

THE BIRDSALL FAMILY.

The Birdsall's were settled on Long Island at an early date. In the year 1713 William Birdsall, of Long Island, joined with John Mathis and Moses Forman in the purchase of Daniel Mathis' Island. William Birdsall sold out within a year after the contract and from a certain document it is evident that William Birdsall remained on Long Island. From what I have seen and heard I believe that Stephen and Nathaniel Birdsall came with John Mathis to Little Egg Harbor, and probably they were relations, as all writings prove that they had a considerable of friendly intercourse. I have a letter dated 17, 19-20, directed to Stephen Birdsall at Egg Harbor, and this seems to imply that he was a resident of that place. The Stephen Birdsall who in the year 1738 married Deliverance Willits, must have been the son of the above said Stephen Birdsall, and this second Stephen Birdsall was the first elder of the Barnegat Quaker meeting, established in the year 1767. Stephen Birdsall, Sr., must have had a daughter Phœbe who married a Havens, and some where near 1754 she married Joseph Bartlett, the

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first of the name in New Jersey. After settling in New Jersey Nathaniel Birdsall was called Nathan, and the Nathan's of Little Egg Harbor and Barnegat originated with Nathan or Nathaniel Birdsall.

Mary, wife of Timothy Willits, and Sarah, wife of Jarvis Hazleton, were the daughters of Stephen Birdsall, 2nd, and his wife Deliverance; and they also had a son Stephen, and there might have been other children. The Birdsalls are settled at Barnegat and Waretown.

Charles Dingee was settled in Egg Harbor before the year 1724; he owned the farm now owned and occupied by Barzilla Atkinson, on the road from Tuckerton to West Creek. He sold this farm to Thomas Ridgway, Sr., who in the year 1724 bequeathed it to his youngest son Robert Ridgway.

Charles Dingee and Moses Embro were both living in Egg Harbor before the year 1715, and it appears were members of the Friends' Meeting. In the year 1725 Moses Embro and his wife Mary got certificates for removal to Pennsylvania.

John Stanton was here at an early date. He married Molly Wainwright, of Mannahawkin, and had a daughter Sarah, who married Henry Mott, Sr., and was the mother of James, Thomas, Enoch, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mercy and Christian.

I think the first Gales were settled in Washington township a considerable time before the Revolutionary War. There was a Jacob Gale and a Cornelius Gale, Sr., and he must have been the father of Joseph, Abel and James Gale. Joseph Gale married Mercy Allen, and had children Cornelius, James and Samuel. The second wife was Hannah Mott, and the children Elizabeth, Mary, Henry, Joseph, Mercy, Abel, David, Hannah and Amy.

Abel Gale, Sr., married — Smallwood, and had a daughter Margaret, who married Simon Peterson. Jarvis Gale, Sr., married Sarah Cranmer, and among his children were William, John and Hannah, and another daughter who married James Maxfield, Sr.