

THE
CANTRILL-CANTRELL
GENEALOGY

A RECORD OF THE DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD
CANTRILL, WHO WAS A RESIDENT OF PHILA-
DELPHIA PRIOR TO 1689, AND OF EARLIER
CANTRILLS IN ENGLAND AND AMERICA

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RICHARD CANTRILL

1. RICHARD CANTRILL was a resident of Philadelphia, Pa., prior to 1689. In July, 1689, he was appointed administrator of the estate of Joseph Cantrill, an unmarried nephew, who was drowned in the Schuylkill river May 10, 1689.

It has been impossible to find records to prove the parentage, or birthplace, of Richard Cantrill, but there is no doubt that he came from the Derbyshire branch of the English family. His name does not appear in any list of emigrants and he may have been a descendant of William, or Henry Cantrell, of Virginia. Fisher says, in his "Making of Pennsylvania," that "quite a number of Virginians migrated from that Colony to the Banks of the Delaware before the settlement of Philadelphia by Penn, in 1678, under the rule of the Duke of York."

From "Pennsylvania Archives," Vol. XIX:

"At a meeting of the Commissioners, 6th of July, 1692. Present Captain William Markham, Robert Turner, John Goodson, . . . Richard Cantrill requesting a warrant for a lot of 30 ft. upon Third Street, near the Burying Ground, was granted."

From Original Records, Deed Book D, 53, page 50: "Richard Cantrill to Thomas Hall, Sold 30 ft. x 190 ft. May 13, 1693, Third and Market Streets."

In Patent Book A, Vol. II, page 344, there is a lease for twenty-one years (May 5, 1702) made by Edward Shippen, Griffith Owen and James Logan, as Proprietary and Governor in Chief of Pennsylvania and Territories thereunto belonging . . . of a . . .

"Certain tract of land between Fifth and Sixth streets containing three acres and sixty perches" (here follows a full description by metes and bounds) "to Richard Cantrill, Brickmaker, with all woods and underwood and trees, ways, waters, water courses, liberties, profits, commodities, advantages and opportunities whatsoever." The rental was forty shillings per year, "current silver money of the Province." . . . "Said Richard Cantrill shall build, erect and set up a substantial brick house one story and a half in height and in breadth eighteen feet and in length thirty-six feet; the first story of one brick and a half and the second story of one brick, and further that said Richard Cantrill shall make an orchard upon some part of the hereby granted land, with at least eighty good bearing apple trees planted thereon, and shall also well and sufficiently fence and enclose the said demised land."

In "Pennsylvania Archives" we find:

"Cantrill, Old Rights: Richard Cantrill, city lot 3 acres, 10 day, 10 month, 1701. Rich. return 3 acres, 3 month 1702."

Later the Archives record a "Caveat against surveying of land adjoining Richard Cantrill's estate, issuing to the heirs, or executors of the said Richard Cantrill, or any under him, May 31, 1753."

No record could be found of the disposition of the estate of Richard Cantrill, either by his heirs or executors, but he evidently died prior to May 31, 1753.

There is a tradition common in the family that the first Cantrill in Philadelphia had a brick yard and built the first brick house in that city. Records show that "the first brick house built in Philadelphia was owned by Robert Turner in 1684-5," and in the same year Richard Cantrill's brother-in-law, Daniel Pegge, also built a brick residence on "Pegge's Run." It is possible that Richard Cantrill had the contract for erecting both of these houses, which would easily account for the tradition in the family.

In about 1693 Richard Cantrill married Dorothy Jones, daughter of Ellis and Jane Jones, who came to America from either Flint, or Denbigh, Wales, in the ship *Submission*, Sept., 1682.

From the Log of the *Submission*:

"Ellis Jones, age 45,	Jane Jones, age 40,
Barbara Jones, age 13,	Mary Jones, age 12,
Dorothy Jones, age 10,	Isaac Jones, age 4 mos."

The "Pennsylvania Historical Magazine," in a list of names of "Important Colonists, who came in the *Submission*," mentions Ellis Jones. He was a resident of Bucks county, 1684, but did

not remain there long, and in the Welsh Tract Purchases his name appears as having purchased one hundred acres in Nantonell parish, Radnor. Barbara Jones married Daniel Pegge, of "Pegge's Run;" Mary Jones married her cousin Isaac Jones, and Dorothy Jones married Richard Cantrill.

Ellis Jones and his family were Quakers and as Richard Cantrill belonged to the Church of England, Richard and Dorothy were married, to use a Quaker term, "Out of Meeting."

Dorothy Jones Cantrill seems to have been a young lady of considerable spirit and independence of character. She not only married the man of her choice, irrespective of her religious training, but later evidence is found of her love of gayety and society in an old history of Philadelphia, where she figured at a masquerade ball, much to the horror of her more quiet Quaker friends. She seems to have inherited her love of society from her mother, for the name of Jane Jones appears as a witness to the marriage of a great many Quakers of her day, and the Quaker weddings were probably the principal events affording those of that sect an expression to their social instinct.

The will of Jane Jones, relict of Ellis Jones, executed at Philadelphia, Aug. 3, 1730, and recorded at Philadelphia, Dec. 27, 1732, mentions her grandchildren: "Zebulon Cantril, Joseph Cantril, and Dorothy Cantril," to each of whom she bequeaths: "One English shilling, or the value of it in coyn current."

Children of Richard and Dorothy Cantrill:

- i. Mary. The Records of the Race Street Meetinghouse contain the following under "Burials of those not Friends: Mary, 1-6, 1695, parents Richard and Dorothy Cantrill."
- * ii. Joseph.
- * iii. Zebulon.
- iv. Dorothy, about whom we have no record.

THE DESCENDANTS OF
JOSEPH CANTRILL
OF PHILADELPHIA

3. JOSEPH CANTRILL² (Richard¹) was born about 1695 in Philadelphia, Pa., and spent his early boyhood in that city. Married Catharina ———. They were living in New Castle county, Pa., on or near the site of the present city of Wilmington, Del., and were attendants at Holy Trinity (Old Swedes) Church before 1720. It is probable that Catharina was a daughter of one of the Old Swedes, first settlers of this section, but we could not verify this. Their first three children were baptized at the old historic church still used and known as Old Swedes, which is one of the oldest and quaintest churches in this country.

Christina parish was mostly situated on both sides of Christina creek, partly on both sides of Brandywine creek in New Castle county, and in the Hundreds of New Castle, Christina and Brandywine. It stretched two Swedish miles in length and one in breadth. The most remote families of the parish were not more than six and a half English miles distant from the church. The city of Wilmington is built on the Swedish "church land" and the charter for the town was granted in 1735. At the time Joseph Cantrill went there it was known as Christina.

Many of the earliest records of this locality have been lost, or destroyed, and at best are very incomplete. There is evidence, however, from the scattered records in New Castle county to-day, that descendants of Richard Cantrill lived there from before 1720 until 1797, though the majority moved south during this period.

Children:

6. i. Hannah, b. Mar. 20, 1720; bapt. Apr. 25, 1720, at Old Swedes.
7. * ii. John.
8. * iii. Joseph.
9. * iv. Zebulon.
10. * v. Isaac.
11. vi. A daughter (name unknown).

7. JOHN CANTRELL³ (Joseph,² Richard¹) was born in New Castle county, Pa. (now Delaware), Oct., 1724, and baptized in Holy Trinity (Old Swedes) church Mar. 25, 1726. He was married twice. His first wife was ——— Brittian, by whom he had seventeen sons; his second wife was Jane ———, by whom he had four sons and two daughters. We have heard from several that there were a number of twins in this large family. He died in 1803 and his sons Abraham, Stephen and Moses administered upon his estate.

There are many traditions in the family regarding John Cantrell and his family and their moving to the Carolinas, but the exact date of his leaving New Castle county is not known. It is known, however, that he was living in Rockingham county, or what is now that county, North Carolina, before the Revolutionary War, and shortly after the war he moved to Ninety Six District, now Spartanburg county, S. C., where he owned over eight hundred acres of land on Buck creek, waters of Pacolet river.

John Cantrell and his family were devoted and active workers in the Buck creek Baptist church and some of his descendants still attend this old church.

There is no reliable authority for a correct tabulation for any but the first three of the children of John Cantrell and we have endeavored to make the list correct from records, rather than from lists furnished from memory by his descendants.

12. * i. Abraham.
13. * ii. Isaac.
14. * iii. Jacob.
15. * iv. Joseph.
16. * v. Stephen.
17. * vi. John.
18. * vii. Charles.
19. * viii. Joshua.
20. * ix. Aaron.
21. * x. Simon.
22. * xi. Peter.
23. * xii. Thomas.
24. * xiii. Reuben.
25. * xiv. Edward.
26. * xv. Benjamin.
27. * xvi. Brittian. No record.
28. * xvii. James.
29. * xviii. William.
30. * xix. Moses.
31. * xx. Daniel.
32. * xxi. Gabriel.

12. ABRAHAM CANTRELL⁴ (John,³ Joseph,² Richard¹) was born in New Castle county, Pa., about 1744. He married

twice, but we have been unable to learn the names of his wives. It is not unreasonable to suppose, however, that his second wife was a Watson. It has also been impossible to get a complete list of his children, but we secured the lines of four of his sons: the first three named were brothers and the fourth a half-brother.

Abraham Cantrell went with his parents to North Carolina and served in the Revolutionary War from the Salisbury district. His name appears on the pay rolls of North Carolina soldiers in the auditor's office at Raleigh. Tradition says that he was a captain and this is probably true, as he received more pay than others on the list.

After the Revolution he moved with his family to Spartanburg county, S. C. The first record of him in that county is in the First United States Census (1790), where he is given as a head of a family, having two sons over sixteen years of age, two sons under sixteen and a daughter.

In 1792 he purchased 192 acres of land on Buck creek. In 1803 he was one of the administrators upon the estate of his father. He died in South Carolina.

Children:

33. * i. Abraham.
34. * ii. Richard.
35. * iii. John.
36. * iv. Watson.

33. ABRAHAM CANTRELL⁵ (Abraham,⁴ John,³ Joseph,² Richard¹) was probably the eldest son of Abraham and one of the sons "Over sixteen years of age" mentioned in the First Census, 1790. He married Sarah Durham in Spartanburg county, S. C. In 1813 he seems to have disposed of all his property in that state and moved to Tennessee, as he received a grant of land in 1814, which is recorded at Sparta, White county, Tenn.

In the ten years following the War of 1812 a large number of Cantrells moved from the Carolinas to Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama.

In 1824 he received a grant of land on Sink creek, Warren county, which is recorded at McMinnville, Tenn.

Children:

37. * i. Richard.
38. * ii. Joseph.
39. iii. George, m. Mary Blair, one son:
 1. Felix.
40. iv. Chester, m. (1) Rhoda Upchurch; (2) Sarah Blair.
41. v. Berry, m. Sallie Upchurch.

28. JAMES CANTRELL⁴ (John,³ Joseph,² Richard¹) was born in Rockingham county, N. C. Went with his parents to Spartanburg county, S. C., where he married Elizabeth ———.

He owned a plantation on Buck creek and the family were members of the Buck creek Baptist church. Surrounding this old church is a graveyard still in use, which has been used since 1775. The first arrangement was very primitive: there were no plots, but burials were made in rows, and the rows named for the families using them. In the Cantrell row are many old tombstones so worn with age that it is difficult to decipher them; but in it were placed James Cantrell, Elizabeth, his wife, and other members of their family.

He served with distinction in the War of 1812.

It has been impossible to get a complete list of his children, but he had a son:

Child:

1324. *i. Thomas.

1324. THOMAS CANTRELL⁵ (James,⁴ John,³ Joseph,² Richard¹) was born in Spartanburg county, S. C., where he married Margaret McAdams about 1804.

He served in the War of 1812.

Children:

1325. * i. James.
1326. * ii. Moses.
1327. iii. Elizabeth, b. in South Carolina. No record.
1328. *iv. William Jefferson.

1325. JAMES CANTRELL⁶ (Thomas,⁵ James,⁴ John,³ Joseph,² Richard¹) was born in South Carolina. Married and moved to Georgia.

Children:

1329. i. James.
1330. ii. Andrew.

1326. MOSES CANTRELL⁶ (Thomas,⁵ James,⁴ John,³ Joseph,² Richard¹) was born in South Carolina. Moved to Cass county, Ga., where he married ——— Roper.

Children:

1331. * i. Demarcus Sylvester.
1332. ii. James.
1333. iii. William.
1334. iv. Moses.
1335. v. Josie.

1331. DEMARCUS SYLVESTER CANTRELL⁷ (Moses,⁶ Thomas,⁵ James,⁴ John,³ Joseph,² Richard¹) was born in Forsythe county, Ga., Dec. 29, 1829. Married Caroline Chamlee.

He moved with his family to Texas in 1870 and lives at Nash, Bowie county.

Children:

1336. i. T. M., b. Oct. 9, 1865. Lives at Nash, Tex.
1337. * ii. S. W.
1338. iii. Alice, b. July 23, 1870. Lives at Nash, Tex.

1337. S. W. CANTRELL⁸ (Demarcus S.,⁷ Moses,⁶ Thomas,⁵ James,⁴ John,³ Joseph,² Richard¹) was born in Georgia, Jan. 27, 1868. Was a very small boy when his parents moved to Texas. Married Eva D. Hibbs, at Texarkana, Tex., Nov. 18, 1889.

He and his family moved to Portland, Ore., in June, 1900.

Children:

1339. i. Benjamin Franklin, b. Nov. 20, 1890, in Texas.
1340. ii. Joel Hayden, b. Aug. 16, 1892; d. May 11, 1897, in Texas.
1341. iii. Carrie Clementine, b. Nov. 9, 1894, in Texas.
1342. iv. Charles Bryan, b. Jan. 9, 1897, in Texas.
1343. v. Howard Sylvester, b. Jan. 2, 1904, in Portland, Ore.

1328. WILLIAM JEFFERSON CANTRELL⁶ (Thomas,⁵ James,⁴ John,³ Joseph,² Richard¹) was born Sept. 1, 1813, in Jackson county, Ga. Married (1) Mary Mayes, of Virginia, in 1835; she died in 1846, leaving three children. Married (2) Amanda Russell, in 1851; eight children. She was born Sept. 18, 1827, and died Dec. 7, 1902. He died July 15, 1904. He and his family were members of the Baptist church.

He took an active part in removing the Indians from Georgia, and later was connected with the Confederate Army, during the Civil War, in furnishing supplies.

He was an eminent lawyer and judge of Calhoun, Gordon county, Ga., and was well known throughout the states of Georgia and Tennessee, ranking at the head of his profession. It was with pride that he has been known to say:

That in the many years he had practiced his profession and served on the Bench, he had never known, or heard of the name of Cantrell being on a criminal docket, nor connected with a dishonorable act, and that in his large acquaintance in different branches of the family that quiet dignity of manner and love and pride of family were proverbial.

Children:

1344. * i. Jesse Cleveland.
1345. * ii. Stephen Thomas.