

We find the names of George Harland, Alphonsus Kirk, etc., among the signers to Thomas Harland's first marriage certificate, but it seems that this brother did not venture to cast his lot in the new world. So far as we can learn he remained in Ireland; we find his descendants, some fifty years later, crossing into Pennsylvania, and settling in Chester County. The further line of Thomas Harland, obtained too late to be inserted here, will be found given in the appendix.

3. **George Harlan** <sup>3</sup> (James,<sup>2</sup> William <sup>1</sup>), Yeoman, "Ye sone of James Harland of Monkwearmouth, was Baptised at the Monastery of Monkwearmouth in Oald England, ye 11th Day of First Month 1650." He was b. "Nigh Durham in Bishoprick, England," and remained there until he reached manhood, when, in company with his brother and others, he crossed into Ireland and located in the County of Down. While residing there he m. by ceremony of Friends, 9, 17, 1678, **Elizabeth Duck**. George Harlan \* brought his family to America in 1687, and the nine years intervening were without doubt spent in the above-named parish and county, and there, too, in all probability, his first four children were born. He d. in "Fifth Month" (July), 1714, and was buried beside his "deare wife in the new burying grounds on Alphonsus Kirk's land," which was afterwards, and is yet, Center Meeting Burying Grounds. George and Elizabeth were the parents of nine children:

5. Ezekiel, b. 6, 16, 1679; d. 4, 15, 1731; m. Mary Bezer and Ruth Buffington.
6. Hannah, b. 2, 4, 1681; d. —; m. Samuel Hollingsworth.
7. Moses, b. 12, 20, 1683; d. 1747; m. Margaret Ray.
8. Aaron, b. 10, 24, 1685; d. 9 Mo. 1732; m. Sarah Heald.
9. Rebecca, b. 8, 17, 1688; d. 8, 17, 1775; m. William Webb.
10. Deborah, b. 8, 28, 1690; d. —; m. Joshua Calvert.
11. James, b. 8, 19, 1692; d. —; m. Elizabeth —.
12. Elizabeth, b. 8, 9, 1694; d. —; m. Joseph Robinson.
13. Joshua, b. 11, 15, 1696; d. 5 Mo. 1744; m. Mary Heald.

† George Harland, of Parish of Donahlong, Co. Down, Ireland, and Elizabeth Duck, of Lurgan, Parish of Shankill, Co. Armagh, were married "at the house of Marke Wright in ye Parish of Shankill," 9 Mo. 17, 1678.

Signers to the certificate:

HENRY HOLLINGSWORTH  
JOHN CALVERT  
ROGER KIRK

WM PORTER  
TIMOTHY KIRK  
ALPHONSUS KIRK  
DEBORAH KIRK  
ELINOR HOOPE  
ROBERT HOOPE  
THOMAS HARLAND

GEORGE HARLAND  
ELIZABETH HARLAND

‡ "George Harland had taken from him for Tithe, by Daniel Mac Connell... twelve stooks and a half of Oats, three stooks and a half of Barley, and five loads of Hey, all worth ten shillings ten pence."

\* After coming to America George and Michael Harland dropped the final "d" and the name is almost universally spelled Harlan.

† Marriage Book of Lurgan Mo. Mtg., p. 91.

‡ Wm. Stockdale's "A Great Cry of Oppression."



MONKWEARMOUTH, 1882.  
(See page 2.)



SUTTON HALL, YORKSHIRE, ENGLAND, 1882.  
(See page 968.)



No certificate of the membership of George Harland with Friends is upon record, but his marriage certificate shows us that at that time he was a member, and as early as "Tenth Month" (December), of 1687, he was placed upon committees of responsibility in Friends' Affairs in his new neighborhood. At the time of his residence in Ireland, William Penn was urging Friends of England to become settlers upon his lands, cautioning them, however, against "leaving their own country out of idle curiosity or of a rambling disposition." But names signed above we find later in the new world, and, as we have seen, George was buried upon "Alphonsus Kirk's land." So they were not without friends when they made their settlement near the Delaware.

In the early months of the year 1687, in company with his wife and four children, and his brother Michael, then unmarried, he took ship at Belfast for America. They had bought lands before coming\* which were within that part of the Province of Pennsylvania now embraced in the County of New Castle. Ascending the river Delaware they landed at the town of New Castle (now in Delaware State), and settled near the present town of Centreville. Here the elder brother remained for some years, and about 1698/99, having purchased higher up the Brandywine Creek, he moved his family and settled in what is now † Pennsylvania Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

"BRANDYWINE CREEK,

"the 27<sup>th</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> month 1696.

"*Loving Friend*

"William Porter This may acquaint thee that I have Received 4 Letters from thee all of one date and tenor being y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> m. '95 in Relation to Mary Child whose Son Thomas Died Something more than two years Since at Vallentine Hollingsworths he hapning to fall Sick there, & as to what is Reported Concerning his Bequest to his mother I have here Sent thee the Copy of his Will on the other side. . . . I was with him in time of his Sickness and he being about to make his will I put him in mind of his Relations in Ireland and his answer was thus he had never Received any Letter Since he had been in the Countrie from any of them Replying further he had been troublesom to his friends in his Life time & Questioning by Reason of the Warrs and Mortallity that had been of Late in Ireland whoe of his relations might be Living or Dead and to Impose Soe troublesom an undertaking upon his friends (as the making Sale of what he had & turning it into mony & the small it might turn to & Conveying the same to Ireland might prove) he would not doe it.

"Thus far concerning the Child matter soe hopping this may find thee in good health with thy family mine with my Wifes dear Love is Remembered unto thee & to the Rest of our friends & relations Let my Bro understand that wee are all indiffrent well & Know of no alteration Since I wrote by Thomas Musgrave my Wifes dear Love is Remembered in perticular to Robert Hoop ‡ and Elenor; having often desired to hear from them Soe having not Else at present but remain thy friend

"GEORGE HARLAN."

\* From the old warrants granted "within the County of New Castle, on Delaware," we learn that "George Harland" and "James & Thomas Harlin" purchased lands there in the summer of 1686, and that "James Harland" did likewise in January of 1701.

† It was then in Kennett, but later the township was subdivided.

‡ Robert Hoopes (Hoop, Hoope), "Son of John Hoopes of Moorsom (near Gisbrough) in Yorkshire in England, and Isabell his wife was born in Moorsom aforesd, 8 Mo. 18, 1639. He came to Ireland Anno dom: 1660 being a tailor by trade. About the beginning of eighth month Anno dom: 1663 he took to wife Ellener ye daughter of John Hodgkinson and of An his wife of Preston in Andersness in Lancashire in England aforesd who was borne in the Sd towne about the Anno dom 1638: and had by her Children borne as followth": (1) Ann, b. 10, 22, 1664. (2) John, b. 10, 4, 1666. (3) Abraham, b. 11, 14, 1668.

## WILL OF THOMAS CHILD.

I Thomas Child being weak of body but of perfect memory doe make this my last Will & Testament as followeth.

1ly I Give unto Michael Harland & Son George my Plantation & Land with 20 acres which I purchased but wants a Title to it desiring that Michael may keep it in order till his Son George Come to Age

2ly I Give to Michael Harland two black mares & my Eldest Horse & a Black Colt Coming two yeres old & a fily Coming one.

3ly I Give unto George Harland one Horse Coming three yeres old.

4ly I Give unto Mary Malings three daughters by Thomas Conoway one young Mare fower year Ould & a Mare Colt Coming one yere Ould.

5ly I Give unto Dinah Harland one Red Cow white in the face.

6ly I Give unto Hannah Harland one Heifer Coming two yeares ould.

7ly I Give unto Samuel Underwood one Red Cow being now abroad.

8ly I Give all my Corn & Hoggs to Michael Harland with all my Utencells & Clothes he paying & Receiving my Debts.

9ly I Give unto Elizabeth Dickson \* one Sorrill filly with a white face.

10ly I Give unto Michael Harland's Daughter Abigail one Heifer Calfe.

I Appoint my true friends George Harland and Michael Harland to be my Executors of this my Last Will & Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this 3 & 10/m 1694.

HENRY HOLLINGSWORTH.

SAMUEL HOLLINGSWORTH.

JACOB CHANDLER.

THOMAS T CHILD. (Seal)  
his Mark & Seal.

A true Copy of y<sup>e</sup> Testament of Thomas Child.

THO: PIERSON,  
(attr.for her.)

While living in Kennet † Township (now Pennsbury), George Harlan had for neighbors a settlement of Indians who lived in the "Great Bend" of the Brandywine. After they had gone he obtained, in 1701, a warrant for 200 acres of land in the bend, which was granted to him "in regard for the great trouble and charge he had borne in fencing and maintaining the same for said Indians while living thereon."

We find his name among the signers of the return for a road laid out in the winter of 1704-5. This road ran "from the fork of the Brandywine, in Alice Vestal's land" to a white oak "standing by y<sup>e</sup> road from George Harlands to Neman's Creek Mill."

\* The name is variously spelled Dixon, Dixson, Dickson, etc. Judging from the manner in which the testator disposed of his estate, leads one to conclude that he was a relative of the family. We have no evidence that William Dixon and Ann Gregg had a daughter Elizabeth, or that Dinah Dixon, the wife of Michael Harlan, No. 4, and her brother, William, had a sister, Elizabeth. It is very probable, therefore, that this "Elizabeth Dickson" was the mother of Dinah Harlan, and perhaps a widow in 1694, and residing with her daughter. William Dixon's land warrant bounds his property upon the east by lands of Thomas Child. The latter is probably the plantation mentioned in the above will.

† The spelling of the name will be found to vary in this volume. It is generally spelled with two "t's," but the original spelling on the old court records was with one "t," and it is spelled in England in the same way, both on early and modern maps.—Futhey and Cope's *History of Chester County, Pennsylvania*.

George Harlan first belonged to Newark Meeting, but after his removal up the Brandywine and westward, he was too remote from this meeting for punctual attendance, especially in the winter, and at a request of himself and others, a meeting "beyond Brandywine" was established. From the Monthly Meeting records of Center Meeting, as the meeting was called, we read: "This meeting appoints George Harlan, Thomas Hollingsworth, Alphonsus Kirk, & Samuel Groves, to take y<sup>e</sup> oversight of y<sup>e</sup> building of y<sup>e</sup> Centre Meeting House requesting y<sup>m</sup> with all convenient speed to let out y<sup>e</sup> work to some workmen in order y<sup>t</sup> it may more speedily done & return an acctt to y<sup>e</sup> next meeting how they proceed." The deed for the land had been conveyed by Alphonsus Kirk, while yet a member of Newark, to John Craig, Samuel Groves and John Richardson. The consideration was £12, 5s.

George Harlan soon became one of the foremost citizens of the colony. He had been one of the provincial governors of the "three lower counties," now the state of Delaware, in 1695, and was a member of the Colonial Assembly in 1712. His colleagues in the latter were Caleb Pusey, David Lloyd, William Davis, John Baker, Nathaniel Newlin, Nicholas Fairlamb, John Wood, Isaac Taylor and John Maris.

Upon the first day of March, 1713, he deeded 203 acres to his son-in-law, William Webb, for a consideration of 30 pounds. On the ninth day of the same month, "in consideration of the Natural Affection & fatherly love which he hath" and also "for divers other good causes and valuable considerations," he deeded 200 acres each to his sons James and Joshua.

George Harlan died in "Fifth Month" (July), 1714. The date of the death of his wife is unknown, but in his will he requests that he be buried beside his "deare wife in the new burying grounds."

#### WILL OF GEORGE HARLAN.

I GEORGE HARLAN of Brandywine Creek and in the Township of Kennet and County of Chester in the province of Pennsylvania Yeoman. Being weak at this time in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory & calling to mind the certainty of Death & the uncertainty of the time thereof doe make & ordain this my last will & Testament in manner & form following, That is to say, first I yield up my soul into the hands of almighty God as unto a faithful Creator hoping through the merrits sufferings Resurrection & mediation of my blessed Savior Jesus Christ to find mercy & forgiveness with compleat salvation & my body to be buried by my deare wife in the new burying place on Alphonsus Kirks land at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named. Also my will is that all my Just debts & funeral Expenses be fully paid & discharged. Also I Give unto my son Aaron my Clock & my Great Brass Kettle. Also I Give unto my Brother Michael Harlan the young Susquhanna Mare. Also I Give unto my servant woman named Mary Mathews at the expiration of her time one cow & calf & one young mare not less than three yeares old. And lastly I make nominate & appoint my sons Ezekiel & Aaron Harlan Executors of this my Last Will & Testament & also appoint my brother Michael Harlan aforementioned & my son Samuel Hollingsworth Trustees & assistants to my Executors aforementioned in the performance & Accomplishment of this my Last will & Testament. Also my will is that after my debts Legacies Bequests & expenses aforesaid are fully payed & satisfied that what shall then remain of my moveable & personal

Estate if any so there be then it shall be equally divided between all my children Sons & Daughters share & share alike. In witness thereof I have to this my said will set my hand & seal this one & twentieth Day of the Second month called Aprill in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fourteen.\*

GEORGE HARLAN (Seal)

Sealed signed & published & declared by Testator George Harlan to be his last will & Testament in the presence of us who have subscribed our names as Witnesses hereunto in his presence.

DANIEL MCFARSON.  
NATHAN MADDOCK.  
THOMAS PIERSON.

An Inventory of the Goods, Chattles Rights & Credits which were of George Harlan late of Kennet in the County of Chester valued & appraised by us whose names are hereunder written the Twentyeth Day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & fourteen.

	£	s.	p.
Imprimis. Wearing apparall .....	5	00	00
Imp. 1 Bed 1 Bolster & 2 pillows & pillow cases.....	5	00	00
Imp. 2 p <sup>r</sup> of sheets.....	18	00	00
Imp. 1 Rug & 1 Blanket.....	1	10	00
Imp. 1 Bedsted .....	18	00	00
Imp. 1 Table .....	10	00	00
Imp. 1 Couch .....	06	00	00
Imp. 22 Y <sup>rs</sup> of Bagging.....	2	00	00
Imp. 1 old warming pan fire shovel & 2 p <sup>r</sup> tongues & toster.....	18	00	00
Imp. 2 chests .....	09	00	00
Imp. 6 p <sup>cs</sup> of old puter weighing 12 <sup>pd</sup> @ 18 <sup>d</sup> p <sup>r</sup> pound.....	18	00	00
Imp. 2 p <sup>cs</sup> more weighing 3½ p <sup>ds</sup> .....	05	00	00
Imp. 1 Brass skillitt .....	03	00	00
Imp. 1 fying pann .....	03	00	00
Imp. 3 floats & 3 pales & 1 churn & 1 wooden bottel.....	11	00	00
Imp. 1 Gunn .....	1	00	00
Imp. 2 cows 1 black & 1 Red.....	5	00	00
Imp. 1 stone horse .....	9	01	00
Imp. 1 Darke brown meare called Midge & this yeares horse colt.....	9	01	00
Imp. 1 Black Ridgelin .....	3	00	00
Imp. 1 Darke brown meare with bay yearling.....	6	00	00
Imp. 1 cross cut saw & 1 hand saw & 1 frame saw.....	12	00	00
Imp. 3 augurs .....	02	00	00
Imp. 7 planes .....	13	00	00
Imp. 1 screw tarkel .....	13	00	00
Imp. 5 wimbels bits & 1 gimblet.....	02	00	00
Imp. 12 Chezells & gouges.....	06	00	00
Imp. 2 axes .....	04	00	00
Imp. 2 p <sup>r</sup> ——— .....	01	00	00
Imp. 1 stock nife & hammer.....	04	00	00
Imp. Some old iron.....	04	00	00
Imp. 1 spade & 1 scithe.....	08	00	00
Imp. 2 p <sup>cs</sup> of chane one whereof is at Mosess.....	03	00	00

\* Proven 8 Mo. 2, 1714.—Ed.

	£	s.	p.
Imp. 1 grindstone .....	08	00	
Imp. 1 brode ax more.....	05	00	
Imp. 1 old bed tick & 1 bolster.....	12	00	
Imp. 1 Bond from J <sup>ro</sup> . Battin & Sam <sup>l</sup> Heald.....	46	00	00
Imp. 1 Bond from Aaron Harlan [his son Aaron—Ed.].....	100	00	00
Imp. 1 Book Dept .....	5	00	00
Imp. 1 Book Dept .....	25	00	00
Imp. one Book Dept more.....	10	07	00
Imp. one Book Dept more.....	2	10	00
Imp. one bay meare a <sup>bt</sup> 15 y <sup>rs</sup> old in the woods.....	1	10	00
Imp. one bay horse & 1 Bay meare & 1 sorrel colt.....	11	12	00
Imp. one brown Bay horse colt A <sup>bt</sup> 1 y <sup>r</sup> old.....	1	10	00
Imp. 14 y <sup>as</sup> of Blanketting.....	1	06	00
Imp. 18 p <sup>ds</sup> of old iron.....	09	00	
Imp. one Gray meare & colt.....	4	10	00

Sum Total £276—02—00

Imp. There is the sum of Fifty Pounds Sterling Due from Nathan

Matlack To be paid Ten Pounds p<sup>r</sup> yeare for five yeares

WILLIAM BRINTON.

JOSEPH TAYLOR.

Item. The Ex<sup>rs</sup> Charges themselves with above Goods and Chattles  
hereafter mentoned

To wheat in the Barn appraised at.....	17	10	00
one yearling Brown horse colt.....	4	00	00
one Gray meare two yeares old.....	4	00	00
one brown bay horse.....	4	00	00

Sum Total of all Sums £355—12—00

George Harlan's estate "paid Isaac Taylor for Physic as  $\frac{p}{d}$  his receipt Dated y<sup>e</sup> 25: 1 mo: 1715, £8, 13<sup>s</sup>.

4. Michael Harlan<sup>s</sup> (James,<sup>2</sup> William<sup>1</sup>), Yeoman, Friend, was b. "Nigh Durham, in Bishoprick, England, about the year 1660," and in early life em. with his brothers into Ireland and settled with them in the County of Down. Here he remained until 1687, when he accompanied his brother George to America. "And y<sup>e</sup> beginning of y<sup>e</sup> yeare 1690," Michael Harlan m. Dinah Dixon, "y<sup>e</sup> Daughter of Henry Dixon and settled first Neer y<sup>e</sup> Senter Meeting House." They afterward removed into London Grove Twp., where Michael d. "Fourth Month" (June), 1729, and was bur. in Friends' Burying Grounds. His wife was doubtless bur. there also. They had the following issue:

14. "George, y<sup>e</sup> sone of y<sup>e</sup> said Michael & Dinah Harlan was born y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Day of y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> mo in y<sup>e</sup> yeare 1690 a little before day"; d. in 1732; m. Mary Baily (Stewart).
15. "Abigail, y<sup>e</sup> Daughter of said Michael & Dinah Harlan was born y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> mo 1692 after night"; d., date unknown; m. Richard Flower.