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facturer and concluded to visit America in the year 1730. They selected for their future home a place on the main road from Philadelphia to New York, within a short distance of Buckingham meeting-house, where the father of Ann Bye

was a large landed proprietor.

The records of the Society of Friends in Devonshire furnish interesting notices of the family, residents from the time of William the Conquerer. Members of the family became prominent. One was surveyor general of the United States, and adjusted the boundary between this country and Spain; also was consulting engineer in laying out the city of Washington, and completed the work which Major L. Enfant had planned.

Ellicott Arms-Checky, or and sable, bordure gules. Crest-An oak tree, p. p. v. Motto-

"Sto super vias antiquas."

Henry Carver Case, third son of Alexander I. Case and Sarah Ellicott Carver, his wife, was born August 9, 1835, in Greenville, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, died May 16, 1901. He was educated in the public schools, and later became a clerk in a store in New Hope, Pennsylvania. He married at this place Sarah Sands, April 9, 1857, and in 1862 came to Trenton, purchased property on Perry and Hanover streets, and engaged, with profit, in the grocery business, under the firm name of West, Cole & Case. He was for over thirty years a valued member of the Old Green Street Methodist Church; later he assisted in establishing the State Street Church of the same denomination, and transferred there his membership. He was a man of strong convictions and sterling integrity, a Mason, member of Lodge No. 5.

Horace Elmer Case, only son of Henry Carver Case and Sarah Sands, his wife, was born September 12, 1873. In his youth the advantages of the public schools, Model School and Stewart Business College were his, and after graduation from the latter he entered the grocery firm with which his father was connected. He followed the faith of his father, and united with the State Street Methodist Church, Trenton, in early life. He is, also, a member of the Masonic order, thirty-second degree, a Knight Templar and Mystic Shriner. Politically his affiliations are with the Republican party, being a member of their club. His name is found upon the list of those belonging to the Tuscarora Club, and the Fellowcraft Club. His sister Florence married Mr. Charles Case, the well known real estate man of Trenton.

We learn from the contents of an old letter published in the *Pennsylvania Magazine*, Vol. 16, pages 462 and 463, "that Stephen Sands left a wealthy parentage behind and that he came to this province to enjoy liberty of conscience among the people called Quakers, being one." Therefore it was interesting to find this record: "James Dilworth of Thornley in Lancashire, husbandman, came in the ship the 'Lamb' of Liverpool. The master, John French, arrived in this river (Delaware) 8th mo. 1682, with William their son, Servant Stephen Sands, to serve one year, and to have 50 acres of land." This portrays the sturdy character of the man, who forsook ease and worldly prospects for "liberty of conscience," and his memory should be revered by his descendants.

Stephen Sands prospered in his adopted country, as he deserved to do, for upon the 3rd day of 1st mo., 1698, an indenture was delivered to him from Joseph Growden for one hundred acres of land in Bensalem township, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, vid. Book of Deeds No. 2, p. 287. This land was a part of the five thousand acres which William Peun had confirmed by deed, Octoher 24, 1681, to the above Joseph Growden. In 1708 "Oldmixon" bears testimony to the worth of Joseph Growden and his great services in planting this county with English colonists of worth and character. Stephen Sands continued to acquire land in Bensalem township, as evidenced by deeds on record. He married 1st mo. 21st, 1684. Jane Cowgill, who came in the "Welcome" with her widowed mother, Elizabeth Cowgill, and brothers, Edmund and John, and sis-

of some of the best people in Philadelphia today. The children of Stephen Sands and his wife, Mary (Cowgill) Sands, were: Richard, John, Elinor, William and Edmund. Vid. will of Stephen Sands, dated January 25, 1730, probated February 15, 1732-33, Book of Wills 1, p. 197. Stephen Sands married (second), at Middletown meeting, 8 mo., 9 da., 1701, Elizabeth Norcross,

ter, who married Bernard Lane, of New Jersey.

The Cowgills were prominent and the ancestors

widow of William.

William Sands, son of Stephen and Jane (Cowgill) Sands, is mentioned as a witness to Peter Wood's will, Bristol, July 10, 1745. He died intestate and the letter of administration calls him, "William Sands late of Bensalem township, yeo-