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THE PHELPS FAMILY

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The purpose of this article is to construct a family history of the Phelps family of Anne Arundel County in the hope of finding the parents of Ezekiel Phelps who married Margaret Watkins in 1794. Although the parents of Ezekiel have not yet definitely been identified, this account does present a possible solution to the problem, and gives information on the early generations.

1st Generation

1. WALTER PHELPS, progenitor, was b. c.1639. He gave his age as 67 in 1706 and 79 in 1718.¹ He may be the Walter Phelps who, with William Godby, glover, on 13 Aug. 1660, was bound to Edward Hope, grocer, to serve four years in Virginia.²

He was in Maryland by 7 June 1673 when Hubert Lambert of South River conveyed to him 100 a. of land, part of 500 a. laid out for Ann Covill, widow.³

On 18 Sept. 1676 when he was listed among the debts of Daniel Taylor of Anne Arundel Co.⁴ [It is not clear whether Phelps was a creditor or a debtor-RWB]

He had Mark Client bound to him on 13 Oct. 1679 for 5 years in Maryland.⁵

Walter Phelps of Anne Arundel Co., MD, immigrated to MD with his wife Elizabeth and mother Rebecca and three other persons, and in 1680 Phelps claimed land for their transportation. Mark Clyant was one of the three persons.⁶

On 20 May 1703 Walter Phelps and Sitt.[?] Welsh appraised the estate of John Gather, Sr.⁷

Walter Phelps m. Elizabeth Benson. He was buried 5 May 1719, and she was buried 18 Aug. 1706, both in All Hallows Parish, Anne Arundel Co.⁸ They were the parents of the following children:

- + 2. Walter, b. 17 June 1680
- + 3. William, b. 13 Sept. 1682.
- + 4. John, b. 1 June 1684.
- 5. George, b. 18 May 1689. *children?*
- 6. Elizabeth, b. May 1693, bur. 12 April 1703.⁹
- 7. Benjamin, b. 5 Dec. 1695 *children?*
- 8. Joseph, b. 9 Aug. 1698, baptized 15 Aug., and buried 16 Aug. 1698.¹⁰
- + 9. Charles, b. 17 Oct. 1699

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2nd Generation

2. WALTER PHELPS, Jr., son of Walter and Elizabeth, was b. 17 June 1680, and m. Mary Cheney on 1 Dec. 1702.¹¹ On 1 April 1701 he witnessed the will of George Eastall of A. A. Co.¹²

On 27 March 1728 Ralph Bazel of A. A. Co. made a will naming "Ruth wife of Walter Phelps, Sr." (B:6:83) Walter Phelps m. Ruth (N) [Could this be Rose Bazil? Walter Phelps and Rose Bazil were m. 2 Jan. 1717.].

In June 1740 Walter Phelps testified in a land commission, giving his age as 61. He was evidently still living in March 1760/1 when as "Walter Phelps, Sr.," he gave his age as c.80.¹³

Walter and Mary had the following children:

- + 10. Walter, b. 14 Sept. 1703, bap. 20 Aug. 1704, m. 9 Jan. 1727, Mary Bazil.¹⁴
- 11. Richard, b. 13 April 1706, bap. 12 Sept. 1711.¹⁵
- + 12. John, bap. 12 Sept. 1711.¹⁶ He m. by banns 15 Sept. 1730, Sarah Bazil.
- 13. Mary, bap. 12 Sept. 1711.¹⁷ She m. Richard Poole on 24 Feb. 1730
- 14. Elizabeth, bap. 18 May 1719.¹⁸ (If she were a daughter of Walter by his 1st wife, she could have been born any time prior to 1717, and baptized in 1719).

Walter and Rose/Ruth were the parents of the following children:

- + 15. Bazil, s. of Walter and Rose [sic, bap. 18 May 1719].¹⁹
- 16. Ruth, bap. 15 May 1722.²⁰
- 17. William, b. 13 July 172-(?), bap. 21 Oct. 1724.²¹
- 18. George, b. 4 July 1730 (A, p. 45).²²

3. WILLIAM PHELPS, son of Walter and Elizabeth, was born 13 Sept. 1682, and married Elizabeth Cheney on 8 Aug. 1706. Elizabeth, wife of William, was buried 12 Sept. 1711. He married 2nd, Rachel (N) on 11 Dec. 1718.²³

In August 1738 he made a deposition in a land commission, giving his age as 56. In Feb. 1738/9 he made another deposition and named himself as "son of Walter."²⁴

William Phelps died leaving a will dated 12 July 1748, proved 20 Aug. 1748 appointing his wife executrix, and naming his sons Richard, John, Benjamin, Zachariah and William. His will named tracts: *Phelps' Adventure* on Flat Creek Branch, and the *Upper Part*. Samuel Day, Clark Cromwell and Elizabeth Cheney were witnesses.²⁵

On 26 Dec. 1748 his estate was inventoried by Samuel Day and Joseph Coward and valued at £112.18.1. Walter Phelps and John Phelps signed as kin, and Mrs.

Rachel Phelps, the executrix, filed the inventory on 12 April 1748. Another inventory was taken on 13 July 1749 by the same appraisers and valued at £23.2.7. Rachel Phelps filed the inventory on 9 Sept. 1749.²⁶

William had at least two children by his 1st wife. His others were almost certainly by his second wife.

19. (N), b. (date of birth not given).²⁷ *Too early & female?*

+ 20. William, bapt. 12 Sept. 1711.²⁸ *1765 son?*

William and Rachel were the parents of:

+ 21. Richard, d. intestate and without issue on or about 1 Sept. 1795. A chancery case names the children of his brothers William, John and Zachariah.²⁹

+ 22. John, b. c.1720.

23. Benjamin, may have died without issue as he is not mentioned in a 1795 chancery case involving his brothers Richard, William, John and Zachariah. He may be the Benjamin Phelps who took the Oath of Fidelity to the State of Maryland on 1 March 1778 before Richard Harwood, Jr.³⁰

+ 24. Zachariah, b. 8 Oct. 1729.³¹

4. JOHN PHELPS, s. of Walter and Elizabeth, was b. 1 June 1684, and m. Susan Meek on 16 Oct. 1718, in All Hallows Parish. Could he be the John Phelps who m. Love (N)? They were the parents of the following children:

25. Mary, bapt. 3 April 1720, in All Hallows Parish.³²

9. CHARLES PHELPS, s. of Walter and Elizabeth, was born on 17 Oct. 1699, and m. Susanna Stephens on 19 Dec. 1723.³³ They had the following children:

26. Zebulon, b. 25 May 1731.³⁴

3rd Generation

10. WALTER PHELPS, son of Walter and Mary (Cheney), was born on 14 Sept. 1703, and married Mary Bazil on 9 Jan. 1727 in All Hallows Parish.³⁵ On 27 March 1728 Ralph Bazel made a will mentioning Mary, wife of Walter Phelps, Jr.³⁶

Walter Phelps died leaving a will dated (8?) Oct. 1760, proved March 1764, naming sons John, George and Joseph. He stated they were not to hinder Richard Poole and wife Mary from living where they are. Joseph Bazil, Richard Phelps and Joseph Poole were witnesses.³⁷

On 18 June 1764 his estate was inventoried by Robert Welsh and Gassaway Watkins, and valued at £12.15.0. John Phelps and Mary Poole signed as kin, and George Phelps and Joseph Phelps, execs., filed the inventory on 23 Feb. 1765.³⁸ It would appear that he was the father of:

+ 27. Isaiah, bapt. 23 March 1728; he was not in his father's will.³⁹

28. Elizabeth, bapt. 13 Dec. 1730; she was not in her father's will.⁴⁰

29. John.

30. George.

31. Joseph.

12. JOHN PHELPS, s. of Walter and Mary Cheney, was b. by 1711, and m. Sarah Bazil on 9 Aug. 1730.⁴¹ He is probably the "John Phelps, Sr.," who gave his age as 52 in March 1760/1.⁴² John and Sarah (Bazil) were the parents of a son:

+ 32. John, b. 8 April 1731.⁴³

15. BAZIL PHELPS, son of Walter and Rose [sic], was baptized on 18 May 1719.⁴⁴ He died leaving a will dated 12 Aug. 1760, proved 18 Oct. 1760, naming his wife Leah, his three sons Edward, Bazil, and Gather, and mentioning an unborn child. His wife was to be the executrix, and the will was witnessed by Richard Poole, George Phelps, and William Beard.⁴⁵

His wife Leah was probably a daughter of Edward and Rachel Gaither, and seems to have m. 2nd, (N) Kirkland.

On 5 May 1761 his estate was appraised by Joseph Kenard and Benjamin Williams, and valued at £153.19.10. Walter Phelps and George Phelps signed as next of kin, and Leah (Leah?) Phelps, extx., filed the inventory on 7 May 1761.⁴⁶

A second inventory was taken by the same appraisers (but Joseph Kenard was Joseph Howard), and valued at £16.17.0. George and Joseph Phelps signed as kin, and Leah Kirkland, admnx., filed the inventory on 12 Nov. 1766.⁴⁷

Bazil Phelps was the father of:

33. Edward.

34. Bazil.

35. Gaither

36. (child unborn in August 1760).

20. WILLIAM PHELPS, s. of William and Elizabeth, was bapt. 12 Sept. 1711, and m. Susanna (N) (Some sources say she was Susanna Meek, but proof has not been found).

In March 1760/1 William Phelps, son of William, made a deposition giving his age as c.50.⁴⁸

He d. leaving a will dated 24 April 1765 and proved 30 Oct. 1765. In his will he named his wife Susanna as executrix, and children: William, John, Richard, Joseph, Joshua, Jacob, Elizabeth Holbrook, and Susanna Cheney. He mentioned *Duvall's Range*. Francis Belmear, John Belmear and Thomas Oliver were witnesses. He mentioned the tract, *Duvall's Range*.⁴⁹

Susanna Phelps appeared in the 1776 census of All Hallows Parish with 5 white males, 3 white females, and 3 white children.⁵⁰ She was listed in South River

Hundred, AA Co., owning part of *Duval's Range*.⁵¹ She is probably the widow of William (20) Phelps.

William Phelps' children are mentioned in a chancery case found with a petition dated 1796.⁵²

William and Susanna had the following children:

37. Elizabeth, b. 31 March 1739⁵³ m. (N) Holbrook.

38. William, b. 17 Dec. 1740.⁵⁴

39. Susannah, b. 10 Sept. 1742,⁵⁵ m. (N) Cheney.

40. John, b. 13 Jan. 1744.⁵⁶

41. Thomas, b. 14 Feb. 1746/7.⁵⁷

42. Rebecca, b. 18 Sept. 1750.⁵⁸

43. Richard, b. 18 Aug. 1753.⁵⁹

44. Joseph, b. 24 Dec. 1754.⁶⁰

45. Joshua, b. 22 Feb. 1758.⁶¹

+ 46. Jacob, b. 29 March 1761.⁶²

21. RICHARD PHELPS, son of William, died intestate and without issue on or about 1 Sept. 1795.

In 1776 Richard Phelps was listed in the 1776 census of All Hallows Parish, AA Co.I, with 1 white male and 1 white female.⁶³ He took the Oath of Fidelity to the State of Maryland on 1 March 1778 before Richard Harwood, Jr.⁶⁴

Richard Phelps is listed in South River Hundred, AA Co., owning part of *Cheney's Rest* and part of *Phelps Adventure*.⁶⁵

Richard Phelps signed the inventory of Deborah Phelps (q.v.) as a creditor on 13 Nov. 1789. He also purchased some of her property on 11 Nov. 1789.

Richard Phelps died by 18 Nov. 1795 when his estate was inventoried by Vachel Gaither and John Jacobs. His property was valued at 19.18.1. James Maccubbin and Stephen Beard signed as creditors, and John Phelps and Joshua Phelps signed as kin. The inventory was filed 5 Jan. 1798 by William Phelps, administrator.⁶⁶

At the sale of Richard Phelps' property the following Phelps purchased property: George Phelps, Jacob Phelps, Jno. Phelps, Margaret Phelps, William Phelps, and Zachariah Phelps.⁶⁷

A chancery case names the children of his brothers William, John and Zachariah.⁶⁸

22. JOHN PHELPS, son of William by his 2nd wife, Rachel, was b. c.1720, giving his age as 40 in March 1760/1.⁶⁹ A chancery case petition dated 1796 states that he died before his brother Richard and left the following children.⁷⁰

47. William.

48. Mary, m. (N) Lang

49. Rachel, m. (N) Clewly

50. Hester

24. ZACHARIAH PHELPS, s. of William and Rachel, was b. 8 Oct. 1729.⁷¹ He died before 1795, and a chancery case named his children.⁷²

He is probably the Zachariah Phelps who purchased some of the property of Deborah Phelps (q.v.) on 11 Nov. 1789). He purchased some of Richard Phelps' (q.v.) property c.1795.

In 1798 Zachariah Phelps was listed in Roadge River Hundred as owning 180 a. Cheney's Rest and 25 a. Phelps' Adventure.⁷³

Zachariah Phelps was the father of the following children:

+ 51. Zachariah.

52. Mary, m. (N) Theckerell

53. Margaret, m. (N) Pearce.

54. Elizabeth, m. (N) Carter.

4th Generation

27. ISAIAH PHELPS, son of Walter, was bapt. 23 March 1728.⁷⁴ He was not in his father's will. He was living in May 1756 when he advertised there was a stray mare at his plantation at the head of South River.⁷⁵

In June 1740 Isaiah Phelps, grandson of Walter Phelps, was bound to Richard Goodman, carpenter.⁷⁶

In March 1748/9, Isaiah Phelps was charged with begetting a baseborn child on the body of Hester Chaney.⁷⁷ Research to date has failed to reveal the identity of Hester Chaney.

On 18 July 1757 he witnessed the will of Richard Taylor of Anne Arundel Co.⁷⁸

Isaiah Phelps was listed in the 1776 Census of All Hallows Parish with 1 white male, 3 white females, and 3 white children.⁷⁹

He took the Oath of Fidelity in March 1778 before the Hon. Nicholas Worthington.⁸⁰

He is placed as the father of Ezekiel Phelps because he is the only Phelps listed in the 1776 census of Anne Arundel County having children not accounted for, and because Ezekiel named one of his children Walter Watkins Phelps. The Walter could have been for Ezekiel's grandfather Walter.

He was possibly the father of

55. Ezekiel Phelps.

What about James's children?

32. JOHN PHELPS, son of John, was b. 8 April 1731.⁸¹ In September 1756 has John Phelps, Jr., he advertised there was a stray horse at his plantation near "The Land of Ease."⁸²

33. EDWARD PHELPS, son of Bazil and Leah, is probably the same Edward who was listed in South River Hundred, AA Co., as a pauper.⁸³

34. BAZIL PHELPS, son of Bazil and Leah, married Barbara Davis by Anne Arundel Co. (Marr. Lic. dated 21 April 1791).⁸⁴

Basil Phelps took the Oath of Fidelity to the State of Maryland on 1 March 1778 before Richard Harwood, Jr.⁸⁵

Basil Phelps is listed in South River Hundred, AA Co., owning part of *Phelps Luck*.⁸⁶

Basil Phelps signed the inventory of Deborah Phelps (q.v.) as kin on 13 Nov. 1789.

On 13 July 1793 he distributed the estate of George Stalker. Richard Phelps was a surety.⁸⁷

He may have died by 1799 when Barbara Phelps m. William Ward by AA Co. (Marr. Lic. dated 20 March 1799).⁸⁸

Basil and Barbara seem to have been the parents of the following children:

56. Edward Gaither, b. 25 Dec. 1791, d. 31 Jan. 1794

57. Sarah, b. 12 Dec. 1793

58. Anne, b. 16 Jan. 1796

44. JOSEPH PHELPS, son of William and Susanna, was listed in South River Hundred, AA Co., as a bachelor.⁸⁹ He m. Sophia Taylor by AA Co. Marr. Lic. dated 1 April 1791.⁹⁰ He m. Catherine Thompson by AA Co. Marr. Lic. dated 8 Aug. 1801.⁹¹

Joseph Phelps of Annapolis, died leaving a will dated... 1833, proved ..., in which he named his wife Catherine and mentioned their children.⁹²

Catherine Phelps (possibly the widow of Joseph), died leaving a will dated 11 Dec. 1838 and proved 1 Jan. 1839. In her will she named her son-in-law Richard R. Goodwin, granddaughter Catherine Ann Goodwin and daughters,⁹³

59. Ann Catherine

60. Mary

61. Julia

46. JACOB PHELPS, son of William and Susanna, was born 29 March 1761, and married Parthena (N).

Jacob Phelps purchased some of Richard Phelps' (q.v.) property c.1795.

Jacob and Parthenia had issue:

62. Richard Denoone Taylor, b. 23 Aug. 1798, bapt. 10 Nov. 1801.⁹⁴

51. ZACHARIAH PHELPS, son of Zachariah, in 1798 was listed in Roade River Hundred as owning 180 a. Cheney's Rest and 25 a. of *Phelps' Adventure*.⁹⁵

Zachariah m. Sarah Davis by AA Co. Marr. Lic. dated 11 Oct. 1797. He m. 2nd, Esther Gwinn by AA Co. Marr. Lic. dated 20 Jan. 1804.⁹⁶ She was a daughter of Francis Gwinn of Anne Arundel Co.⁹⁷ Zachariah Phelps died c.1821 owning 150 a. of *Cheney's Rest*. He left the following children.⁹⁸

63. Sarah, m. by 1825 to George Allen.

64. Walter Pool, who came age 21 on 11 Oct. 1825.

65. Zachariah Phelps.

66. Joseph Henry Phelps.

5th Generation

55. EZEKIEL PHELPS, possibly son of Isaiah Phelps is so placed for the reasons stated above. He was probably born no later than c.1760 as he took the Oath of Fidelity to the State of Maryland on 1 March 1778 before Richard Harwood, Jr.⁹⁹ However he was not listed as head of a household in the 1790 Census.¹⁰⁰

On 19 April 1793 Ezekiel was in St. Mary's Co. making a business deal with Mordecai Barry. The paper was recorded in Anne Arundel Co. on 22 April 1794.¹⁰¹

In 1798 Ezekiel Phelps was listed in Roade River Hundred as owning 2 slaves, 1 exempt from taxation and 1 taxable. He was a tenant of Edward Hall. The only other Phelps listed in Roade River Hundred was Zachariah Phelps.¹⁰²

Ezekiel Phelps on 25 May 1802 was co-security for William Cheney who was guardian to Charles Cheney, and also guardian to Francis, Richard, Hezekiah and Sarah Donalson.¹⁰³

According to Geneva M. Phelps, *An Annal Begins*, Ezekiel and Margaret (Watkins) Phelps were the parents of four children:¹⁰⁴

67. Nelson, b. c.1797

68. Mary Ann, b. c.1798, m. (N) Scott.

69. Middleton, b. 1800, d. 1837, unmarried

70. Walter Watkins, b. 1 May 1801, m. 28 Feb. 1832; Catherine Haynes.

UNPLACED PHELPS

The Widow Phelps is listed in 1783 as a pauper in Middle Neck Hundred.¹⁰⁵

Absolute Phelps signed the inventory of Deborah Phelps (q.v.) as kin on 13 Nov. 1789. He or another Absolute Phelps m. Ann Poole by Anne Arundel Co. Marr. Lic. dated 31 Jan. 1809.¹⁰⁶

Ann Phelps m. Edward Disney by Anne Arundel Co. Marr. Lic. dated 4 Nov. 1778.¹⁰⁷

Archibald Phelps, illegitimate son of Rebecca, was born 25 April 1762.¹⁰⁸

Archibald Phelps, son of Rebecca, was mentioned in the will, written 19 March 1765, proved 5 April 1765, of George Newman of Annapolis.¹⁰⁹

Archibald Phelps died by 3 May 1784 when John Phelps posted bond with Benjamin Howard and Zachariah Duvall as sureties.¹¹⁰

Benjamin Phelps m. Priscilla Wheat by license dated 10 Dec. 1795 in Prince George's Co.¹¹¹

Charles Phelps gave his age as 35 in April 1760.¹¹²

In 1776 Deborah Phelps was listed in the Census of All Hallows Parish with 1 white male, 3 white females and 2 white children.¹¹³ She was listed in South River Hundred, Anne Arundel Co.¹¹⁴

Deborah Phelps died leaving a will dated ...1789, and proved 20 May 1789. She named her two sons Robert and George, her daughter Deborah's children, and dau. Mary. Edward Kirkland, Basel Phelps and Zachariah Phelps were witnesses.¹¹⁵

Deborah Phelps' estate was inventoried on 13 Nov. 1789 by Benj. Welch and Stephen Beard appraisers. Property was appraised at 65.9.0. Richard Beard and Richard Phelps signed as creditors, and Basil Phelps and Absolute Phelps signed as kin. The inventory was filed 16 Jan. 1789 by Robert Phelps.¹¹⁶

Her property was sold 11 Nov. 1789. Purchasers included Richard Phelps and Zachariah Phelps.¹¹⁷

When Deborah's estate was distributed on 20 Oct. 1792 her children were listed as follows:¹¹⁸

a. Robert

b. George

c. Deborah, m. (?)

d. Mary, m. Henry Purdy by Anne Arundel Co. Marr. Lic. dated 30 Sept. 1782.¹¹⁹

Dinah Phelps m. Benjamin Brown by Anne Arundel Marr., Lic. dated 26 Feb. 1783.¹²⁰

Elijah Phelps m. Mary Disney by Anne Arundel Co. Marr. Lic. dated 20 Jan. 1818.¹²¹

Elizabeth Pearce of Anne Arundel Co. died leaving a will dated 18 Nov. 1759, proved 10 Dec. 1762, naming daughters Rachel Phelps and Rebecca Phelps, sons Daniel, Nicholas, William and Joseph Pearce. John Jacob, witness. On 8 Oct. 1762, Daniel and Nicholas Pearce, sons of Elizabeth, renounced their right of administration.¹²²

Elizabeth Phelps m. Sparrow Carter by Anne Arundel Co. Marr. Lic. dated 5 March 1791.¹²³

George Phelps, probably son of Deborah, purchased some of Richard Phelps' (q.v.) property c.1795. He m. Emma Pierce by Anne Arundel Co. Marr. Lic. dated 6 Jan. 1795.¹²⁴

Humphrey Phelps is listed in Town Neck Hundred, Anne Arundel Co.¹²⁵

James Phelps was listed in the 1776 census of All Hallows Parish with 1 white male, 1 white female, and 5 white children.¹²⁶

Jesse Phelps m. Sarah Pumphrey by license dated 2 Sept. 1795 in PG Co.¹²⁷

Johanna Phelps m. John Coats by Anne Arundel Co. Marr. Lic. dated 14 Nov. 1783.¹²⁸

John Phelps took the Oath of Fidelity in March 1778. Another John Phelps took the Oath of Fidelity in March 1778.¹²⁹

John Phelps is listed in Town Neck Hundred, Anne Arundel Co. John Phelps is listed in South River Hundred, Anne Arundel Co., as a bachelor.¹³⁰

John Phelps posted bond as admin. of Archibald Phelps (q.v.) on 3 May 1784. Jno. Phelps purchased some of Richard Phelps' (q.v.) property c.1795.

Josiah Phelps on 13 Aug. 1773 conveyed personal property to Thomas and William Hall.¹³¹ He took the Oath of Fidelity to the State of Maryland on 2 March 1778 before Reuben Meriweather.¹³² Jos'a. Phelps is listed in South River Hundred, Anne Arundel Co., as a bachelor.¹³³

Margaret Phelps purchased some of Richard Phelps' (q.v.) property c.1795. She may be the Margaret Phelps who m. Benjamin Pearce by Anne Arundel Co. Marr. Lic. dated 12 Jan. 1796.¹³⁴

Mary Phelps m. Robert Long by Anne Arundel Co. Marr. Lic. dated 24 June 1780.¹³⁵

Mary Phelps m. Josh Crutchley by Anne Arundel Co. Marr. Lic. dated 2 Aug. 1814.¹³⁶

Rebecca Phelps had an illegitimate son: Archibald, b. 25 April 1762.¹³⁷

Rebecca Phelps m. Samuel Chaney by Anne Arundel Co. Marr. Lic. dated 13 Feb. 1809.¹³⁸

Robert Phelps took the Oath of Fidelity to the State of Maryland on 1 March 1778 before Richard Harwood, Jr.¹³⁹

Robert Phelps of Anne Arundel Co. died leaving a will dated 7 March 1799, proved 9 May 1799. He left his entire estate to his brother George Phelps. Nehemiah Younger and Samuel Crane witnessed the will.¹⁴⁰

The inventory of Robert Phelps was filed 31 July 1799 by George Phelps of Frederick County. The property was valued at £29.19.4. No one signed as kin.¹⁴¹

Ruth Phelps m. David Bangs by Anne Arundel Co. Marr. Lic. dated 18 June 1789.¹⁴²

Sarah Phelps m. William Richardson by Anne Arundel Co. Marr. Lic. dated 22 Jan. 1787. Another Susanna m. Simon Retullick, Jr. by Anne Arundel Co. Marr. Lic. dated 8 June 1798. Sarah Phelps m. William Smallwood by Anne Arundel Co. Marr. Lic. dated 14 Oct. 1792. Still another Susanna m. Charles W. Eaton by Anne Arundel Co. Marr. Lic. dated 10 Feb. 1790.¹⁴³

Susanna Phelps m. Nathaniel Hall by Anne Arundel Co. Marr. Lic. dated 28 Feb. 1778. Another Susanna Phelps m. George Hardy by Anne Arundel Co. Marr. Lic. dated 24 Dec. 1806.¹⁴⁴

Walter Phelps is listed in Severn Hundred, Anne Arundel Co.¹⁴⁵ He m. Margaret Chaney by Anne Arundel Co. Marr. Lic. dated 10 March 1781.¹⁴⁶

William Phelps d. 13 March 1721/2 in St. Anne's Parish, Annapolis, MD.¹⁴⁷

Several marriages for William Phelps have been found. It is not clear whether the references are all to the same William or to several different ones. He m. Sarah Fowler by Anne Arundel Co. Marr. Lic. dated 18 Dec. 1778. He m. Eliz. Morgan by Anne Arundel Co. Marr. Lic. dated 18 June 1785. He or another William m. Ann Dannison by Anne Arundel Co. Marr. Lic. dated 15 Dec. 1815.¹⁴⁸

William Phelps took the Oath of Fidelity to the State of Maryland on 1 March 1778 before Richard Harwood, Jr. Another William Phelps took the Oath of Fidelity in March 1778.¹⁴⁹

William Phelps is listed in Town Neck Hundred, Anne Arundel Co.¹⁵⁰

William Phelps purchased some of Richard Phelps' (q.v.) property c.1795.

William Phelps of Annapolis died leaving a will dated 1 Nov. 1803, proved 16 March 1804. He named his wife Elizabeth his sole heir and executrix. John Sands, Edward Holland and James Hunter witnessed the will.¹⁵¹

Additions and corrections to this material are welcomed, and will be published in the Bulletin.

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DESCENDANTS OF JAMES STIRLING

Nancy Elizabeth [Weaver] KNIGHT

FIRST GENERATION

1. James¹ STIRLING, parents unknown. Born, circa 1751, near Stirling, Stirlingshire, Scotland. Died, 25 Jun 1820, in Baltimore City, MD.

According to a letter of character brought with him from Scotland, James lived in the neighborhood of the town of Stirling in Scotland in his youth and between 1770 and 1774 lived in the town of Stirling. The letter appears as quoted from *Men of Mark in Maryland*.¹

"This certifies to all concerned that the bearer hereof, viz: James Stirling, has resided in our neighborhood from his infancy and these last four years in this town of Stirling, behaving himself soberly honestly and inoffensively. Is unmarried free of Scandal or ground of Church Censor-And is in full communion of the Church of Scotland-And as he desires to go to some of the Colonies in America we would recommend him as a sober person to any Christian Society where Providence may order it in his Lot. This signed by us the Ministers and Elders of the Town of Stirling the fourteenth day of June one thousand seven hundred and seventy four years. Thomas Randall, Min., John Musher, Eldr., Henr Jaffray, Eldr."²

Four years later in 1778, in the town of Baltimore, he took the oath of Allegiance before the Honorable William Spear.

In 1779 James purchased Lot 85 on Gay Street from John Cornthwait. This was the first of over fifty land transactions during his business career.

James joined the fight against England during the Revolution. He served in Captain Nicholas Ruxton Moore's Troops as of 25 June 1781, and had a seven year old iron grey gelding horse. He was at Yorktown, and was decorated for bravery by General Nathaniel Greene.³

George Washington arrived in Yorktown on 28 Sep 1781 and began preparing his forces for the siege. The French commanded the ground between the York River and the town, while the American infantry and artillery took up positions on the right. The French and Virginia Militia held the inland strip across Gloucester Point blocking the movements by the British soldiers. By 30 Sep the Allies were ready to defend Yorktown. Their objectives were to prevent the defenders from receiving aid or making an escape. On 9 Oct the American guns at Yorktown opened fire on the British defense works. Fifty guns from the Allied lines were firing. By 11 Oct Cornwallis, the British General, informed his Commander-in Chief Clinton that "nothing but a direct move to the York River which includes a successful naval action can save me." "On 17 Oct the British batteries were knocked out and at 10 AM a faint tattoo of drums was heard and a white flag emerged". Cornwallis sent the following message to the Americans, "Sir- I propose a cessation of hostilities for 24 hours and that two officers may