (II). PETER, inherited 150 acres, one-half his father's farm in Upper German Valley. He appears to have moved to Passaic Valley, Morris Co.
 - (III). MORRIS, d. 1823, m. Mary Welsh (dau of John Wilhelm, 1st), inherited 150 acres, the other half of his father's farm in Upper German Valley; he had ch.: 1. ELISABETH, m. Wm. Larrison, of Pleasant Hill; 2. MARIA, b. 1784, Nov. 2, m. John Flock (s. of Matthias, 1st); went to Canada (or Ohio); 3. ANNA, b. 1789, Oct. 10, m. Richard Loveridge; 4. JOHN, b. 1794, March 16, d. young; 5. MORRIS, b. 1796, Aug. 10, m. 1820, Oct. 12, Mary A. Thomas (s. of John), b. 1795, Sept. 19, lived on De Cue place, was a butcher and also kept a store; had ch: (1). *Eliza*, b. 1821, Sept. 4, m. Geo. Kaar; (2). *William Larason*, b. 1822, Dec. 2; m. Matilda A. Kaar; (3). *Anne*, b. 1824, June 4, m. William Buchanan; (4). *Aaron*, b. 1825, Aug. 1, m. Anna L. Perry; (5). *Silvester*, b. 1827, July 1, m. Mary E. Bunn (2nd wife); went to Nebraska; (6). *David A.*, b. 1830, Feb. 5, m. Charlotte Perry; went to Ohio; (7). *Mary Ann*, b. 1832, Oct. 22, m. James Larason (s. of James); had ch.; (8). *Morris T.*, b. 1834, Sept. 29, m. in Illinois; (9). *Nathan*, b. 1837, July 19, m. Fanny Studer, of Ohio; 6. PHIPIP, m. Nancy Larrison; 7. DOROTHY, m. Benjamin Peterson, of Drakesville; 8. MARGARET, m. Jerry Howell; 9. SUSANNA, b. 1802, m. Aaron Schenck; 10. WILLIAM, b. 1806, d. young; 11. DAVID WELSH, b. 1808, Jan. 26, m. in Ohio two wives, lives at Mt. Vernon, O.
 - (IV). JOHN, b. 1743, m. *first*, Magdalena (Helena, Lena) Croft (dau. of Wilhelm, b. 1717, and Katrina Croft, b. 1718); *second*, Mary Henn (widow of Matthias Cramer); *third*, Catharine Apgar (dau. of John Adam, 1st, and widow of John Emery); lived near High Bridge for a time; bought land in partnership with Ziba Hazen, near Hackettstown, at an early date; had ch.:
 1. KATRINA, b. 1767, m. Ziba Hazen.
 2. ANNA, b. 1769, m. John Trimmer (s. of Matthias, 1st).
 3. WILLIAM CROFT, b. 1772, came to Hackettstown, where he died 1856, Feb. 21, at 84, m. Annie Neiser (dau. of Jacob, of Lebanon); had ch.: (1). MARY, m. Abraham Sharp (s. of John Peter, 2d), of Germany Valley; (2). JOHN, m. Mary Rusling, of Trenton; (3). ELISABETH, b. 1800, May 17, m. David Welsh (s. of William, Jr.); (4). JACOB NEISER, b. 1802, April 26, m. Rachel Hoffman; had ch.: (a). *Caroline*, m. Hugh Menagh; (b). *Margaret A.*, m. Wm. H. Axford; (c). *Martha J.*, m. Jacob C. Allen; (d). *Amanda*, unm.; (e). *John Henry*, m. Anna Carr; (f). *Mary E.*, m. Marshall L. Ward; (g). *William C.*, unm.; (5). ELLENOR, m. Selvan (Silvanus) Downs; (6). CATHERINE, m. Thomas Fleming; (7). MARGARET, m. George Titman; (8). SARAH, m. Cibah Osborn; (9). JANE, m. Joseph White.
 4. JOHANNES, b. 1774, April 17.
 5. CHRISTINA, b. 1776, April 20, m. Matthias Cramer (s. of Matthias).
 6. DAVID, b. 1784, Feb. 20, d. 1871, Jan. 26, m. Mary Sharp (dau. of Morris and Mary Cramer), b. 1787, Nov. 4, d. 1859, Sept. 27; had ch.: (1). JOHN W., b. 1806, Dec. 8, m. Annie Hoffman; (2). MORRIS, b. 1810, March 31, m. Elisabeth Cole; (3). ASA, b. 1812, Aug. 31, m. Catherine A. Voorhees; (4). WILLIAM, b. 1814, Oct. 11, m. Frances E. Holcombe; (5). DAVID, b. 1816, Dec. 14, m. *first*, Lydia Stiger (dau. of Henry); *second*, Mrs. Keturah Ramsey; (6). EMILY CAROLINE, b. 1818, Nov. 4, m. Christopher B. Van Sickle; (7). **MARY ADELINE, b. 1820, Nov. 2, m. Mahlon Hulsizer**; (8). ELLEN CHARLOTTIE, b. 1822, Nov. 4, m. John Jones; (9). JACOB F., b. 1828, Nov. 26, m. Aletta E. Dunn; all lived in Clinton twp.
 7. MORRIS, killed in infancy in a runaway accident.

- (V). ANNA.
- (VI). ELISABETH, b. 1741, m. William Alpoch (s. of Morris, of Upper German Valley).
- (VII). CHRISTINA, m. Harmon Dilts.
- (IX). DOROTHY, b. 174-, m. Wilhelm Welsch (s. of Wilhelm, 1st).
- (X). ANNA MARY, b. 1754, Sept. 11, m. David Welsh (s. of John Wilhelm, 1st).
- II. JOHN WILHELM (perhaps s. of Matthias), m. Lena or Mary
- III. PAUL (perhaps s. of Matthias), of Lebanon, m. Elsa, names in his will, dated 1755, Oct. 22, prob. Nov. 20, godchildren, Paul Clover, Paul Sharp, Paul Engel, Paul Erick, and executors, John Dilse, of Amwell, and Jacob Gerhert, of Lebanon. This Paul may be a generation older and a brother, instead of a son of Matthias, by the second wife.
- IV. Not named, but referred to.
- V. JOHN GEORGE (called "second son by second wife"), b. 1734, March 17, probably m. Anna Gertrude Dilts (dau. of Peter).
- VI. MATTHIAS, probably m. Sarah _____.
- VII. ANNA, m. Conrad Pickle in 1752.
- VIII. MARIE, m. a Young.
- IX. SOPHIA.
 - X. PETER, has wife Rebecca [Ten Eyck ?] and ch.: 1. ARIAN, bap. 1768, Oct 22; 2. WILLIAM, bap. 1771, Jan 29; 3. ABRAHAM, bap. 1773, Feb. 15.
- XI. JACOB, m. Sara and had MATTHIAS, b. 1768, Dec. 8.