

RICHARD CANTERILL, in Philadelphia, Pa., 1689, whose descendants are given fully in this work.

JOSEPH CANTRILL, a nephew of Richard Cantrill, was drowned in the Schuylkill river May 10, 1689. In a petition made to Governor Blackwell by Richard Cantrill for letters of administration to the small estate of Joseph Cantrill, it is set forth that Richard Cantrill is an uncle and nearest of kin in the province to Joseph, but that Joseph Cantrill has older and younger brothers in Derbyshire, England.

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" THE CANTRILL-CANTRELL GENEALOGY "

1. RICHARD CANTRILL was a resident of Philadelphia, Pa., prior to 1689. In July, 1689, he was appointed administrator of the estate of Joseph Cantill, 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, 1693, Third and Market Streets."

In Patent Book A. Vol. 11, 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 Skth Streets containing three acres and sixty perches" (Here follows a full description by Netes and bounds.) to Richard Cantill, Brickmaker, with all woods and underwood and trees, ways, waters, water courses, liberties, profits, commodities, advantages and opportunities whatsoever." The rental was forty shilling 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 bredth eighteen feet and in length thirty-six feet; the first history of one brick

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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 1614-5, 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 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:

2. Mary, The Records of the Race Street Meetinghouse contain the following under "Burials of these not Friends: Mary, 1/6/1695, parents Richard and Dorothy Cantrill".
- \* 3. Joseph, m. Catharina \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Zebulon, his decendants live in Ohio, Illinois & Nebraska
5. Dorothy, about whom we have no record.

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THE DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH CANTRILL OF  
PHILADELPHIA

\* 3. JOSEPH CANTRILL, 2 (Richard 1) 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 baptised 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 that 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 today, that descendants of Richard Cantrill lived there from before 1720 until 1797, though the majority moved south during this period.

Children:

6. Hannah, b Mar 20, 1720, bap April 25, 1720 at Old Swedes.
- \* 7. John, m. (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Brittian, (2) Jane
- \* 8. Joseph, m. Mary Montgomery
9. Zebulon, his family stayed in New Castle, Penn.
- \* 10. Isaac
11. A daughter (name unknown)

\* 7. JOHN CANTRELL 3 (Joseph, 2 Richard 1) 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Brittain, 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 were 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 thereafter 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.

Children of 1st wife:

- \* 12. Abraham, m. (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Watson. Lived and died Spartanburg, S.C.
- \* 13. Isaac, m. Nancy \_\_\_\_\_, b New Castle Co., Pa (now Delaware)
- \* 14. Jacob, m. Mary \_\_\_\_\_, b New Castle Co., Pa. (now Delaware) d. Orange Co., N.C. in 1790. His family moved to Green Co., Kent abt 1798.
- \* 15. Joseph, m. \_\_\_\_\_ b New Castle Co., Pa (now Delaware), d before 1804 Hillsboro, N.C.
- \* 16. Stephen, m. \_\_\_\_\_ b New Castle Co., Pa about 1749. Lived at Spartanburg, S.C.
- \* 17. John, m. Elizabeth Cantrell, 1st cousin
- \* 18. Charles, m. Sarah Murray 23 Jan 1772 in Greensboro, N.C.

- \* 19. Joshua, m. Ann Graham, b New Castle Co., Pa (now Delaware), Moved with his parents to Rockingham, NC
- 20. Aaron
- 21. Simon
- 22. Peter
- \* 23. Thomas, m. Elizabeth Norris, b New Castle, Pa., (now Delaware) Jan. 23, 1761. Lived first in Greenville, SC but later moved to Tennessee.
- \* 24. Reuben, m. b Rockingham County, NC abt 1762 lived with his family Rutherford, now Buncombe Co., NC.
- \* 25. Edward, m Rockingham County, NC in the census of 1790 he was given as head of family, with four sons under 16 years.
- \* 26. Benjamin m Charity Legat, (2) Polly Magness (3) Hannah Powell. Children by first marriage only, later they moved from Spartanburg, SC abt 1814 to Smithville, Tenn.
- 27. Brittian - No record. *New Castle, PA*
- \* 28. James, m b ~~Rockingham County, NC~~ went with his parents to Spartanburg, SC his wife Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_.

Children of 2nd wife:

- \* 29. William m Elizabeth Wilkins, b Rockingham County, NC abt 1766. Lived in Spartanburg, SC. Later his children moved to Georgia and Alabama.
- \* 30. Moses b Rockingham County, NC No record can be found of his descendants but a deed to Moses L. Cantrell dated Jan 30, 1840.
- \* 31. Daniel, married and had children at Spartanburg, SC left a deed July 20 1841 gifts to his children.
- \* 32. Gabriel, He was the youngest of John Cantrell's sons. The tradition was that he never married but accumulated considerable property.

8. JOSEPH CANTRILL 3 (Joseph, 2 Richard 1). Was born in New Castle County, Pa., June, 1726 and was baptized Dec. 10, 1726 at Holy Trinity (Old Swedes) church, in what is now Wilmington, Delaware. He probably moved to North Carolina at the same time his brother John Cantrill went there, before the Revolution, as there is a tradition that there was a large caravan who moved south at the same time. It is probable that he and his family settled in Randolph County, NC and that the two following were his only sons.

- 33. Charles, b abt 1750, m Randolph County, NC in 1772.
- 34. Joseph, b abt 1752, m in Randolph County, NC in 1774.

9. ZEBULON CANTRELL 3 (Joseph, 2 Richard 1). Was born about 1728 in New Castle County, Pa. Married Mary Montgomery. He died when his children were young and his widow married (2) David Henly of Virginia, a Baptist Minister.