

—— Carter, and was the mother of John Carter, and also of Catharine, first wife of Josephus Sears, Sr.

*Seventh Branch.*—Hannah, daughter of John Cranmer, Sr., married Joseph Burns, an English sailor. Joseph Burns was in a ship which sunk in the middle of the ocean, and all on board perished except Burns, who caught hold of a plank, to which he clung for the space of four days and nights. The sea washed every rag of clothes off his body, and the plank to which he clung chafed the flesh off his arms to the bones. Yet he held to the plank, his only hope. At the expiration of the fourth day, when nearly exhausted, and in his despair and misery, he was about to relinquish his hold of the plank and go down into the great deep, he cast one more lingering look about the lonely sea, and to his unspeakable joy, descried a ship in the distance. This joyful sight renewed his exhausted strength and expiring hope, and he clung still tighter to his frail support until the ship came up and the crew released him from his perilous situation. He lived many years after his adventure on the plank, and at last was drowned from a vessel which lay at anchor in some one of the rivers of Virginia. When telling his ocean adventure, he would remark that "those who were born to be hung would not be drowned," yet it seems he was destined to be drowned.

The children of Joseph and Hannah Burns were: John, Margaret and Mary. John Burns died unmarried. I think he was drowned. Margaret Burns married Robert McKean, and among their children were: Mary, Catharine, Forman, Frank and Samuel.

Mary Burns married Edward Alloways, and it is said that their posterity reside in and about Mount Holly, N. J.

Hannah, widow of Joseph Burns, died in the year 1819 or 1820.

*Stephen Cranmer's Family.*—I have not been able to collect a very concise account of Stephen Cranmer's posterity. There are but few records of them in the Friends' Monthly Meeting Book of Little Egg Harbor Meeting. The various clerks of the meeting have been very careless about recording many things that is customary to record in that denomination. A great number of people who were members and whose marriages, &c., ought to have been recorded, have from some unexplained cause been omitted and only now and then one been noticed.

From about the time of the Revolutionary War to about the year 1800 there were a large number of members who married out of the meeting, but there is no kind of a record pertaining to but a few of such marriages, as there formerly had been when members married without the consent of the meeting. If the Little Egg Harbor Meeting ever kept records of births, deaths and burials, the records have been lost. There is a tradition among "Friends" that many years ago, one of their books of records was destroyed in a house that was burned; and

if so it must have been the book of records of births, deaths and burials. After a strict scrutiny of existing Monthly Meeting Books, I am satisfied they are continuous records from the establishment of the Monthly Meeting in the year 1715 to the present time, but with many omissions of various things that ought to have been recorded.

Old family Bibles usually have authentic records of the families of their owners, but I have not seen any old Bible formerly belonging to any of the ancient Craumer's, therefore I am deficient in much valuable information in respect to Stephen Cranmer's posterity, and the old people who knew them or had later knowledge of them, like themselves have gone to the world of spirits, and their knowledge is buried with them.

In the year 1729 Stephen Cranmer and his wife Sarah brought their certificates to the Little Egg Harbor Monthly Meeting.

Stephen Cranmer settled at Bass River, and was one of the prominent men of that time and place, and also a person of considerable wealth. It is said that he owned, and lived on the farm which in modern times was owned and occupied by his grandson, Caleb Cranmer, Esq., and this place was also the homestead of Caleb Cranmer, Sr., son of Stephen, Sr. There is a hill near the centre of the farm where Stephen Cranmer and many of his posterity are buried. It was formerly called the Cranmer graveyard, but a few years ago it was established as a public burial place, and then many of the dead were taken up from other burying places in Bass River and re-interred in the Cranmer burying ground, and now it is the principal graveyard in Bass River.

I have several ancient business documents with Stephen Cranmer's signature attached to them. His wife appears to have been a prominent member of the Society of Friends, for in the 1759, she and Mercy, wife of Micajah Mathis, Sr., were appointed as delegates to attend the Quarterly Meeting at Burlington city.

It is out of my power to say how many children Stephen Cranmer, Sr., had. He had a son Isaac and a son Caleb, and there may have been other sons. In the Little Egg Harbor Monthly Meeting books is record of the following named women: Ann Cranmer, Susannah Cranmer, and the records state they were daughters of Stephen Cranmer. Some of them obtained certificates in order to marry in the Mount Holly Friends' Meeting, and the others desired certificates for the purpose of removing to Mount Holly. In the year 1783, Susannah, daughter of Stephen Cranmer, got a certificate in order to marry in the Mount Holly Meeting. In 1784, Keziah and Sarah, daughters of Stephen Cranmer, got certificates for Mount Holly Meeting. In 1784, Sarah, widow of Stephen Cranmer, got a certificate for the purpose of removing to Mount Holly. By the above records it is evident that Stephen Cranmer's widow and his daughters all removed to Mount

Holly at the same time, but if this widow was Stephen Cranmer's first wife (and there is no account of his having a second wife) these daughters must have been old maids, for in the year 1729 when Stephen Cranmer came to Egg Harbor he was married and from the year 1729 to the year 1784 would be fifty-five years, so that the unmarried daughters of Stephen Cranmer's first wife must have been on the old maids' list.

If I have been rightly informed, Isaac, son of Stephen Cranmer, Sr., married Rebecca Jones, (probably of upper Burlington county) and had children: Stephen, Zadoc, John, Mary, Hope and Sarah. Isaac married a second wife who was Eunice, daughter of Richard Devinney, Sr., and sister to Phœbe, wife of Eli Mathis, Sr., and also sister to Mary, wife of James Pharo 2d. The second wife's children were William and Zadoc, both of whom removed to the West.

Isaac Cranmer, Sr., kept the jail when it was in Burlington city.

John, son of Isaac Cranmer, Sr., married Martha, daughter of James Pharo 2d, and his wife, Mary Devinney. John Cranmer's children were: Mary, Rebecca, Eliza, John, Elma, Lavinia, Sarah and Zadoc. Mary Cranmer married John Berry, and among their children were Eliza, Joseph, John, Samuel, Ephraim, Maja, Chalkley, Hannah, Mary, and a girl who died.

Rebecca Cranmer married Samuel, son of John Forman, Esq.

Eliza Craumer married John McMullin.

John Cranmer, Jr., married away from his native place.

Elma Cranmer married Joseph Adams, and among their children were Eliza, Reynolds, Martha, John, Edwin and Margaret.

Eliza Adams married Captain Lewis Bragg.

Martha Adams married Micajah Mathis, son of Ellis Mathis.

Lavinia Cranmer married Benjamin Jones, and among her children were Eliza, Zadoc and William.

Sarah Cranmer married Samuel Stiles, Jr., their children being Samuel and Elizabeth.

Samuel Stiles married Mary Throckmorton, and had children named Alphonso, Sidney and Louisa.

Elizabeth Stiles married Albert, son of Timothy Pharo. Their children were Franklin, Hannah, Albert, Clarence, Archelaus, Joseph, Merritt, Harvey, Ernest and Horace.

Zadoc Cranmer married away from his native place. He resides in Mount Holly, where he is well and favorably known. His living children are Josephine, Ada and Sarah.

Caleb, son of Stephen Cranmer, Sr., lived on his father's homestead, and was a man of property and influence in his native place. He had three wives—his first wife's name not now known, She was the mother of Isaac Cranmer, of Bass River, and she may have had other children. The second wife is said to have been a daughter of — Baker, and she was the mother of Caleb Cranmer, Jr., in his time