

struck Job with the edge of his scythe, inflicting a fearful gash. Mortification set in, and at the end of the eleventh day after he was wounded, his leg dropped off at the knee and he died. He was a young man and unmarried.

Sixth Branch of John Mathis' Family.—Nehemiah, son of John Mathis, married Elizabeth, daughter of John Cranmer, Sr., of Bass River. Nehemiah Mathis' children were Job, John, Nehemiah, Ziba, Alice, Elizabeth, Sarah, Rebecca, Hannah, Mary, Sophia, Phoebe and Nancy. Those thirteen children all lived to be grown, and most of them arrived at a good old age, five of the sisters lived to be considerably over eighty years of age, and Mary, wife of John Headly, lived to within a few months of 95 years, retaining her uncommon memory until her death, which occurred on the 17th day of March, 1863. She was born on the 9th day of June, 1768. She lived to a greater age than any other one of the descendants of John Mathis, Sr. She was a granddaughter of John Mathis, and also a granddaughter of John Cranmer, both of whom were early settlers in Egg Harbor.

The writer of this sketch is indebted to Mrs. Headley for many important items of history, and often when I have been at a loss for information on certain subjects, I have thought if Mrs. Mary Headley were alive I should know where to seek for the required knowledge.

Job, son of Nehemiah Mathis, married Sarah Cossaboom, of Barnegat. Their children were Job, Elizabeth, Judith, Mary Ann, Gideon and John Wesley.

John, son of Nehemiah Mathis, married two wives, one was a Carter and the other a Baremore.

Nehemiah, son of Nehemiah Mathis, Sr., married Susan, daughter of Lawrence Peterson, Sr. Nehemiah's children went to the West.

Ziba, son of Nehemiah Mathis, Sr., married his cousin Elizabeth, daughter of Semor Cranmer. Elizabeth was the mother of Daniel, Jesse, James, Smith, Mary and Martha. Some of these children settled in the State of Ohio. Ziba Mathis married a second wife, who was Mary, daughter of Benjamin Gifford. Mary's children were John, Benajah, George, Robert, Elizabeth and Harriet.

Elizabeth, daughter of Nehemiah Mathis, Sr., married William Weatherby, of Pennsylvania; he was the captain of a company of soldiers in the Continental army. Their children were Benjamin, Septimus, George, William, Elizabeth, Ann and Hannah.

Benjamin Weatherby married Sarah, daughter of carpenter John Mathis. They went to live in the State of Ohio.

Septimus Weatherby married Sarah —.

George Weatherby married Deborah —, of Cape May.

William Weatherby married Phoebe Brewer. Their children were Ann, David, Joshua, Jane, William, Amanda, Hannah, Sarah, Harriet, Benjamin and George.

Elizabeth Weatherby married Charles Cavileer, among their children were Julia Ann, Elizabeth, John, Charles, William, Samuel, Lorenzo 1st, Lorenzo 2d, and Harriet.

Julia Ann Cavileer married Bennet Rose. Elizabeth Cavileer married Mordecai Cox. Charles Cavileer married Matilda Myers. Samuel Cavileer married Mary Cavileer. Lorenzo Cavileer married Hannah Weatherby. Harriet Cavileer married Doctor John H. Black and had one child. Eliza married Nicholas V. Lane. After Dr. Black's death his widow married Noah Sooy, Jr., and their children were Mary and Jeana. Ann Weatherby married Daniel Weeks. Their children were Ann, Lucy Ann, Fanny, Benjamin and Daniel. Ann Weeks married Ezekiel Weeks. Lucy Ann Weeks married Captain Edwards. Fanny Weeks married Richard Cranmer. Benjamin and Daniel Weeks married in Camden, N. J.

Hannah Weatherby married Joshua Engle.

Sarah, daughter of Nehemiah Mathis, Sr., married James Roger, of Virginia. He was a privateersman and came to Egg Harbor in that capacity, during the Revolutionary War. James Roger's children were John, Lorian, Elizabeth and Dorothy.

John Roger married Talitha Peterson. Lorian Roger married Israel Peterson, of Toms River. Elizabeth Roger married a New Yorker, by the name of Wilson.

Rebecca, daughter of Nehemiah Mathis, Sr., married Jacob Headley. Among their children were John, Nancy, who married Charles Rose, Sr., Abigail, who married Jonathan Brown, and Rebecca and Hope, both of whom married Penn's.

Hannah, daughter of Nehemiah Mathis, Sr., married John, son of Solomon Rockhill, Sr. Their children, Solomon, Susan, John, Hannah and Hope.

Solomon Rockhill married Sarah Burton. Their children, John, Nancy, Mary, Lydia and Hannah.

Susan Rockhill married Joseph McColloch. Their children, Mary, Charles, Edward, Eliza and Hannah.

John Rockhill married Elizabeth Kindal. Their children, Phoebe, Zebedee, Solomon, Susan, Rachel, Nathan, Sabra, Thomas, Elizabeth, Emma, Mary, Ella and Martha.

Hannah Rockhill married Thomas Hughes. Their children, James, John, Catharine, Ann, Mason and Victoria.

Hope Rockhill married David Adams. Among their children are Caleb, Adaliza, Emily, Susan, Charles and George.

Mary, daughter of Nehemiah Mathis, Sr., married John Headley. Their children, Elizabeth, Job, Samuel, Sarah, Jemima, John, Mary, Joseph and Jesse.

Job Headley married Mary Lemonyon. Their children, James, Joseph, Thomas, Emeline and Alice.

Samuel B. Headley married Mary Foster. Their children, Joseph, Alfred, Sarah, Elizabeth, Mary, Dorcas, Samuel, Edward, Esther and Charles.

Sarah Headley married Jabez Parker. Their children : Mary, Selinda, Woolston, Isaac, Enos and Jesse.

Jemima Headley married Elvin Smith. Their children : Amanda, John and Huldah Ann.

John Headley, Jr., married Phoebe Lamson, of Mannahawkin.

Mary Headley married Richard Parker. Their children : Hannah, John, Lewis and Samuel. John Parker was drowned when in the act of saving seamen who were on a stranded wreck off Barnegat beach.

Joseph Headley married Ann Burton. Their children : John, Phineas, Richard, Jemima and Sarah.

Jesse Headley married Mary Rockhill. Their children : Subonian, William, Charles, Sarah, Lydia, Georgiana, Jesse and Amanda.

Sophia, daughter of Nehemiah Mathis, Sr., married William Woolley. They removed to the State of Ohio.

Nancy, daughter of Nehemiah Mathis, Sr., married John Mathis, 4th. They emigrated to the State of Ohio.

Alice and Phoebe, daughters of Nehemiah Mathis, Sr., died unmarried.

Seventh Branch of John Mathis' Family.—Eli, son of John Mathis, married Phoebe, daughter of Richard Devinney, Sr. Eli was a Justice of the Peace, and the first proselyte of Methodism in Egg Harbor. He had four sons, and it seems he had a taste for rhyme, for an old tradition says that he chose names for his sons that would rhyme, thus :—

Jeremiah, Asa,
Maja and Amasa.

These being the names of his four sons and rhyming in the order of their ages.

Jeremiah, son of Eli Mathis, Sr., married Esther, daughter of Lewis and Grace Darling. Their children : Eli, Darling, Jeremiah, Phoebe, Esther and Jemima.

Most of these children married in distinct sections, therefore I cannot say anything further of them.

Jeremiah Mathis, Jr., married Mary Brewer. Their children : Esther, Jane, Lewis.

Phoebe Mathis married Reuben Mathis.

Asa, son of Eli Mathis, Sr., married Rachel Bartlett. Among their children were Jonas, Asa, Joseph and Julia, &c. Most of these went to reside in the West.

Maja, son of Eli Mathis, Sr., married Mabel Bartlett. Their children : Hannah, Ann, Mary, Mabel, Stacy, Eliza, Maria and John.

Hannah Mathis married George Leake.

Ann Mathis married John Bogan. Their children : Richard and Mary Ann.

Richard Bogan married Ann Eliza Sooy. Their children : Georgiana, Mary, Catharine, Rhoda, Ann, John and Richard.

Mary Ann Bogan married Thomas Shourds. Their child was Ann Eliza Shourds.

Eliza Mathis married Shreve Mathis.

Stacy Mathis married Julia Cranmer. Their children : Caleb, Mary Ann, Chalkley and George.

Caleb Mathis married Judith Collins. Mary Ann Mathis married an Endicott. Chalkley Mathis married Mary Jane Shourds. George Mathis married Abigail Lane.

Mabel, daughter of Maja Mathis, married Ellis Mathis.

Maria, daughter of Maja Mathis, married Michael Micks. They went to the West.

John, son of Maja Mathis, is a Methodist minister. He married Mary Ann Potts. Their child : Charles Mathis.

Amasa, son of Eli Mathis, Sr., married Marjarett Brewer, of Atlantic county. Their children : Eli, Peter, Maja, Amasa, Baker, James, John Wesley, Marjarett, Louisa and Phœbe Jane.

THE WILLITS FAMILY.

I have endeavored to gain a correct account of the ancient Willits, but have found it a task impossible to accomplish. Most of the descendants of this family disagree in their traditional accounts about their ancestors, therefore, some things must be left to conjecture. Some of the Willits say, there were four brothers of the name of Willits, who came with their father (Richard Willits) to Egg Harbor; and others say there were but three brothers, which last statement agrees with the meagre records I have seen. From records, and other reliable accounts, there was a Richard Willits, Sr., and as it is said, three of his sons emigrated from Long Island to Little Egg Harbor, soon after the first white settlers came there. In old records appear the names of Richard Willits, Sr., Joseph Willits, Richard Willits, Jr., and James Willits. The three last named Willits must have been the sons of Richard Willits, Sr. From the aforesaid James Willits emanated all of the Willits' of Little Egg Harbor, the other two brothers finally settling in other places.

I believe that the names which we find written Wyllis, Willis, Willet and Willits, all originated from one source; but at this time it is impossible to say which is the original form of spelling the name. Most of our ancestors were miserable spellers, therefore the variation of names. Some of the Willits make the following statement about the ancient Willits :

At a very early date there was a Richard Willits who settled at New