

APPENDIX A

ARTHUR W. LEVERTON & CHILDREN

MARRIAGE

BIRTHS

DEATHS

CERTIFICATES OF REMOVAL

Quakerism on the Eastern Shore

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ARTHUR W. LEVERTON & CHILDREN

Northwest Fork Monthly Meeting
Caroline County, Maryland

Source: *Quakerism on the Eastern Shore*¹

page 257 Marriages Arthur W. Leverton (son of Jacob and Elizabeth), Caroline County, and Margaret Ann Turpin (daughter of Solomon and Catharine Turpin) Dorchester County, at Marshy Creek Meeting House, 3/21/1832.

page 253 Births

1 st	Elizabeth Amanda	7/25/1833
2 nd	Jacob Whiteley	12/22/1837
3 rd	Baynard Turpin	5/24/1840
4 th	Francis Marion	1/16/1843 ²
5 th	Anthony Whiteley	9/27/1846
6 th	Mary Willson	12/27/1848
7 th	Hannah Virginia	3/28/1851
8 th	Arthur Luther	6/20/1853

page 259 Deaths 2nd Jacob Whiteley 9/18/1840

page 263 Removals Certificates of Removal issued 12 June 1861 N W Fork to Milton, IN
Arthur W. Leverton and Margaret A. Leverton

3 rd	Baynard Turpin Leverton (1840 - 1887)
4 th	Francis Marion Leverton
5 th	Anthony Whiteley Leverton
9 th	Willis W. Leverton ³
8 th	Arthur L. Leverton
6 th	Mary W. Leverton
7 th	Hannah V. Leverton

Children not listed in the Removals

First born; Elizabeth Amanda Leverton (1833 - ?). She married John Wesley Bullock in January of 1852.⁴ The Bullock family moved to Fayette County, Indiana, in 1863.⁵

Tenth born: Andrew J. Leverton³

1 Kenneth Carroll, *Quakerism on the Eastern Shore*, The Maryland Historical Society, Inc. 1970

2 This child is incorrectly listed on p. 255 as a Turpin, son of Arthur W. & Margaret Turpin.

3 The births for these two sons are not indexed in *Quakerism*.

4 *Caroline County Marriage, MD, Marriage Licenses, 1836 - 1865*, Dorothy Baird and Louise Scott, p. 11.

5 Lucille E. Hamilton & Margaret H. Riggin, *From These Roots*; self-published 1962 - 1965

APPENDIX B

BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILES

ARTHUR W. LEVERTON AND HIS CHILDREN

OF CAROLINE COUNTY

and

WAYNE COUNTY, INDIANA

from

CENSUS; INDIANA MARRIAGE & DEATH RECORDS www.ancestry.com

LAND RECORDS: CAROLINE AND DORCHESTER COUNTIES

LEVERTON GENEALOGY: www.leverton-genealogy.com

QUAKERISM ON THE EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND, Kenneth Carroll

THE WHITELEY FAMILY, Mary Catherine Sample

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BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILES

ARTHUR W. LEVERTON AND CHILDREN

Arthur W. Leverton	Born in CA CO, MD	8 February 1806
	Married in CA CO	21 March 1832
	Died in Milton, Washington Twp, Wayne Co., IN	4 July 1880
Margaret Ann Turpin, his wife	Born in CA CO, MD	ca. 1814
	Married in CA CO	21 March 1832
	Died in Milton, Washington Twp, Wayne Co., IN	7 March 1891

CHILDREN BY BIRTH RANK:

1 st Elizabeth Amanda Leverton	Born in CA CO, MD	25 July 1833
	Married in CA CO	31 January 1852
	Emigrated to Fayette County, IN	December, 1863

Elizabeth Amanda married John Wesley Bullock, a farmer, who was born in Caroline County. The family emigrated to Fayette County, Indiana, in December of 1863. This county is south of and adjacent to Wayne County. The last census in which "Amanda" appeared was 1880, when she, her husband, "Wesley," and 6 children were living in Center Township, Delaware County, IN.

2 nd Jacob Whiteley Leverton	Born in CA CO	22 December 1837
	Died in CA CO	18 September 1840
3 rd Baynard Turpin Leverton	Born in CA CO	24 May 1840
	Married in Wayne County, IN	6 December 1881
	Died in Wayne County, IN	21 November 1887

Initially employed as a farm laborer, and by 1870, a dairy man, Baynard was living at home with his parents until 1880, when he established his own household in Washington Township outside of the village of Milton. Living with him was his nephew, Otto Mason, age 10; who worked alongside his uncle in the dairy. Baynard married Sarah N. Porter, of Indiana, in 1881. They apparently had no children.

4 th Francis Marion Leverton	Born in CA CO, MD	16 January 1843
	Married	By 1870
	Died in Milton, Wayne Co.	12 January 1919

Francis, who went by Marion, was living with his parents in Washington Township in 1860 until he married Jennie (last name unknown), a Canadian citizen who was born there in 1848. By 1870, he was owner of a blacksmith shop on his own land in Raleigh, in nearby Rush County, Indiana. Living with him and wife, Jennie, was an apprentice blacksmith. The couple moved to Franklin Township in Henry County by 1880 where he continued his trade. No children were listed in any household. At the turn of the century, Francis Marion, then 56, no longer worked as a blacksmith, having acquired property which he leased – for his occupation was listed as *Landlord*. Living next to him in 1900 were two *Capitalists* and an *Undertaker*. By 1910, Francis Marion and Jennie had moved back to Milton. Under the *Occupation* category, the census-taker noted “Own Income” without specifying a type of work. Marion had been prudent about financial matters.

5 th Anthony Whiteley Leverton	Born in CA CO, MD	27 September 1846
	(?) Died in Eagle Twp, Lebanon, Boone County, IN, age 63	7 April 1912

The name of his wife was not discovered during the research. One source said he had three children: Lulu J., Omer G. S., and Frederick Leverton.

6 th Mary Wilson Leverton	Born in CA CO, MD	17 December 1848
	Married in Wayne County, IN	24 May 1868
	Died in Wayne County, IN	February 1894
	Buried in Friends Cemetery, Milton, IN	

Mary married Levi Mason, an Indiana native. In 1870, Mary, Levi and five month-old Otto, were living with her parents in Milton, where Levi was employed as a laborer in one of the several saw mills in town. For an unknown reason – the death of Mary – in 1880, her brother Baynard, was the custodian of Otto, who, at the age of 10, was working in a dairy, no doubt with his uncle.

7 th Hannah Virginia	Born in CA CO, MD	28 March 1851
	Married in Wayne County, IN	23 December 1869
	Died in Milton, IN	25 January 1894

Hannah Virginia, known as Jennie, married John W. Doran, a farmer, in 1869. By 1880, they had four children: Margaret, age 9, Emery, age 6, Lottie, age 2, and a one-month-old baby - unnamed in the census. When Margaret Leverton died she was living in the home of this daughter and her son-in-law, John Doran. Jennie died three years after her mother's death, just two months shy of her forty-third birthday.

8 th Arthur Luther	Born in CA CO, MD	20 June 1852
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In 1880, Arthur, a laborer, was living with his parents in Milton, IN. The fact that he preceded his mother in death is mentioned in the obituary of Margaret Leverton.

9 th Willis Wright Leverton	Born in CA CO, MD	30 March 1855
	Married in Wayne County	31 January 1884

Wife: Margaret J. Boling Revelle, a widow.

In 1880, 24-year-old Willis, a blacksmith, was living in Milton with his parents. In 1900, he, his wife, Margaret, and children Clyde Austin, 13, and Ruth N., 3, were living in rented property in Washington Township, Wayne County, IN. By 1910, he and Margaret had purchased a home in Milton, where Willis owned a blacksmith shop. In 1930, Willis, a widower, was living in rented quarters, but at 75, still worked as a blacksmith in his own shop. His son, Clyde, operated a restaurant and drug store in Milton before becoming a farmer and breeder of Chester White hogs. He served as mail carrier for 24 years and drove the school bus for 16. A fine obituary announced his death in 1977.

10 th Andrew J. Leverton	Born in CA CO, MD	ca. 1856
	Married in Randolph Co., IN	27 December 1873

Wife: Martha J. Summerville (ca. 1856 - ?)

In 1880, Andrew, also a blacksmith, was living with his wife, Martha J., and daughter, Pearl G., age 2, in Farmland, Randolph County, IN.

APPENDIX C

ENTRIES FROM LAND RECORDS

CAROLINE AND DORCHESTER COUNTIES

ARTHUR W. LEVERTON (1806 - 1880)

Sources: Caroline County Court (Land Records)
Caroline County Circuit Court (Land Records)
Dorchester County Court (Lands Records)

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LAND RECORD ENTRIES
CAROLINE AND DORCHESTER COUNTIES

20 Sept 1832	CA CO Deed Liber R/308	Arthur W. Leverton and Margaret Ann, his wife, of CA CO., and her siblings, convey their interests in land belonging to their father, Solomon Turpin, dec'd.	\$220
23 Oct 1834	CA CO Deed Liber S/295	Arthur W. Leverton & Margaret Ann, his wife, to Matthais Davis <i>Addition to Miles Swamp</i> in Northwest Fork. 116.5 acres	\$80
5 Apr 1836	CA CO Deed 5 April 1836	Arthur W. Leverton. Surety on a bond.	
	CA CO Deed	Arthur W. Leverton. Surety on a bond	
4 Sept 1838	DO CO Deed ER 16/591	Arthur W. Leverton, of DO CO, acquired 163+ acres of land from James & Salisbury Corkran, of DO CO, the land of James Corkran, of DO CO, dec'd, p/o <i>Murray's Adventure</i> and <i>Hap Hazzard</i> . [Plat made from deed description]	\$200
2 May 1840	DO CO Deed ER 18/35	Arthur W. Leverton of DO CO, acquired 7+ acres from James Robins of DO CO, p/o <i>Racemes Good Luck</i> . [Adjacent to the Corkran tract.]	\$30
8 Jan 1848	CA CO Deed X/565	Henry S. Leverton and Elizabeth, his wife, of TA CO, conveyed to Arthur W. Leverton, of DO CO, 253 acres of land called <i>Church Grove</i> devised to Henry S. Leverton by his father, Jacob Leverton, dec'd, who purchased it from James Barton.. Referred in the will as <i>the Old Church Farm</i> .	\$.1,500
27 July 1848	CA CO Bill of Sale Y/107	Arthur Leverton of DO CO, purchased from Henry Dean, of CA CO, livestock and household furniture	\$40
1 Aug 1848	CA CO Deed Y/107	Arthur Leverton, of CA CO, when he took the Bill of Sale to the Court House to be recorded.	
3 Apr 1850	CA CO Y/492	Chancellor of MD commissioned Arthur W. Leverton as Justice of the Peace in place of Elisha Corkran.who resigned.	

LAND RECORD ENTRIES

31 Jan 1849	DO CO Deed WJ 5/59	Arthur W. Leverton of DO CO, acquired the interest of Elizabeth, wife of Alexander Knotts, of CA CO, in and to 163+ acres. p/o <i>Murrays Adventure & Hap Hazzard</i> . \$100
2 Oct 1850	DO CO Deed WJ 6/34	Arthur W. Leverton, of CA CO, acquired the interest of Thomas Corkran, of DO CO, in and to 163 acres [<i>Murrays Adventure and Hap Hazzard</i>] \$100
6 Feb 1851	Ca CO Z/253	A deed is acknowledged before Arthur W. Leverton, Justice of the Peace
14 July 1851	DO CO Deed WJ 6/154	Arthur W. Leverton and Margaret, his wife, of CA CO., conveyed to John Bowdle, of DO CO, land purchased in two deeds <i>Murrays Adventure and Hap Hazzard</i> , and <i>Racemes Good Luck</i> Quantity was 174 acres in both parcels. \$725
28 Feb 1852	CA CO AA/156	A deed is acknowledged before Arthur W. Leverton, Justice of the Peace
23 Apr 1852	CA CO AA/182	A deed is acknowledged before Arthur W. Leverton, Justice of the Peace
28 Apr 1852	CA CO AA /196	The State of MD appointed Arthur Leverton Justice of the Peace for CA CO
15 Jun 1852	CA CO AA/236	A deed is acknowledged before Arthur W. Leverton, Justice of the Peace
20 July 1852	CA CO AA/261	A deed is acknowledged before Arthur W. Leverton, Justice of the Peace
23 Nov 1852	CA CO AA/374	A deed is acknowledged before Arthur W. Leverton, Justice of the Peace
20 Jan 1855	CA CO Deed BB/438	Arthur W. Leverton and Margaret, his wife, of CA CO, conveyed to William Stack p/o <i>Addition to Rawley</i> , formerly the land of Solomon Turpin, dec'd \$50

LAND RECORD ENTRIES

10 Jan 1858	CA CO Deed CC/529	Arthur W. Leverton, of CA CO, gave Power of Attorney CC/529 on 10 Jan 1858 to John R. Stack, of CA CO, to take to oversee the his real estate and personal property, granting power to lease or sell. The instrument was acknowledged to be his deed before a Justice of the Peace for CA CO on 12 Jan 1858.
5 April 1860	CA CO Deed RJ 29/434	John R. Stack, attorney for Arthur W. Leverton, formerly of CA CO, now of Indiana, conveyed to James Stack, Jr., of CA CO, the farm known as <i>Church Grove</i> , subject to the dower right of Hannah Leeton, widow of Jacob Leeton. 253 acres \$1,982
29 May 1862	CA CO Deed RJ 30/ 111	Arthur W. Leverton and Margaret, his wife, of Indiana, conveyed to James Stack, JR., her dower right in <i>Church Grove</i> \$10
14 Aug 1862	CA CO Deed RJ 30/169	Arthur W. Leverton and Margaret, his wife, of Indiana, conveyed to Joshua Johns, of CA CO., a house and 23 acres left by Jacob Leverton to his wife, Hannah Leverton, for life . . . adjacent to James Stack, Jr. 1/3 interest, after the death of Hannah.
23 Nov 1866	CA CO Deed JJ 32/143	The Executor of the will of James Stack, of Levin, decd., conveyed the 253-acre farm of Arthur Leverton to Thomas Palmer, of Kent Island, Queen Anne's County, MD. \$4,000

APPENDIX D

LEVERTON CENSUS DATA

MOSES LEVERTON (1746 - 1800)

JACOB LEVERTON (1774 - 1847)

ARTHUR W. LEVERTON (1806 - 1880)

AND OTHER LEVERTONS

MARYLAND AND INDIANA

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Online Indexes for *Leverton and Leaverton*

Online Images of Census Schedules

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1790 FEDERAL CENSUS

Isaac Leverton TA
James Leaverton CA

Moses Leaverton CA
(1746 - 1800)
age 44

Free White Males 16+ incl. Heads of Household	3
Free White Males under 16	3
Free White Females incl. Heads of Household	3
All Other Free Persons	0
Slaves	0

Thomas Leverton TA

Key to Abbreviations:

CA Caroline County, MD
DE State of Delaware
DO Dorchester County, MD
IL State of Illinois
IN State of Indiana
KS State of Kansas
TA Talbot County, MD
QA Queen Anne's County, MD

1800 FEDERAL CENSUS

Andrew Leverton	QA
Daniel Leverton	DO
Isaac Leverton	DO
Isaac Leverton	CA

Jacob Leverton (1774-1847) age 26	CA	Nothing Found
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Martha Leverton	DE, Kent County
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Moses Leaverton (1746 - 1800) age 54	CA	Males 1 (under 10) 2 (10-15) 2 (16-25) 1 (45+)
		Females 3 (under 10) 1 ([10-15) 1 (26-44)
		0 (all other free) 0 (slaves)

Richard Leverton	DE, Sussex County
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1810 FEDERAL CENSUS

Daniel Leverton CA

Jacob Leverton CA Nothing Found
(1774 - 1847)
age 36

Isaac Leverton DO

Moses Leverton QA

Richard Leverton DE, Kent County

1820 FEDERAL CENSUS

Daniel Leverton CA

Jacob Leverton	CA	Males	1 (0-9)	1 (10-15)	1 (26-44)
(1774 - 1847)		Females		2 (10-15)	1 (26-44)
age 46		Persons in Agriculture	3	Male slave	1 (14-25)

James Leverton CA

Jessee Leverton CA

Moses Leverton CA

Isaac Leverton DO

Andrew Leverton QA

Isaac Leverton QA

Thomas Leverton TA

Lemuel Leverton DE, Sussex Co.

Allerton Leverton IN, Wayne Co.

1830 FEDERAL CENSUS

Charles Levertton CA
Daniel Leaverton CA

Jacob Leaverton (1774 - 1847) age 56	CA	Males	2 (10-14)	1 (20-29)	1 (50-59)
		Females	1 (0-4)	1 (5-9)	1 (10-14) 1 (30-39)
		Free col ^d male (24-35)	1	Free col ^d female (24-35)	1
		Slaves	0		

Jesse Leaverton CA

James Levertton IN, Hamilton County
Noah Levertton IN, Marion County

1840 FEDERAL CENSUS

Dorchester County, MD, New Market District

Arthur W. Leverton

(1806 - 1880)

age 34

Males 2 (0-4) 1 (10-14) 1 (20-29) 1 (30-39)

Females 1 (5-9) 1 (15-19) 1 (20-29)

Persons employed in Manufactures and Trade 2

Free colored persons 0 Slaves 0

Daniel Leverton CA

Gary Leverton CA

Caroline County, Lower District

Henry Leverton

(1815 - ?)

Males 1 (20-29) Females 1 (30-39)

Free colored males 1 (10 - 23)

White persons over 20 who cannot read/write 1

Isaac Leverton QA

Elizabeth Leaverton TA

Anderson Leverton IN, Huntington

Charles Leverton IN, Posey, Fayette

Caroline County, Lower District

Jacob Leverton

(1774 - 1847)

age 66

Males 1 (60-69)

Females 1 (5-9) 2 (10-14) 1 (30-39)

Free colored males 2 (10-23) Slaves 0

Persons engaged in Agriculture 2

John Leverton CA

John H. Leverton CA

Lemuel Leverton CA

Richard Leverton CA

James Leaverton TA

James H. Leaverton TA

Jesse Leverton TA

Mary Leaverton TA

Wm. P. Leaverton TA

Noah Beaverton IL

1850 FEDERAL CENSUS

Caroline County, MD

	Arthur W. Leverton ¹	age 43	Farmer	Real Estate \$2500
	(1806 - 1880)			
	Margaret A. Leverton ³	age 36		
	(1814 - 1891)			
1 st	Elizabeth A. Leverton ³	age 17		
	(1833 - ?)			
3 rd	Benjamin ⁴ T. Leverton ³	age 10		
	(1840 - 1887)			
4 th	Marion Leverton ³	age 8		
	(1843 - 1919)			
5 th	Anthony W. Leverton ³	age 2 ⁵		
	(1846 - 1910)			
	Willie Noble	age 22		
	Lander Baden	age 17		
	Barbery Hubbard	age 20	Black	
	Harriet Miller	age 10	Black	
	James Thomas	age 6	Black	

Caroline County, Lower District

	Twiford Noble	age 34	Farmer	Real Estate \$3000
	Ruth H. Noble	age 19		
	Jacob L. Noble	age 1		
	Hannah Leverton ²	age 50		Real Estate \$ 350
	(1800 - 1866)			
	Ann M. Corkran	age 16		
	Angeline Sharp	age 12		
	Louiza Jones	age 10		
	Solomon	age 14	Black	
	Joshua Johnson	age 16	Black	Laborer

1 *Author Leventon* in Index

2 *Hannah Leventon* in Index

3 *Leventon* in Index

4 Baynard was listed as *Benjamin*

5 Anthony W. Leverton was born 9/27/1846, and would have been 4 in the 1850 census. Daughter Mary W. Leverton, was born 17 December 1848 and would have been the 2-year old.. Missing is son Andrew J. Leverton, born in 1856.

1850 FEDERAL CENSUS

Ann Leverton	CA ³
Anthony W. Leverton	CA ³
Benjamin T. Leverton	CA ³
Elizabeth N. Leverton	CA ³
Lemuel Leverton	CA ³
Mgt A. Leverton	CA ³
Marion Leverton	CA ³

Arthur J. Leverton	KE
Dely Leverton	KE
Eliza Leverton	KE
Fanny Leverton	KE
Gary Leverton	KE
Gary Leverton	KE
Isaac Leverton	KE
Jesse Leverton	KE
Leah Leverton	KE
Martha Leverton	KE
Martha Leverton	KE
Moses R. Leverton	KE
Richard Leverton	KE
Richard Leverton	KE
Rosa A. Leverton	KE

Edward Leverton	QA
Eunice :Leverton	QA
Mary E. Leverton	QA
Mary L. Leverton	QA
Sarah A. Leverton	QA

Amanda Leverton	TA
Ann M. Leverton	TA
Eliza Leverton	TA
Eliza Leverton	TA
Eliz th Leverton	TA
Geo. W. Leverton	TA

1850 FEDERAL CENSUS

Talbot County, MD

Henry S. Leverton ¹	age 34	Farmer	Real Estate \$2000
(1815 - ?)			
Eliza L. Leverton	age 21		
Mary E. Leverton	age 2		
George Fluharty	age 40	Farmer	
Mary Fluharty	age 36		
Leonard Fluharty	age 12		
Margaret L. Fluharty	age 10		
George T. Fluharty	age 8		
Elizabeth Hoxter (?)	age 11		
William Johnson	age 12	Black	

Isaac M. Leverton	TA
James Leverton	TA
James H. Leverton	TA
James H. Leverton	TA, Easton
Jesse L. Leverton	TA
John A. Leveron	TA, Easton
Juliann Leverton	TA
Mary Leverton	TA
Mary A. Leverton	TA
Mary E. Leverton	TA
William Leverton	TA

¹ Henry S. Leverton was the half-brother of Arthur W. Leverton.

1860 FEDERAL CENSUS

Centre Twp, Marion County, Indiana

	Arthur W. Leverton (1806 - 1880)	age 52	Farmer	Real Estate \$0	Personal \$2500	Born in MD
	Margaret A. Leverton	age 46	Keeping House			Born in MD
3 rd	Baynard Leverton	age 20	Farm laborer			Born in MD
4 th	Francis M. Leverton	age 18	Farm laborer			Born in MD
5 th	Andrew W. Leverton	age 14			Not in school	Born in MD
6 th	Mary W. Leverton	age 11			Not in school	Born in MD
7 th	Hannah V. Leverton	age 9			Not in school	Born in MD
8 th	Arthur L. Leverton	age 7			Not in school	Born in MD
9 th	Willis W. Leverton	age 5				Born in MD

There are errors in this schedule. The 14-year-old would have been Anthony Whiteley Leverton, 5th child, who was born 27 Sept 1846. Andrew W. Leverton, 10th child, would have been 4 years old as he was born in 1856.

Talbot County, MD

	Henry S. Leverton¹ (1815 - ?)	age 42	Farmer	Real Estate \$0	Personal \$100	Born in MD
	Eliza Leverton	age 26			cannot read/write	Born in MD
	Mary Leverton	age 12			In school	Born in MD
	John Leverton	age 11			In school	Born in MD

1 Henry S. Leverton was the half-brother of Arthur W. Leverton.

1870 FEDERAL CENSUS

Wayne Township, Wayne County, Indiana

	Arthur Leverton	age 64	Laborer	Real estate \$800	Personal \$100	Born in MD
	Margaret Leverton	age 54	Keeping House			
	Arthur Leverton	age 16			In school	Born in MD
9 th	Willis Leverton	age 13			In school	Born in MD
3 rd	<u>Benard</u> Leverton	age 30	Dairyman		Personal \$300	Born in MD
	Levi Mason	age 28	Saw Mill Laborer		Personal 0	Born in IN
6 th	Mary W. Mason	age 22	Boarding			Born in MD
	Otho Mason	age 5/12				Born in IN

1880 FEDERAL CENSUS

Milton, Wayne County, Indiana

	Arthur Leverton	age 74		"Retired" (sic) laborer	Born in MD
	(1806 - 1880)				
	Margaret A.	age 66	wife	Keeping house	Born in MD
8 th	Arthur	age 26	son	Laborer	Born in MD
9 th	Willis	age 23	son	Blacksmith	Born in MD
	Anna Quigley	age 15	Domestic	Keeping house	Born in PA

Washington Twp, Wayne County, Indiana

3 rd	Baynard T.	age 39		Dairyman	Born in MD
	Otto Mason	age 10		nephew, works in dairy	Born in IN

Franklin, Henry County, Indiana

4 th	Francis M.	age 36		Blacksmith	Born in MD
	Jennie	age 32		Keeps house	Born Canada

Farmland, Randolph County, Indiana

10 th	Andrew J.	age 24		Blacksmith	Born in MD
	Martha J.	age 20		Keeping house	Born in IN
	Pearl G..	age 2		daughter	Born in IN

1900 FEDERAL CENSUS

Franklin, Henry County, Indiana

4 th	Francis M.	age 56	Landlord	Owens own home. Free of debt	Born in MD
	Jennie	age 52			Born Canada

Washington Twp, Wayne County, Indiana

9 th	Willis W.	age 45	Blacksmith	Rents home	Born in MD
	Margaret J.	age 42			Born in IN
	Clyde	age 13	at school		Born in IN
	Ruth N.	age 3			Born in IN

Wichita, Kansas

	Otto P. Mason	age 30	Market garden	Owens own home	Born in IN
	Bertha	age 27			Born in MD
	Mary	age 1			Born in KS

1910 FEDERAL CENSUS

Milton, Wayne County, Indiana

4 th	Francis M.	age 67	Has Own Income	Owens own home	Born in MD
	Jane	age 62			Born CANADA
9 th	Willis W.	age 55	Blacksmith	Owens own shop	Owens home
	Margaret	age 51			Born in MD
	Ruth	age 13	daughter	In school	Born in IN
	James N.	age 8	son	In school	Born in IN

1920 FEDERAL CENSUS

Washington Township, Wayne County, Indiana

9th	Willis	age 65	Owns home	Blacksmith	Own shop	Born in MD
	Margaret J.	age 63				Born in IN

1930 FEDERAL CENSUS

Milton, Wayne County, Indiana

9th	Willis	age 75	Widower	Rents home @ \$4.00 month	Blacksmith	Own shop	Born in MD
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APPENDIX E

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ESTATE

OF

JACOB LEVERTON (1774 - 1847)

7 May 1850

BEING OFFERED TO DOCUMENT THE VALUE
OF HIS ESTATE AFTER HIS DEATH

CAROLINE COUNTY REGISTER OF WILLS (Distributions)
WAF No. B (1837 - 1853), folio 227
MSA C 500-3 MdHR 15,568

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ESTATE OF JACOB LEVERTON
DISTRIBUTION

Caroline County, to wit

Hannah W. Leverton & Arthur W. Leverton, Executors of Jacob Leverton, late of
Caroline County. deceased

To balance due to the dec^d estate as per first and final account
of administration exhibited to Registry (sic) of Orphans Court
7 May 1850 amounting to the sum of

\$2,352.73 ³/₄

Distribution thereof agreeably to the s^d deceased's will:

To Hannah W. Leverton (one of these accountants), widow of
s^d dec^d, a legacy of

500.00

also one horse appraised at

90.00

one carriage & harness

70.00

one cow

9.00

one bureau

10.00

one set of silver teaspoons

18.00

one work stand

4.50

one bed, bedstead & furniture

45.00

746.00

To Mary E. Leverton, daughter of s^d dec^d, a legacy of

one bed, bedstead & furniture

35.00

also one set of teaspoons with the initials of her name
marked thereon

6.00

also one smaller mahogany table

5.00

46.00

To Ruth H. Leverton, daughter of s ^d dec ^d , a legacy of	
one bed, one bedstead & furniture	28.00
also one silver Butter knife marked with the initials	
of her name	3.00
one work stand	1.50
	34.50

To Arthur Leverton (one of these accountants), son the s ^d dec ^d	1000.00
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To Hannah W. Leverton, widow of s ^d dec ^d & to Arthur W. Leverton, Henry S. Leverton, Mary E. Leverton & Ruth H. Leverton, children of s ^d dec ^d , all the rest and residue of the personal estate of s ^d dec ^d to be divided between them share and share alike and is to each	\$105.14 3/4	2,352.73 3/4
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This distribution draws interest from 11 May 1848.

(signed) W. A. Ford Register of Wills for Caroline County

Caroline County Orphans Court 7 May 1850

The foregoing distribution was duly examined by the Court, approved and ordered to
be recorded.

(signed) W. A. Ford

APPENDIX F

CERTIFICATES OF REMOVAL ISSUED FOR TRANSFERS OF MEMBERSHIP

1806 - 1861

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Middletown Monthly Meeting, Ohio	OH
Milford Monthly Meeting, Milton, Wayne County, Indiana	M
North West Fork Monthly Meeting, Preston, Caroline County, Maryland	N W Fork
Third Haven Monthly Meeting, Easton, Talbot County, Maryland	3 rd Haven
White Water Monthly Meeting, Richmond, Wayne County, Indiana	WW

ORDER OF THE FOUR LISTS OF CERTIFICATES REMOVAL

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<u>CERT. DATE</u>	<u>HEADS OF FAMILY</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
02/13/1806	Sharpless, Samuel	1	3 rd Haven	OH
03/12/1806	Vickars, Celia	6	N W Fork	OH
10/15/1806	Willis, William	1	N W Fork	OH
12/11/1806	Sharpless, Preston	1	3 rd haven	OH
01/14/1824	Dawson, James	1	N W Fork	WW
05/12/1824	Barton, Edward	3	N W Fork	WW
09/15/1825	Hopkins, Joseph G.	1	3 rd Haven	WW
06/14/1826	Wright, Celia	10	N W Fork	WW
09/13/1826	Swiggett, Solomon	3	N W Fork	WW
09/13/1826	Charles, Levica	1	N W Fork	WW
10/11/1826	Wright, Hatfield	9	N W Fork	WW
03/15/1827	Frampton, Isaac & Deborah	2	3 rd Haven	WW
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09/12/1827	Charles, Levin	1	N W Fork	M
11/15/1827	Laws, John M.	1	3 rd Haven	WW
09/10/1828	Whiteley, Isaac	4	N W Fork	M
09/10/1828	Grayless, Elizabeth	1	N W Fork	M
09/10/1828	* Whiteley, Daniel, Celia & 4 diff ch	6	N W Fork	M
10/14/1829	Berry, William	6	N W Fork	M
11/11/1829	Anderson, Peter	1	N W Fork	M
01/14/1830	Anderson, Wright	1	3 rd Haven	M
08/11/1830	Berry, John	2	N W Fork	M
08/11/1830	Berry, Purnal	1	N W Fork	M
08/11/1830	Berry, Mary	2	N W Fork	M
04/07/1831	Atwell, Deborah	1	3 rd Haven	M
05/11/1831	Tylor, Elijah	1	N W Fork	WW
09/15/1831	Hopkins, George	1	3 rd Haven	WW
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08/15/1832	Gray, Joseph	6	N W Fork	M
08/15/1832	Gray, Elizabeth	1	N W Fork	M
08/15/1832	Gray, Perry	1	N W Fork	M
09/12/1832	Leverton, Charles	2	N W Fork	M
04/13/1837	Cox, Benjamin	2	3 rd Haven	OH
04/13/1837	Cox, Isaac O,	1	3 rd Haven	OH
08/17/1843	Edmondson, William	1	3 rd Haven	WW
05/11/1859	Leverton, Hannah W.	1	N W Fork	M
06/12/1861	Leverton, Arthur W.	9	N W Fork	M

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11/11/1829	Anderson, Peter	1	N W Fork	M
01/14/1830	Anderson, Wright	1	3 rd Haven	M
04/07/1831	Atwell, Deborah	1	3 rd Haven	M
05/12/1824	Barton, Edward & ch	3	N W Fork	WW
08/11/1830	Berry, John & son	2	N W Fork	M
08/11/1830	Berry, Mary & dtr	2	N W Fork	M
08/11/1830	Berry, Purnal	1	N W Fork	M
10/14/1829	Berry, William & Sarah	6	N W Fork	M
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08/15/1832	Gray, Joseph & Mary	6	N W Fork	M
08/15/1832	Gray, Perry	1	N W Fork	M
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09/15/1825	Hopkins, Joseph G,	1	3 rd Haven	WW
11/15/1827	Laws, John M.	1	3 rd Haven	WW
06/12/1861	Leverton, Arthur W & Marg't	9	N W Fork	M
09/12/1832	Leverton, Charles & Lydia	2	N W Fork	M
05/11/1859	Leverton, Hannah W.	1	N W Fork	M
12/11/1806	Sharpless, Preston	1	3 rd haven	OH
02/13/1806	Sharpless, Samuel	1	3 rd Haven	OH
09/13/1826	Swiggett, Solomon & Euphamy	3	N W Fork	WW
05/11/1831	Tylor, Elijah	1	N W Fork	WW
04/04/1832	Tylor, John	1	N W Fork	M
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09/10/1828	Whiteley, Isaac	4	N W Fork	M
10/15/1806	Willis, William	1	N W Fork	OH
06/14/1826	Wright, Celia	10	N W Fork	WW
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11/11/1829	Anderson, Peter	1	N W Fork	M
08/11/1830	Berry, John	2	N W Fork	M
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APPENDIX G

MINUTES
1800 - 1862

NORTH WEST FORK MONTHLY MEETING
PRESTON, MARYLAND

SELECTED ABSTRACTS

FROM THOSE PAGES CONTAINING REFERENCES TO

ARTHUR W. LEVERTON (1806 - 1880)
HANNAH W. LEVERTON, his step-mother
HENRY S. LEVERTON, his half-brother
RUTH H. NOBLE, his half-sister
MARY E. THOMPSON, his half-sister
ISAAC WHITELEY, his maternal uncle

MARYLAND STATE ARCHIVES
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
NORTHWEST FORK MONTHLY MEETING COLLECTION
MSA SC 3119 M 287-3; M 287-4; M 288-1; M 288-2

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MINUTES: 1800 - 1832

377 10th mo/28 *To Milford Monthly Meeting Wayne County State of Indiana or Elsewhere to
from these may come*

*Dear friends Application being made for a certificate of removal for Isaac
Whiteley and Lydia his wife and children (namely) James A. Whiteley Edward H.
Whiteley and Frances H. Whiteley who are about to go to reside within the verge of
your meeting. These may certify that they have a right of membership with us the
religious society of friends and on enquiry his temporal affairs appear safe with desires
for there growth and Establishment in the truth. We recommend them to your
christian regard and are your friends. Given from North West Fork Monthly
Meeting Caroline County, Maryland held the 10th of the 9th mo 1828.*

420 2nd mo/32 Arthur W. Leverton and Margaret Ann Turpin appeared in this
meeting and declared their intention of marriage with each other. Joseph
Gray [and] William Meloney, Jr. is appointed to inquire into his clearness
from others and report to our meeting.

420 03/14/32 The friend appointed to inquire into Arthur W. Levertons Clearness
from others. report they have paid the necessary attention thereto and find
nothing to obstruct his proceeding the consent of parent being had ~~setting~~
him he is left at liberty to accomplish his marriage agreeable to the good
order used among friends. [Arthur was 26 in 1832]

Jonathan Twiford and Perry Gray is appointed to have an oversight of
Arthur W. Levertons marriage and return the marriage certificate to be
recorded to a future meeting.

422 04/04/32 The committee appointed to have and [sic] oversight of Arthur W.
Levertons marriage and return the marriage certificate informs it was
orderly accomplished and the certificate is ready to be returned any time
when there is a friend appointed to record it.

426 5th mo/32 . . . [signed] Elisha Meloney & Hannah W. Leverton, Clerks

[END OF MICROFILM REEL M 287-3]

MINUTES: 1832 - 1855

- 1 06/13/32 The friend that has had Arthur W. Leverton certificate in hand has returned it at this time to the Register to be recorded.
- 12 12/12/32 The friends appointed to nominate suitable friends to serve as Clerk and assistant report they have Confered together on the Subject and feel free to propose Willis Corkrin as Clerk and Arthur W. Leverton to assist him, wich this meeting unites with and they appointed accordingly.
- 13 01/16/33 Answer 4th Unnecessary distilation and use of Spiritous liquors we fear are not so faithfully discouraged by some as are desirable and in a good degree careful in the other particulars contained in the latter part of this query. [N. B. The preceding is an answer to a query designed to assess the interim adherence to the tenets and precepts of the society. Numbering up to eight, the queries and answers were placed first in the minutes of each meeting.]
- 37 10/24/35 The representative from Marshy Creek is Arthur W. Leverton who being called was present.
- 42 3d mo/36 The meeting appoints James W. Meloney, Willis Corkrin & Arthur W. Leverton to attend to the poor children that belongs to each of their particular meetings and see that they go to school and to draw the money from the one appointed by this Meeting for to hold the donation money or give the Teacher a check on him in the name of this meeting.
- 57 2d mo/37 From Marshy Creek they inform that Henry Leverton has accomplished his marriage with one not in membership with us and with the assistance of a hireling minister and also much neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings. This Meeting appoints Willis Corkrin, James W. Meloney to pay him a visit on the occasion and Report of their care to a future meeting.
- 57 03/15/37 One of the committee in Henry Levertons case report it has been attended to but that they feel most easy that his case be continued another month.

- 53 05/10/37 Henry S. Leverton handed in an acknowledgment at this time which was read approved and he continued a member with us.

To the Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends I acknowledge that I have so far deviated from discipline and the good order used among us as to marry a person not in membership with us for which I crave your Sympathy as I am very desires to be continued a member.

5th mo 10th 1837

Henry S. Leverton

As our representatives to attend the ensuing Quarterly Meeting to be held at third Haven we appoint Jacob Leverton . . . Arthur W. Leverton.

- 62 07/11/38 [signed] James W. Meloney, asst Clerk; Hannah W. Leverton, Clerk

- 70 07/10/39 The committee on changing the meetings have made the following report which was read and united with and the Clerk is directed to transcribe and forward that to the ensuing Q. Mtg. Alexander Fisher Hannah W. Leverton Priscilla Barton Ada Wright is aded to the Committee and they directed to make any change in holding the Monthly Meeting that they may think necessary and report to a future Meeting. viz: that we lay down Center preparative Meeting and unite the members to NW Fork and allow them to hold an indulge meeting.

- 77 04/15/40 NW Fork Monthly Meeting of Men and Women Friends held at Marshy Creek . [N. B. The headings of the minutes began to embrace the phrase *Men and Women Friends* and state the location of the meeting.]

- 83 02/10/41 NW Fork Monthly Meeting of Men and Women Friends - Marshy Creek

The representatives are Willis Corkrin Joshua Noble Jacob Leverton Rebecca K. Corkrin and Hannah W. Leverton

As our representatives to attend the ensuing Quarterly meeting to be held at Little Creek we appoint Jacob Leverton . . . Jonah Kelley Hannah W; Leverton

85? 04/14/41 NW Fork Monthly Meeting of Men and Women Friends - Marshy Creek

Also they inform that Ann Bonwell late Morgan has so far given way from the good order used among friends, as to accomplish her marriage with a person not in membership with us. This meeting appoints Hannah W. Leverton . . . to pay her a visit on the occasion, and report their care to a future meeting.

89 09/15/41 NW Fork Monthly Meeting of Men and Women Friends - at NW Fork

Lishia ann Sparklin sent in a request to this meeting to be disowned which was read and after dire deliberation was united with and she disowned and Hannah W. Leverton is appointed to inform her thereof.

89 11/10/41 NW Fork Monthly Meeting of Men and Women Friends - at NW Fork

The representatives are . . . Hannah W. Leverton

96 10/12/42 NW Fork Monthly Meeting of Men and Women Friends - Marshy Creek

Ann Noble requests . . . to be joined in membership . . . Hannah W. Leverton . . . appointed to pay . . . a visit . . . and report of their care . . .

100 03/15/43 NW Fork Monthly Meeting of Men and Women Friends - at NW Fork

The committee on Henry S. Levertons case inform us they have had an opportunity with him. But this meeting thinks best to continue the case under the care of the committee.

100 04/12/43 NW Fork Monthly Meeting of Men and Women Friends - Marshy Creek

The committee in Henry S. Levertons case are still continued

100 05/10/43 NW Fork Monthly Meeting of Men and Women Friends - at NW Fork

The committee in Henry Levertons case are continued.

105 11/15/43 NW Fork Monthly Meeting of Men and Women Friends - at NW Fork

The committee in Henry S. Leverton's case report that they See no cause of further forbearance and have prepared a paper of disownment and produced to the meeting which was read and approved and the clerk is directed to fill it up and Henry Corkrin is appointed to give him a Sight of his disownment and give him a copy and inform him of his privilege of appeal.

105 11/15/43 Whereas Henry S. Leverton having had a right of membership with us the Religious Society of Friends but through inattention to divine intimation has so far given way to become frequently intoxicated and consequently has given way to making use of profane language and many gross evils Contrary to the good order of our Society, as well as to almost entirely absent himself from the attendance of our Religious meetings. He having been tenderly treated with without the desired effects, we therefore disown him, the said Henry S. Leverton from being any longer a member of our Religious Society untill he comes to a Sight and sense of his misconduct which is our desire he may.

Signed in and on behalf of the N W Fork Monthly Meeting held at N W Fork, the 15th of the 11th month 1843. By Willis Corkrin, Clerk

106 12/13/43 NW Fork Monthly Meeting of Men and Women Friends - Marshy Creek

The friend appointed to inform Henry S. Leverton of his disownment inform he has attended to the appointment.

108 /44 From Marshy Creek they inform that Arthur W. Leverton has so far given way as to very much neglect the attendance of our religious meetings, and has distilled spiritous liquors, and used the same to intoxication, and has had a fight with his neighbor. This meeting appoints Joshua Noble & Jonah Kelley to pay him a visit on the occasion and report of their case to a future meeting.

109 /44 The committee in Arthur W. Levertons case report they have had an opportunity with him and he acknowledged all the charges brought against him and says he is sorry for his conduct and hopes he shall do better in future. His case in continued another month.

115 11th mo/44 One of the committee in Arthur W. Levertons case report he has had an opportunity with him but this meeting thinks best to continue his case under the care of the committee.

115 12/11/44 NW Fork Monthly Meeting held at Marshy Creek

Arthur W. Leverton handed into this Meeting a paper of acknowledgment which was read, united with and he continues member.

Dear Friends This is to inform you that I have so far departed from the truth, and good order used among you as to get intoxicated and perhaps some other misconduct, and after being tenderly dealt with on the occasion, I do fully condemn the same and crave the sympathy and forgiveness of friends and will try to do so no more and wish to be continued a member among you. [no signature]

Nathan Corkrin, Jacob Leverton, Henry Pool, Joshua Noble, Henry Corkrin and William Meloney are appointed to take into consideration the propriety of moving NW Fork meeting house, or building one in a more convenient place for the members thereof and report to a future meeting.

123 12/10/45 NW Fork Monthly Meeting held at Marshy Creek

From Center they inform that Mary E. Morgan late Melony has so far given way from the good order used among friends as to accomplish her marriage with a person not in membership with us and by the assistance of a hireling minister, Hannah W. Leverton, Hester Kelley and Jacob Leverton are appointed to pay her a visit on the occasion and report of their care to a future meeting.

142 07/12/48 NW Fork Monthly Meeting of Men and Women held 7th mo 12th 1848.

The committee in Ruth H. Nobles case are continued.

Samuel Pool . . . and Arthur W. Leverton are appointed to take into consideration the propriety of changing the name of N W Fork Meeting and if in their judgment it is necessary to report what name to our next meeting.

143 08/16/48 N. W. Fork Monthly Meeting of men and woman held at Marshy Creek. [N. B. *Pine Grove Meeting* was inserted at the top of the page. Handwriting is not that of the clerk.]

The committee in Ruth H. Nobles case are continued.

143 08/16/48 One of the committee appointed to take into consideration the propriety of changing the name of N W Fork report they have confered together on the subject and have agreed to report that they feel free to propose that the name be changed to and to call it Pine Grove with which this meeting unites and it to be so called hereafter.

Henry Corkrin, William Meloney and John Pool are appointed to examine Marshy Creek meeting House and directed to report what repairs they think is necessary to do to it at this time.

143 9th mo/48 NW Fork Monthly meeting of men and women friends . . . at Pine Grove

144 Ruth H. Noble handed in an acknowledgment at this time which was read, united with and she continued a member.

144 10/11/48 NW Fork Monthly meeting of men and women friends . . . Marshy Creek

The committee to deed North west Fork Meeting House are directed to deed Marshy Creek meeting House and also to receive a deed for a lot to build a new meeting house on.

144 11/11/48 North West Fork Monthly Meeting of men & women friends Pine Grove

The representatives from the several preparative meetings are . . . Arthur W. Leverton . . .

146 02/14/49 N W Fork Monthly Meeting of men & women friends Marshy Creek

Representatives from the several preparative meetings are . . . Arthur W. Leverton . . .

148 06/13/49 N W Fork Monthly Meeting of Men and Women held at Marshy Creek

(New meeting House at Snow Hill. First meeting & the last one held at Marsh Creek by Friends) [N. B. Placed in brackets, the preceding notation was squeezed into the margin at the top of the page. In different handwriting, it was inserted afterward by someone other than the clerk.]

This house was given to the Colored people. They paying for the land 15 [illegible] [N. B. The preceding notation was inserted along the left margin of the page, near the top, and seems to be in a different hand. The deed was recorded in CAROLINE COUNTY COURT (Land Records) Liber Y, folio 203. The purchase price was \$100. The date of the deed was 3 February 1849.]

148 8th mo/49 N W Fork Monthly Meeting of man and women friends held at the new meeting House [N. B. Caret placed after *House* for insertion of the following] which was first named Snow Hill - later Preston.

150 11th mo/49 Arthur W. Leverton, Samuel Pool & Henry Corkrin are appointed to bring forward to a future meeting a Suitable name for the new meeting house of friends. A bill of the expenses of building the new meeting house was produced by the building committee at this time and it was thought best for each preparative meeting to report what they can raise to a future meeting. [N. B. In the margin to the left of the above entry, in a different hand, is the following]
It was Named Snow Hill. changed to Preston. The land was purchased and given by Janah Kelly 1/2 acre from Jas Dixan of Cambridge Md.

150 09/12/49 N W Fork Monthly Meeting of Men and Women friends . . . at Pine Grove

The committee appointed to bring forth a suitable name for the new meeting Hous not being ready to report they are continued.

156 6th mo/50 The committee in Mary E. Thompsons case report they have not had an opportunity with her they are continued.

08/14/50 N W Fork monthly meeting held at Snow Hill

The committee in Mary E. Thompsons case are still continued

The members of Center inform that their meeting House is needing some repairs this meeting appoint W^m Meloney, Henry Pool, to proceed and do the same and produce their bill to a future meeting.

157 09/11/50 From Snow Hill they inform that Arthur W. Leverton has so far given way from the good order of our society as to act in the capacity of a magistrate and has very much neglected the attendance of our meetings, this meeting appts Elisha Milony, Joshua Noble and William Melony to pay him a visit on the occasion and report their care to a future meeting.

157 10/10/50 The committee in Arthur W. Levertons case are continued.
[N. B. Page 157 entries were supplied by Christopher Densmore, Library, Swarthmore College]

158 11/13/50 The N W Fork Monthly Meeting of Men and Women held at Pine Grove

The committee in Mary E. Thompsons case is still continued.
The committee in Arthur W. Levertons case is still continued

158 12/11/50 N. W. Fork Monthly Meeting held at Snow Hill

The committee in Mary E. Thompsons case is still continued
The committee in Arthur W. Levertons case is still continued

159 01/15/51 N. W. Fork Monthly Meeting of men and women friends held at Pine Grove

The committee in Mary E. Thompsons case is still continued
The committee in Arthur W. Levertons case is still continued

02/12/51 N. W. Fork Monthly Meeting of men and women friends held at Pine Grove

The committee in Mary E. Thompsons case is still continued
The committee in Arthur W. Levertons case is still continued

161 04/16/51 N. W. Fork Monthly Meeting of men and women friends held at Snow Hill

The committee in Mary E. Thompsons case is still continued
The committee in Arthur W. Levertons case is still continued

161 05/14/51 N. W. Fork Monthly Meeting of men and women friends held at
Pine Grove

The committee in Mary E. Thompsons case is continued

The committee in Arthur W. Levertons case is continued

06/11/51 N. W. Fork Monthly Meeting of men and women friends held at
Snow Hill

The committee in Mary E. Thompsons case is continued

The committee in Arthur W. Levertons case is continued

07/16/51 N. W. Fork Monthly Meeting of men and women friends held at
Pine Grove

The committee in Mary E. Thompsons case is continued

The committee in Arthur W. Levertons case is continued

08/13/51 N. W. Fork Monthly Meeting of men and women friends . . . Snow
Hill

162 The committee in Mary E. Thompsons case is continued

The committee in Arthur W. Levertons case is continued

09/17/51 N. W. Fork Monthly Meeting of men and women friends . . . Pine
Grove

The committee in Mary E. Thompsons case is continued

The committee in Arthur W. Levertons case is continued

10/15/51 N. W. Fork Monthly Meeting of men and women friends . . . Snow
Hill

The committee in Mary E. Thompsons case is continued

The committee in Arthur W. Levertons case is continued

162 11/12/51 N. W. Fork Monthly Meeting of men and women friends . . . Pine Grove

The committee in M. E. Thompsons case is still continued

The committee in A. W. Levertons case is still continued

163 12/17/51 N. W. Fork Monthly Meeting of men and women friends . . . Snow Hill

The committee in Mary E. Thompsons case is still continued

The committee in A. W. Levertons case is still continued

01/14/52 N. W. Fork Monthly Meeting of men and women friends . . . Pine Grove

The committee in Mary E. Thompsons case is still continued

The committee in A. W. Levertons case is still continued

164 02/11/52 N. W. Fork Monthly Meeting of men and women friends . . . Snow Hill

The committee in M. E. Thompsons case is still continued

The committee in A. W. Levertons case is still continued

Hannah W. Leverton is discontinued as Clerk to the Library and Ann Williams and Ann Corkrin are appointed to that station.

165 04/14/52 N. W. Fork Monthly Meeting of men and women friends . . . Snow Hill

The committee in A. W. Levertons case is still continued

The committee in M. E. Thompsons case is still continued

165 05/12/52 N. W. Fork Monthly Meeting of men and women friends . . . Pine Grove

The committee in Arthur W. Levertons case is still continued
The committee in Mary E. Thompsons case is still continued
A part of the committee on Elizabeth A. Bullocks case has had a satisfactory opportunity with her but think it best to continue the case another month with which this meeting unites.

167 07/14/52 N. W. Fork Monthly Meeting of men and women friends . . . Pine Grove

The committee in A. W. Levertons case is still continued
The committee in M. E. Thompsons case is still continued
The committee in Hester A. Bartletts case report . . .
The committee in James H. Fishers case is continued
The committee in Mary J. Cahalls case not having attended to the appointment are continued.

167 08/11/52 N. W. Fork Monthly meeting of men and women friends . . . Snow Hill

The committee in Arthur W. Levertons case is still continued

169 10/18/52 N. W. Fork Monthly meeting of men and women friends . . . Snow Hill

Arthur W. Leverton appeared in this meeting and made satisfactory acknowledgement and desired to be continued a member with friends with which this meeting unites and he is continued a member.

The committee in Mary E. Thompsons case is still continued.

170 11/17/52 N. W. Fork Monthly meeting of men and women friends . . . Pine Grove

The committee in Mary E. Thompsons case is still continued

12/15/52 N. W. Fork Monthly meeting of men and women friends . . . Snow Hill

The committee in Mary E. Thompsons case is still continued

174 05/11/53 N. W. Fork Monthly Meeting held at Pine Grove

The committee in Mary E. Thompsons case is still active.

06/16/53 N. W. Fork Monthly Meeting held at Snow Hill

The committee in Mary E. Thompsons case is still continued

07/13/53 N. W. Fork Monthly Meeting of men and women friends . . . Pine Grove

The committee in Mary E. Thompsons case having produced a testimony of Disownment at this time was read, united with and the clerk was directed to fill it up and sign it and forward it to her as soon as convenient and inform her of the privilege of appeal.

185 12/13/54 N. W. Fork Monthly Meeting of men and women friends . . . Snow Hill

The committee appointed to build the new meeting house [illegible] the plan of Center report they have completed it so far as was expected at this time and have ascertained the cost to be about \$184, with a credit of \$60, reducing it to \$124, which this meeting directs the Preparative meeting to raise and pay over to the committee.

191 11/11/55 North West Fork monthly meeting on men and women . . . Pine Grove

Written reports being received from each of our preparative meetings which being read together with the queries and the state of society duly considered which appears to be about as usual, and representatives appointed to attend the ensuing quarterly meeting to be held at Little Creek.

The business having gone through the meeting concludes.

04/26/56 Snow Hill informs the MM that "Arthur W. Leverton and his wife gave so far given way from our good order as to entirely neglect the attendance of our religious meeting." [This entry courtesy of Christopher Densmore.]

[N. B. PAGE 191 IS THE LAST PAGE OF M 287 - 4]

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- 4 08/13/56 North West Monthly Meeting of men and women . . . at Snow Hill

The committee in Arthur W. Leverton & Margaret Leverton cases report they have had a satisfactory opportunity with them and they expressing themselves desirous of being continued members with which this meeting unites and the committee is discharged.

The three queries addressed to the meeting were read and written answers received from each of our preparative meetings a summary of which were made and forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly meetings.

- 19 04/18/59 N W Fork Monthly Meeting of men and women friends . . . at Pine Grove

Hannah W. Leverton requests a certificate of removal to Milford Monthly Meeting Indiana . . . this meeting appoints Jonah Kelly Joshua Noble Rebecca K. Corkrin Willis Corkrin Amelia Melony to take the matter into consideration and if way opens to prepare one & produce to our next meeting.

- 05/11/59 The committee appointed to prepare a certificate of removal for Hannah W. Leverton has produced one at this time and being read was approved & the Clerk directed to transcribe and forward to said meeting, & is as follows.

To Milford monthly Meeting

Dear Friends.

Application having been made for a certificate of removal for Hannah W. Leverton, she having removed to reside within your limits she now these may certify on her behalf that she has a right of membership with us and also stands on our minutes records as an approved minister we therefore recommend her to your Christian care and oversight. Given forth from N. W. Fork monthly meeting of men and women friends held at Pine Grove

5th month 11-1859 & signed by direction thereof by Willis Corkrin, Clk

- 33 04/17/61 North West Fork monthly meeting of men and women friends held at Snow Hill

Arthur W. Leverton with his family having removed to reside within the limits of Milton Indiana, this meeting appoints Joshua Noble to prepare a certificate of removal for them to produce to a future meeting.

- 05/22/61 North West Fork monthly meeting of men and women friends held at Pine Grove

The committee in Arthur Levertons case not being ready to report are continued.

- 34 06/12/61 North West Fork monthly meeting of men and women friends held at Snow Hill

The committee appointed to prepare a certificate of removal for Art^h W. Leverton & family produced one at this time which on being read was approved and the clerk was directed to fill it up & forward it to the monthly meeting. To wit:

To [blank space]

Meeting [illegible]

Dear Friends, Arthur W. Leverton & Margaret A. Leverton, his wife, with their children namely Baynard T. Francis M. Anthony W. Mary W. Hannah V. Arthur L. and Willis W. Leverton having removed to reside within your limits, now this may certify that they have a right of membership with us the religious society of friends, and on inquiry in relation to obstruct the granting them a certificate of removal,¹ we therefore recommend them to your christian care and oversight. Given forth from North west fork monthly meeting of men and women friends held at Snow Hill 6 mo 12 1861 & signed by Willis Corkrin Clk.

1 Christopher Densmore, Curator, Friends Library, Swarthmore College, is of the opinion that there is an omission of words from the certificate of removal and suggests the following was meant: "on inquiry in relation to granting them a certificate, Nothing appeared to obstruct granting them one."

[End of Microfilm M 288-2. 1856 - 1904. This transcript of references to the Leverton family in North West Fork Monthly Meeting Minutes ends with the above entry.]

APPENDIX H

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD ACTIVITY

IN PRESTON,

CAROLINE COUNTY, MARYLAND

THE PROPERTIES OF QUAKERS

JACOB LEVERTON

ARTHUR LEVERTON

and

JONAH KELLEY,

and of

FREE-BLACK AMERICANS

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The Jacob Leverton Dwelling in the Abolitionist Movement

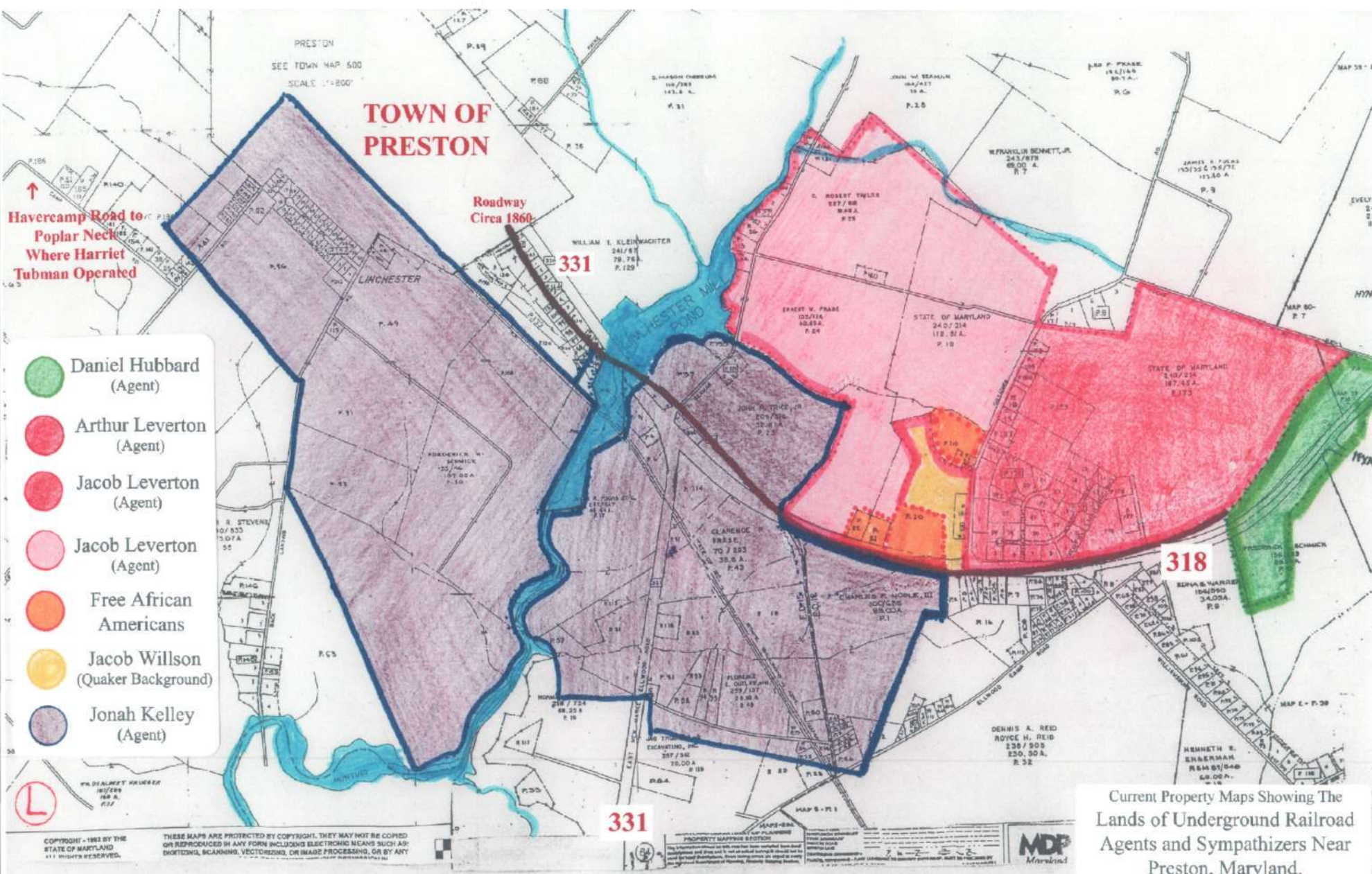
In southern Caroline County, the Jacob Leverton Dwelling was *the main stopping place* on the Underground Railroad. Built in the first quarter of the 19th century, this brick house was the base from which Quakers Jacob and Hannah Leverton operated a station on the Underground Railroad for slaves who were moving under cover to freedom in the North. Joined in their efforts by several adjacent landowners, a broad area became a stronghold of anti-slavery activity.

Abolitionist writings and newspaper articles credit both husband and wife as participants in the Underground Railroad. Their residence was located on several hundred acres of land where fugitives received the comfort of temporary shelter before being passed on to known sympathizers who could guide them to freedom in the North. Important to the role of the Levertons as operators of the Underground Railroad was the participation of their son, Arthur, and of Arthur's immediate neighbor, Daniel Hubbard, a free black. After Jacob's death in 1847, his son, Arthur, continued to provide a haven for desperate runaways before sending them northward to safety.








Arthur's farm was adjacent to that of his father as well as that of Hubbard, whose 55- acre farm spanned Caroline and Dorchester Counties. In 1858, the complicity of Leverton and Hubbard in a failed escape of an enslaved Dorchester County family was disclosed. Fleeing from their homes, Leverton and Hubbard crossed the borders of Maryland to escape the inflamed mob forming in Cambridge to apprehend and punish them. A Cambridge newspaper described Leverton's pre-emptive escape as a *precipitated flight* to avoid *a certain suit, the component parts of which are generally tar and feathers*. The title of the article, *Departure of a Conductor of the Underground Railroad*, added a sardonic note.

While the Leverton-Holland properties may have been the focus of rescue efforts in the area, their combined six hundred acres was not the only sanctuary in the neighborhood for fugitives eluding capture. Broadening that temporary respite were eight hundred acres of adjacent land owned by acknowledged Abolitionist, Jonah Kelly, also a Quaker.

Combined, this expanse of fourteen hundred acres of contiguous properties created a huge geographic target which desperate people attempted to reach, having learned through the grapevine of reliable assistance to continue their perilous flight to freedom.



↑
**Havercamp Road to
Poplar Neck
Where Harriet
Tubman Operated**

-  Daniel Hubbard
(Agent)
-  Arthur Leverton
(Agent)
-  Jacob Leverton
(Agent)
-  Jacob Leverton
(Agent)
-  Free African
Americans
-  Jacob Willson
(Quaker Background)
-  Jonah Kelley
(Agent)



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Current Property Maps Showing The
Lands of Underground Railroad
Agents and Sympathizers Near
Preston, Maryland.
(P. C. Guida for the Caroline County Historical Society, 2005)



Preston Quaker Meeting House site and Kelley family graves



Jacob and Hannah Leverton dwelling and Underground Railroad station



Arthur Leverton dwelling site and Underground Railroad station



Linchester Mill and dam, probable Underground Railroad crossing



Jonah Kelley, agent of Underground Railroad, homestead site



APPENDIX I

PETER WRIGHT
(1791 - 1857)

NATIVE OF CAROLINE COUNTY, MARYLAND

FOUNDER & PRESIDENT

OF

PETER WRIGHT & SONS, PHILADELPHIA,
INTERNATIONAL MERCANTILE SHIPPING COMPANY

AND

JAMES A. WRIGHT
(1815 - 1894)

WHO SUCCEEDED HIS FATHER AS PRESIDENT

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“AMERICA EXPORTS OIL”

Peter Wright & Sons,
the highly successful
Philadelphia import-export firm,
under the leadership of
James A. Wright, President,
undertook a dangerous voyage
across the Atlantic Ocean
to transport Pennsylvania oil, the first large.

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The American Oil & Gas Historical Society

Peter Wright & Sons, a Philadelphia shipping firm,
was founded in 1818 by Peter Wright (1791 - 1856).
He born and raised in Caroline County, Maryland

AMERICA EXPORTS OIL

*In 1847, the Maine shipbuilding firm of J. & C.C. Morton finished construction of the 224-ton brig, *Elizabeth Watts*, a two-masted, square-rigged ship, well suited for the Atlantic cargo trade of the day. She was soon sailing out of her homeport of New York, but it would be 15-years before she would take her remarkable place in America's petroleum history.*



The *Elizabeth Watts* departed the Philadelphia docks on Nov. 19, 1861, and arrived at London's Victoria Dock 45 days later. It took twelve days to unload the 1,329 barrels of oil. Just a year later, the Port of Philadelphia exported 239,000 barrels of oil – still without the technology of railroad tank cars or "tanker" ships designed for the purpose.

Before the oil industry was yet to be born, there were no derricks to be found in the wooded hills around Titusville and Oil Creek, Pa. All of that changed in 1859 with "Col." Edwin Drake's discovery.

Harpers New Monthly Magazine reported, "Doubt and distrust that preceded Drake's successful venture suddenly fled before the common conviction that an oil well was the 'open sesame' to wealth." It was America's first oil boom.

Drake began buying all the 40-gallon whiskey barrels he could find. In January 1860, oil sold for \$20 a barrel and brought jubilant investors huge profits. By May of 1861, more than 130 producing wells were crammed into the area, yielding 1,288 barrels of crude oil each day.

But with an oversupply of oil came plummeting prices and instability that would bring ruin to many an aspiring oilman. About this time, the veteran cargo brig *Elizabeth Watts* was chartered by the highly successful Philadelphia import-export firm of Peter Wright & Sons.

Since its founding in 1818, Peter Wright & Sons had grown and prospered transporting "china, glass and Queensware" among other commodities. The company secured the *Elizabeth Watts* and her captain, Charles Bryant, for the novel purpose of shipping oil from Philadelphia to London.

The nearest railroad to Oil Creek's prolific fields was a grueling trek on muddy roads to the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad station at Miles Mills, 20-miles north of Titusville. From there, flatcars laboriously stacked with

barrels and pulled by steam locomotive made their way eastward to Philadelphia.

Along the route, saltwater residue would eat at the barrels' glue and cause leakage. The risk of fire or explosion would be constant. Despite the hazards and difficulty, 901 barrels of Pennsylvania crude oil and 428 barrels of kerosene made the trip.

Each full 40-gallon barrel weighed 360-400 pounds. It took dockside stevedores 10-days to load the oily cargo aboard the moored *Elizabeth Watts*.

The story goes that Capt. Bryant had to shanghai his crew of seven. Sailors were not anxious to sign on with a ship that could explode and burn even before casting off and sailing down the Delaware River toward the open sea. The fumes were noxious, lurking, and explosive. No ship had ever crossed the Atlantic bearing such cargo.

Whether by persuasion or chicanery, Capt. Bryant secured his crew, and the *Elizabeth Watts* departed the Philadelphia docks on Nov. 19, 1861. Forty-five days later, on Jan. 9, 1862, the *Elizabeth Watts* sailed down the Thames River to arrive at London's Victoria Dock. It took twelve days to unload the 1,329 barrels.

Only one year later, Philadelphia exported 239,000 barrels of oil – still without the technology of railroad tank cars or "tanker" ships designed for the purpose.

As with many stories of America's petroleum heritage, these early deficits in technology were overcome by stalwart men who risked their lives and fortunes in pursuit of their dreams. ▽

Editor's Note – The Society is indebted to maritime author Dr. William Flayhart III for his research on the Port of Philadelphia and its contributions to the growth of America's petroleum industry. Dr. Flayhart recently published *Perils of the Atlantic* and has authored several other books including: *The American Line*, *QE2*, and *Majesty at Sea*.

“THE FIRST CHAPTER”

An article about the dangers of
transporting oil in the 19th century.
It mentions the first large shipment of oil to England
on board the *Elizabeth Watts*,
but without acknowledging the firm of
Peter Wright & Sons
whose daring and pluck made it happen.

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The First Chapter

*Written by Paul F. Hoyer**Photographed by Burnett H. Moody*

Late in 1861, in a dim office somewhere in Philadelphia, an anonymous clerk dipped his pen in ink and, quite unknowingly, wrote the first chapter in the history of oil tankers. The brig *Elizabeth Watts*, he wrote, had recently sailed for England carrying 224 tons of a substance called petroleum.

Not much is known about the *Elizabeth Watts*. She carried the world's first really substantial cargo of oil and arrived safely in England 45 days later. Beyond that the records are blank—except to note that the ship's master had considerable difficulty in recruiting a crew. Sailors, not unreasonably, balked at signing on with a ship that was quite likely to explode and burn to the waterline halfway down the Delaware River. The master of the brig had to take drastic measures. He canvassed the inns, plied the sailors with grog and gently guided their staggering steps up the gangway. By the time they woke the ship was scudding into the Atlantic under full sail.

From the vantage point of 1966 such tactics undoubtedly seem extreme. Yet they suggest the kind of problems that were to confront shipowners as, in the last half of the 19th century, they began, with considerable uneasiness, to cope with this new, unpredictable and often deadly cargo. The brig's voyage, after all, was undertaken only 27 months after Colonel Edward Laurentine Drake drilled America's first producing oil well; petroleum was still a relatively new substance whose properties and characteristics were but dimly understood. Furthermore, with technology at a relatively simple stage, the methods of shipping liquids were decidedly limited. The early history of the tanker, in fact, was primarily a struggle to find safe, quick and economical ways of loading, storing and unloading a valuable but volatile liquid on the inflammable and unstable brigs, schooners and clippers that sped the commerce of the world across the oceans in the 1860's.

In those days there was only one way to transport liquids: in kegs. Since the kegs were quite undependable because they leaked, and since they not only wasted precious space but had to be loaded and unloaded slowly by hand and since it was apparent that petroleum was to be a cargo of considerable volume (one year after the first trip Philadelphia shipped nearly 239,000 barrels), shipowners were soon experimenting with new, often ingenious, sometimes bizarre methods of handling and controlling the cargo. Some fitted square upright iron tanks into the hold. Some tried tin boxes encased in wood. Some, realizing at once that if the hull itself could serve as the container, ships could carry more and weigh less, tried to oilproof the wood hulls

with clever, but usually ineffective, combinations of planking, felt and cement.

But leakage was only one of the problems. In warm weather oil expanded; in cold it contracted. Carry too much, it spilled; carry too little, it sloshed about with enough force to capsize the ship. There were gases to worry about too, with their deadly vapors settling silently into double bottoms to lurk in wait for the unwary lantern, the heedless candle or the forbidden pipeful of Virginia tobacco.

The solution to most of the problems, of course, was the iron ship, with its nonabsorbent, leakproof hulls, its compartmentation and its relative resistance to fire. But technology hadn't quite caught up to theory in the 1860's and although an iron sailing ship expressly designed for oil—the *Atlantic*—was built as early as 1863, and although the Nobel brothers in Sweden launched a steam-propelled tanker in 1878, the level of iron work was such that there was still considerable leakage and loss. With the introduction of steam the problem got worse. Shipowners had to face the hair-raising hazards implicit in keeping huge coal fires burning constantly just a few feet from poorly-constructed, usually leaky tanks of petroleum.

As the century waned, however, technology improved. In 1884 farsighted British shipbuilders, finally realizing that one key to better ships was simply closer riveting, launched the 300-ton *Glückauf*, an iron tanker propelled by steam in which the oil was carried—safely—against the hull. The modern tanker had arrived.

[The article continues late 19th c. improvements]

“JAMES A. WRIGHT RETIRES”

The esteem in which Peter Wright's son, James, was held
is attested to by an article
in a leading Philadelphia newspaper
announcing his retirement as
President of International Navigation Company,
a holding company which ran the American Line and the Red Star Line.

Ocean liners included the (famous)

SS City of New York

and

SS City of Paris.

The North American (Philadelphia, PA)

7 January 1888

The North American, (Philadelphia, PA) January
7, 1888

James A. Wright Retires

Category: News

James A. Wright Retires.

The notice published by the International Navigation Company in another column announces the retirement of James A. Wright from the presidency of that Company, which office he has held from its formation in 1871. His purpose in taking this step is to seek relief from the active cares incident to the command of so great an enterprise.

Clement A. Griscom, who has been chosen to fill the place made vacant by Mr. Wright's retirement, has been the vice president of the company since its organization, and as such has had direct charge of all its extended operations.

The International Navigation Company now owns, controls and operates a fleet of steamships having a gross tonnage of over 110,000 tons. This is a larger tonnage than is operated by any other single management in the North Atlantic trade. The lines in which these steamships run are commercially known as the "American line," "Red Star line" and "Inman line." The last-named line has now building upon the river Clyde by Messrs. J. & G. Thomson, two phenomenal passenger steamships to be run between New York and Liverpool. They are the City of New York and the City of Paris.

OBITUARY

JAMES A. WRIGHT
(1815 - 1894)

The North American (Philadelphia) 9 June 1894

DEATH OF JAMES A. WRIGHT.

The Senior Member of the Well-Known Shipping Firm of Peter Wright & Sons Succumbs to Apoplexy—A Sketch of His Career.

James A. Wright, senior member of the well-known shipping firm of Peter Wright & Sons, died early yesterday morning at his residence, Wissahickon avenue, near Manheim, Germantown. On Tuesday morning Mr. Wright was seized with a paralytic stroke, and remained in an unconscious condition till he died.

James Anderson Wright was born in Talbot county, Md., on September 3, 1815. From an early age to the time of his death he was identified with the firm established by his father, Peter Wright, in 1818, and had the satisfaction of seeing it recognized as a leading mercantile house. In 1836 he was admitted as a partner.

The character of the business gradually changed from a crockery to a jobbing, and from that to a package and importing trade, and a branch house was established in the Staffordshire pottery district in England. In 1843 Peter Wright retired from business, his sons, James A. and Edward H., continuing under the old firm name.

Sailing vessels were loaded at Liverpool with wares for Peter Wright & Sons as a nucleus of their cargo, and in time some of these vessels were consigned to the firm. An export trade followed, broadstuffs and petroleum being the leading articles shipped. From handling vessels as freight agents and commission merchants, the firm became the owners of ships.

In 1871 the International Navigation Company was incorporated, and James A. Wright was chosen its president, and the firm became the general agents in the United States for the Red Star line. The firm in 1874 was appointed general agents of the American Steamship Company, and in 1887 the Inman Steamship Company came under the control of the International Navigation Company, at the close of which year Mr. Wright retired from the presidency of the company.

Mr. Wright was a director of the

First National Bank, and helped to establish the Atlantic Petroleum Storage Company, of which he was in 1884 and 1885 the president. At the time of the organization of the Philadelphia and Southern Mail Steamship Company, in 1883, Mr. Wright was chosen its treasurer. He was also treasurer and a large stock owner in the Winifrede Coal and Railroad Company, and a director in the United Gas Improvement Company. He was joint owner, with William G. Warden, of a settlement of sixty-five houses in the Twenty-sixth ward, known locally as Wrightsville. Among the other organizations of which he was a member, are numbered the Art Club, Pennsylvania Hospital, Academy of the Fine Arts, Academy of Natural Sciences, the Board of Trade and its Committee on Foreign and Coastwise Commerce, Civil Service Reform Association, and Citizens' Municipal Association. He was also a director of the Brooks Underground Telegraph Company, and one of the incorporators of the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania. As treasurer of the Committee of One Hundred, Mr. Wright's efforts towards a purer municipal government will be remembered.

Although born in a slave State, he was prominent as an anti-slavery advocate, and he did much in affording relief to the emancipated slaves. Mr. Wright was twice married, and six children survive him.

The death of Mr. Wright will not interfere with the present contracts of Peter Wright & Sons, as the arrangement of the firm's affairs as now existing will continue until January 1, 1895.

“PARTNERSHIP DISSOLVED

The Old Firm of Peter Wright & Sons With New Members –

TO INSPECT EXCURSION STEAMERS”

The North American (Philadelphia, PA) 4 July 1895, pg. 5, col. E

After the death of James A. Wright, the partnership
trading as *Peter Wright & Sons* was dissolved.

The new partnership kept the firm name,
well-known in shipping circles for fifty-nine years.

The article repeated, once again,
the legendary history of the company
founded by Peter Wright,
one year after he had moved from Caroline County.

The North American, (Philadelphia, PA) July 03, 1895; pg. 5; col E

Partnership Dissolved The Old Firm of Peter Wright & Sons with New Members

Category: News

PARTNERSHIP DISSOLVED

The Old Firm of Peter Wright & Sons With New Members.

TO INSPECT EXCURSION STEAMERS

Collector Read Issues Orders to Insure
Safety on the Fourth—Appropriation for Dredging the Harbor
Not to Be Spent This Year.

Other News.

The partnership between James A. Wright, deceased, Frank L. Neall and Andrew Bye, trading as Peter Wright & Sons, has been dissolved. Frank L. Neall, who is the senior surviving member of the old firm, and Edgar C. Thomas, who for twenty-five years has been connected with the firm and held its procurator, have formed a partnership to conduct the shipping business under the old firm name of Peter Wright & Sons, which has been well-known in shipping circles for the last fifty-nine years. William Wright and George Roosen, who were also connected with the old firm, will sign by procurator.

Peter Wright, the founder of the original firm, came to this city from Maryland in 1817. A year later he established himself in the shipping business, and then began to lay the foundation of what was to be the present prosperous firm of Peter Wright & Sons. In 1834 his oldest son, James A. Wright, entered the firm, and the name was then changed to Peter Wright & Son. In a few years after this Edward N. Wright, another son, was given an interest in the business, and the firm name was then changed to Peter Wright & Sons, which name it has retained ever since.

HAZELBROOK

THE RESIDENCE OF JAMES A. WRIGHT
ca. 1850 - 1884 (?)

WISSAHICKON AVENUE, GERMANTOWN, PA

Places in Time: Historical Documents of Place in Greater Philadelphia
www.brynmawr.edu/icong

Should this home have been constructed by 1858,
this is where Arthur Leverton
might have stayed in Philadelphia
between trains.



ca. 1850-1884?

"HAZEL BROOK"
RESIDENCE OF
JAMES A. WRIGHT
GERMANTOWN, PENNA.

APPENDIX J

ARTHUR W. LEVERTON

AND

THE ESCAPE ON 1 JANUARY 1858

BY

MARGARET HASKINS AND HER FAMILY

From the Card Files of
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U.S. Census 1820
Caroline County Election District 3

Names of all Heads of Families

listed on the same census sheet in the same order as the census-taker

HEADS OF FAMILIES

John Carroll	Free White	
John Beauchamp	Free White	
William Andrew	Free White	
Sarah Cahoon (?)	Free White	
Charles Downes		Free Colored
Isaac Fountain		Free Colored
Shannon Fountain		Free Colored
Lilley Friend		Free Colored
Isaac Friend		Free Colored
Rebecca Morgan	Free White	
Elijah Chance	Free White	
Nace Simmons		Free Colored
Boaz Jester	Free White	
Jacob Leverton	Free White	
Eleonar Haskett	Free White	
Lambert Nicols		Free Colored
Anthony Whiteley	Free White	
Paris Nicols		Free Colored
Edward Haskins		Free Colored 1 female slave under 14 1 female slave 26 and under 45 1 free colored male 26 and under
John Corkran	Free White	
Isaac Nicols		Free Colored
Thomas Adams		Free Colored
Byrns Whiteley	Free White	
Thomas		Free Colored
Stephen Brewerton		Free Colored
Letitia Corkran	Free White	
Nathan Corkran	Free White	
John Caulk	Free White	

U.S. Census 1820

Caroline County Election District 3, continued

HEADS OF FAMILIES

Levin Pool	Free White	
William Covey	Free White	
Francis G. Covey	Free White	
Jacob Covey	Free White	
Thomas Ruggs		Free Colored
John Camper	Free White	
Samuel Emmerson	Free White	
James Ross	Free White	
Joshua Polk	Free White	
Andrew Collins	Free White	
Elijah Cannon	Free White	

www.ancestry.com; Source citation: Year: 1820; Census Place: Election District 3, Caroline, Maryland; Roll: M33_40; Page 112; Image: 108; Electronic Page 15 of 24.

N.B Additional notation by John Creighton, November 2007:

This Free "Edward Haskins" has an enslaved wife and child – but this woman obviously is too old (age 26-45) to be "Margaret Haskins" who was presumably 14 years old in 1827– thus only age 7 in 1820. (But may be Margaret is the enslaved girl under age 14 here?) This Edward Haskins apparently lives very near where Dr. F. P. Phelps, Jr., owned land beginning in 1854.

3 Sept 1838 Bill of Sale \$165

Whereas Richard Willoughby, late of DO CO., dec'd, did by his will manumit his negro woman Margaret Haskins after 31 years from 1 January 1827 which said manumission hath been assigned to William Willoughby, one of the heirs of the deceased, as a part of his distribution share of said negroes,

Now know that William Willoughby convey to Francis P. Phelps bona fide MD resident for at least a year, all his William Willoughby's right and interest in and to the said negro woman for her term of service as stipulated in Richard Willoughby's will to have and to hold this right and interest of him the said William Willoughby in and to said negro Margaret Haskins for and during the aforesaid term of 31 years to be calculated from 2 January 1827 and hereby bargained and sold & etc.

Signature: [none on card]

w/a Jno Newton

Delivered to F. P. Phelps 18 March 1852

N.B. Additional notation by John Creighton, November 2007

Since there was an age limit of 45 on manumissions, I assume that Margaret Haskins" was about age 14 on 1 January 1827 -- hardly a "woman" but note that the bill of sale from William Willoughby (Richard's son) to F. P. Phelps, Sr., was written in 1838, by which time she would have been described as a "woman."

Cambridge *Democrat* (Cambridge, Maryland)

6 January 1858

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RUNAWAY NEGROES TAKEN

The seven negroes that run off (sic) on the night of the 31st of December – the property of Dr. Phelps and James E. Hall – were brought back, and lodged in the jail of this county on last Saturday morning. They were captured in Caroline County, about 4 miles above Denton by Mr. Satterfield, who will pocket, and certainly deserves, the \$1,000 reward offered for their arrest.

Journal of the Proceedings of the House of Delegates
January Session, 1858

p. 359 Friday 12 February 1858

Mr. (John W.) Dail presented a petition from Francis P. Phelps and ninety-five other citizens of Dorchester County, praying for additional legislation of the free negroes of said county; which was referred to Committee on the Colored Population.

N. B. Additional notation by John Creighton, November, 2007
If the original petition still exists, it might be interesting to see who signed it.

Page 580 25 February 1858 On motion of Mr. Dail,
Leave was granted to the Dorchester delegation to introduce a bill for the relief of Francis P. Phelps, of Dorchester county.

Journal of Proceedings and Documents of the House, 1858, Maryland State Archives, Archives of Maryland, Volume 665, [Electronic Edition]

Dorchester County Circuit Court, *Presentments*, April 1858

State vs. Margaret Haskins, Free negro

Presentment for enticing, persuading and assisting the following named slaves, property of Dr. Francis P. Phelps:

negro girl Milley,
negro boy Henry,
negro boy Isaac,
negro girl Maria,

knowing the said slaves to be such to run away, and in consequence of such enticing, persuading and assisting, the said

negro girl Milley,
negro boy Henry,
negro boy Isaac, and
negro girl Maria

did actually runaway, on or about 1 January 1858.

14 May Pled Not Guilty. Jury empanelled and trial ordered.

Verdict: Not Guilty, 14 May 1858

Prisoner discharged. Costs of prosecution \$59.96

N. B. From John Creighton, November 2007.

Re: "ran away" Apparently from Dorchester County (or was it Caroline ?) In what area? Case brought by Dr. F. P. Phelps, Jr & Dr. F. P. Phelps.

1850 AIS [published census records] name by name as to [illegible] Dorchester

APPENDIX K

WHO WAS THE UNNAMED WOMAN, POSSIBLY A QUAKER, WHO HELPED HARRIET TUBMAN ESCAPE ENSLAVEMENT IN 1849?

Could she have been Margaret Leverton, of Preston, wife of Arthur W. Leverton?

KATE CLIFFORD LARSON DISCUSSES THE CLUES in *BOUND FOR THE PROMISED LAND* *HARRIET TUBMAN, PORTRAIT OF AN AMERICAN HERO* —

or

the Levertons' neighbor, Hester Trice Kelley, wife of Jonah Kelley —

or

perhaps both?

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BOUND FOR
THE
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HARRIET TUBMAN

PORTRAIT OF AN AMERICAN HERO

KATE CLIFFORD LARSON

Edward, who was probably living in the brick house while he oversaw his father's timbering and farming operations.¹¹⁹

Poplar Neck, however, was also located on an invisible path to freedom in the North. A small Quaker settlement, the Marshy Creek Friends of the Northwest Fork Meeting, had been rooted there for more than 150 years, and several of the area's most active Quaker abolitionists lived within a mile of Thompson's new home. A small black settlement had also been established there, and in fact the local Quaker community deeded a parcel of its Mt. Pleasant Church property to the black community in 1849 for a church and cemetery of its own.¹²⁰

Quakers were among the most important members of an increasingly organized network to freedom for runaway slaves. Though some Quakers denounced the owning of slaves from the earliest colonial times, many Quakers continued to own, buy, and sell slaves until the mid-1700s, when the Quaker John Woolman of New Jersey made a tour of Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina for a firsthand view of American slavery. Based on his observations, Woolman's influential tracts denounced slavery as incompatible with Christianity. His continued attacks on slaveholding within the Society forced many Quakers to reexamine their positions. By 1770, many Quaker meetings were expelling members for purchasing slaves, and manumissions by deed and will were becoming commonplace. By 1790, Eastern Shore Quaker meetings were free of all slave owners.¹²¹ This Quaker experience was repeated in other states as well, providing a groundswell of activism to end slavery throughout the young nation, in addition to establishing a loose network of like-minded individuals who could be tapped to help freedom seekers find their way north and provide support and shelter once they arrived. Not all Quakers, to be sure, were willing participants in this network; many were neither interested in slaves nor inclined to help them run away. Residents of sparsely populated Caroline County perhaps more readily tolerated the antislavery views of its Quaker inhabitants because there were few slaves in the county, and the Quakers' abolitionist views seemed to have little impact in the community.¹²² Poplar Neck, then, seems to be the most likely way station for Tubman's escape north, if not the starting point.

Harriet may have left from Dr. Anthony C. Thompson's Bellefield

residence in Cambridge. Consisting of fourteen and one-half acres, a main house, several outbuildings, and two slave cabins, Bellefield had been Thompson's main residence for several years while he practiced medicine and ran an apothecary and fine-goods store in Cambridge. Thompson, his wife, Susan, and daughters Mary and Sarah were all living at this residence in 1850 when the census taker arrived.¹²³

There were also non-Quakers living on the Eastern Shore who had abolitionist and antislavery feelings, though very few were vocal.¹²⁴ Thus, regardless of where Tubman initially ran from, she could have quickly tapped an existing local network of abolitionists and others, including free blacks and other slaves, who were willing to help slaves make their way to freedom. The Underground Railroad, as this secret network of places and people was known, was functioning well on the Eastern Shore by the time Tubman took her liberty.

Tubman could tell no one of her plans to run, particularly her mother. Rit was already emotionally spent from the loss of her other daughters; "her cries and groans would have disclosed the secret."¹²⁵ But Tubman could not leave without giving her mother some sort of message about her plans. On the evening of her escape, Tubman offered to do her mother's chores, sending her to her cabin to retire for the evening. Rushing up to the "big house," where several of her relatives lived and worked, Tubman sought out Mary, another slave in whom she felt she could confide.¹²⁶ There, in the kitchen, she hoped to tell Mary of her plans to run away, but the room was crowded. She began to "frolic" with Mary, and they both ran outside to continue playing when Dr. Thompson rode up on horseback and surprised them. Mary ran back to the kitchen, but Harriet hesitated. Thompson "was regarded with special awe by his slaves," and few dared sing or talk when he was around. But Harriet was desperate to leave a message, so she stepped forward, meeting him at the gate, singing:

I'm sorry I'm going to leave you,
Farewell, oh farewell;
But I'll meet you in the morning,
Farewell, oh farewell.

I'll meet you in the morning,
 I'm bound for the promised land,
 On the other side of Jordan,
 Bound for the promised land.¹²⁷

Thompson passed Harriet as he rode through the gate, but she continued to sing. He looked around at her and watched her casually close the gate and slowly walk away, continuing her message in song. A few moments passed, and Tubman tried again to return to the house and tell Mary of her plans. But Thompson was still there, watching for her, so she sang louder, bowing to Thompson as she walked by.¹²⁸ He was probably a little suspicious of her, since she had already run away once with her brothers. Nevertheless, he did not question her, and he rode on to the house.¹²⁹

Once he was out of sight, Tubman fled, probably working her way north as far as safely possible during the night. When Tubman reached the first safe house, the woman of the house asked her to sweep the yard—a deceptive tactic that helped mask Tubman's purpose while she waited for the woman's husband to return from the fields. When darkness fell, the man loaded his wagon, covering Tubman so that she could not be seen, and took her to the next sympathetic home.¹³⁰

The Leverton family, Quakers of Caroline County, were known to be active abolitionists and Underground Railroad operatives.¹³¹ Though Jacob Leverton had died by the time Tubman took her freedom in 1849, his widow, Hannah, still lived in the area with her son, Arthur W. Leverton, who was run out of Caroline County in the late 1850s for aiding slaves in their attempts to escape from their masters.¹³² Dr. Thompson's son Anthony C. Thompson Jr. married Mary Elizabeth Leverton, Jacob and Hannah Leverton's daughter, in November 1849. The Levertons lived very close to the Thompson property at Poplar Neck; it is very likely that young Anthony met Mary Elizabeth while he was working with his brother Edward for their father in Caroline County.¹³³ Thompson's slaves and hired labor, including Ben and Rit Ross and some of their children, would have known the Levertons. It is highly possible that the Levertons played a role in Tubman's escape.

Traveling mostly at night, following the North Star and stopping at each new house she was directed to, Tubman finally crossed the border and into freedom in Pennsylvania. "When I found I had crossed that *line*," Tubman later recalled, "I looked at my hands to see if I was the same person. There was such a glory over everything; the sun came like gold through the trees, and over the fields, and I felt like I was in Heaven."¹³⁴

sold, and this Harriet was sold until she reached the age of forty-five, it seems likely that she is the granddaughter of Ben and Rit. Eliza Brodess's own slaves, which she brought from her family (the Keenes), were all slaves for life.

105. Thomas Willis from John Mills and Eliza Brodess, Liber WJ no. 3, p. 259, MDSA. The name of the child has changed, although there it is the same person. This occurred quite often in local and county court records—in the recording and transcription process names and other details were often changed, particularly when slaves were involved.

106. William O. Cooper and Samuel Dunnock from Eliza Brodess, Liber WJ, no. 3, p. 286, MDSA. She sold Dawes to William Cooper and Samuel Dunnock for \$300. Dawes Keene was most likely one of the slaves Eliza was given or inherited from her father, John Keene. Though a member of Tubman's extended household, he was more than likely not a blood relative.

107. There is no record of a court order authorizing the sale of "Minty," as Tubman was then known, by the Brodesses.

108. Notice of reward placed by Eliza Ann Brodess, *Cambridge Democrat*, Cambridge, Md., October 3, 1849. Interestingly, the advertisement was placed sixteen days after Harriet and her brothers ran away.

109. *Ibid.*

110. *Ibid.* Interestingly, Brodess requested that the advertisement be copied to the Wilmington, Delaware, newspaper, showing knowledge of a known route out of slavery from the Eastern Shore.

111. Bradford, *Scenes*, 16; Interview with Helen W. Tatlock [Mrs. William Tatlock], Earl Conrad/Harriet Tubman Collection, New York Public Library, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. Bradford wrote that Harriet left first with three of her brothers; Tatlock told Conrad that she recalled Tubman telling her she fled first with two of her brothers. The runaway advertisement confirms Tatlock's version of the story.

112. Bradford, *Scenes*, 16.

113. Ben's marital status is unknown, although he may have been the father of two young boys, Ben and David Ross, whose mother remains unidentified. John D. Parker from Benjamin Ross, Dorchester County Chattel Records 1851–1860, MDSA; John D. Parker from David Ross, Dorchester County Chattel Records, MDSA. Robert's wife was Mary Manokey, and she was enslaved by Dr. Anthony Thompson. Henry's wife was Harriet Ann (last name undetermined); her status as a slave or free woman is unknown.

114. Sanborn, "The Late Araminta Davis."

115. Tatlock interview.

116. Sanborn, "Harriet Tubman." See also as printed in Bradford, *Scenes*, 76; and Tatlock interview.

117. Tatlock interview.

118. The location on the Choptank River was ideally suited to Thompson's plans; he could ship out timber from the mouth of Marshy Creek, where there appears to have been a wharf, providing Thompson with the ability to export his timber once it had been felled and cut into boards, staves, and shingles. Living with Thompson's son Edward, in the "big house," were six white sailors, one black laborer, three female slaves, and three male children, also slaves. Edward also controlled more than twenty-one male slaves who were then timbering Thompson's land. These men probably lived and worked in the interior of the Thompson property, in small tents and cabins, in the area of present-day Haverford Camp Road in the Marshy Creek area.

119. Announcement by Jonathan Mills about "Negro for Sale," *Cambridge Democrat*, Cambridge, Md., Sept. 5, 1849.

120. Dr. Anthony C. Thompson was also a Methodist minister, and he may have had a small church built on his property in Caroline County (or it may have already been there when he purchased the property) for the convenience of preaching to his enslaved people.

121. Kenneth Carroll, *Quakerism on the Eastern Shore* (Baltimore: Maryland Historical Society, 1970), 132–38.

122. Ibid.

123. U.S. Census, 1850, Dorchester County, Maryland, District 1, p. 429. Thompson also owned a 450-acre farm in the area of Cordtown, slightly east of Cambridge. It is believed that Thompson did not live at this farm, but rather rented it out or had a hired manager run it.

124. William T. Kelley, "Underground R. R. Reminiscences [April 2, 1898]," *Friends' Intelligencer*, April 2, 1898, 238. Noted Quaker abolitionist Francis Corchran and his family, for instance, left Dorchester County during the 1830s and 1840s to live in Baltimore, where antislavery opinions were more actively, though cautiously, expressed.

125. Tatlock interview.

126. The exact identity or relationship of Mary to Tubman is not clear. It is not known whether this Mary is the same Mary who was living in Ben and Rit's house on Dr. Thompson's property at Poplar Neck in 1850, or another member of Thompson's slave community. Without knowing her age, it may not be possible to know who this Mary is.

127. Bradford, *Scenes*, 17-19.

128. In 1865, Edna Cheney described Tubman as singing her farewell song as "she passed through the street." The use of the word *street* may have some significance, although we may never know. It is likely that the use of the word *street* implies a well-traveled and probably cobblestoned lane in a city such as Cambridge, as opposed to the dirt roads and paths in a more remote area such as Poplar Neck, or it may be that Cheney used the word without any thought to its implications. Unfortunately, the majority of Thompson's female slaves are unaccounted for in the 1850 census, so we cannot be sure as to where Tubman would have most likely been living. It is not known where John Tubman was living at this time, or whether Harriet was living with or near him at the time she fled, although according to Bradford, Harriet's husband "did his best to betray her, and bring her back after she escaped." Bradford, *Scenes*, 15. John Tubman could have hired himself out to Dr. Thompson in Caroline County as well. One final clue may rest with Bradford. She wrote in the her first Tubman biography that when Harriet returned to the Eastern Shore to bring away her brothers during Christmas 1854 and New Year's 1855, they hid in the corn crib near Ben and Rit's cabin at Dr. Thompson's Poplar Neck farm; "Harriet had not seen her mother there for six years." Bradford, *Scenes*, 60. This would approximately coincide with her running away in the fall of 1849.

129. Cheney, "Moses," 35.

130. Tatlock interview. The identities of these people remain unknown. Tatlock told Earl Conrad that Tubman told her the name of the first woman who helped her, but that she had, unfortunately, forgotten it.

131. Kelley, "Underground R. R. Reminiscences," 238, 265. Jacob Leverton was sued for aiding a young slave woman who had run from her master after he beat her. This young woman fled north, and Jacob was immediately suspected. He "lost two farms" settling the lawsuit against him. See also Carroll, *Quakerism*. Tubman may also have been helped by Jonah Kelley and his family, who were then living in Preston, Caroline County.

132. Debra Smith Moxey, *Newspaper Abstracts from the American Eagle and Cambridge Chronicle 1846-1857* (Cambridge, Md.: Debra Smith Moxey, 1995). See page 47 for Jacob Leverton's death; see also Kelley, "Underground R. R. Reminiscences," 265; and Carroll, *Quakerism*, 142.

133. Mary Elizabeth Leverton was "disowned" by the local Quaker meeting in 1850 for several reasons. She was lax in her attendance at the Friends meetings, she married a non-Quaker, and when she moved from the area they struck her from their membership lists. Mary Elizabeth and Anthony Thompson moved to Anne Arundel County in early 1850, where Anthony became a merchant, though they did return within a couple of years to Dorchester County. See U.S. Census, 1850, Anne Arundel County, Md.

134. Bradford, *Scenes*, 19. "When I found I had crossed dat line," she said, "I looked at my hands to see if I was de same pusson. There was such a glory ober ebery ting; de sun came like gold through the trees, and ober the fields, and I felt like I was in Heaben."