
**Colonial Families of
Anne Arundel County,
Maryland**



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THE PHELPS FAMILY⁴⁵

First Generation

1. WALTER PHELPS, progenitor, was b. c1639. He gave his age as 67 in 1706 and 79 in 1718. (Henry C. Peden, Sr., *Maryland Deponents, 1634-1729*, Family Line Publications, 1991:148) Walter Phelps, the immigrant to MD, may be the Walter, son of Walter Phelps, who was bapt. 16 Oct 1685 at Wells Diocese, Somersetshire, England. (Dewilly's *Parish Registers, 2:273*; note in Phelps material collected by Harry Wright Newman, and deposited in the Southern MD Learning Center, CE Co. Community College, La Plata, MD.)

Walter Phelps m. Elizabeth Benson, sister of George Benson, sometime before 1681. (MWR 14:17) He was bur. 5 May 1719, and she was bur. 18 Aug 1706, both in All Hallow's Parish, AA Co. (AMCR:21)

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 VA. (Peter Wilson Colahan, *Complete Book of Emigrants, 1607-1660*, GPC, 1967:467)

He was in MD by 7 June 1678, when Hubert Lambert of South River conv. to him 100 a. of land, part of 500 a. laid out for Ann Covill, widow. (MWR 18:222)

On 18 Sep 1676, he was listed among the debts of Daniel Taylor, of AA Co. (TMC 2:285) [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 five years in MD. (Colahan, *Complete Book of Emigrants, 1661-1699*, GPC:350)

Walter Phelps, of AA Co., immigrated to MD with his wife Elizabeth and mother Rebecca and three other persons, and in 1680 Phelps claimed land for their transportation. Mark Cyant was one of the three persons. (MWR wca2:178-179)

On 12 Oct 1684, Phelps patented 200 a. *Phelps' Choice*. (MWR 25:144,33:97) On 1 Oct 1700, he patented 34 a. *Elk Thicket*. (MWR DD#5:16, PR#2:3)

On 20 May 1708, Walter Phelps and Sitt. [?] Welsh appraised the estate of John Gather, Sr. (TMC 1:634)

Walter and Elizabeth (Benson) Phelps were the parents of:
WALTER, b. 17 June 1690; WILLIAM, b. 13 Sep 1682; JOHN, b. 1 June 1684; GEORGE, b. 18 May 1689; ELIZABETH, b. May 1693, bur. 13 April 1708 (AMCR:15); BENJAMIN, b. 5 Dec 1695; JOSEPH, b. 9 Aug

⁴⁵ See Robert Barnes, "The Phelps Family," *BWGS* 34 (4), 364-378, and Louis F. Giles, "Further Notes on Phelps," *BWGS* 37 (1) 36-43.

1698, bapt. 15 Aug, and bur. 16 Aug 1698 (AACR:5); and CHARLES, b. 17 Oct 1699.

Second Generation

2. WALTER PHELPS, Jr., son of Walter and Elizabeth, was b. 17 June 1680, and m. 1st, Mary Cheney on 1 Dec 1702. (AACR:17) He m. 2nd, on 2 Jan 1717, Rose Bazil. On 27 March 1728, Ralph Bazel, of AA Co., made a will naming Ruth, [sic] wife of Walter Phelps, Sr. (WMS 19:527)

On 1 April 1701, he wit. the will of George Eastall, of AA Co. (WMS 11:191)

In 1724, Walter Phelps conv. 100 a. Phelps's Choice to Charles Phelps and Susanna (Meek) Phelps, widow of John Phelps. (AMR 57:1:46)

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 680. (AMC, 1724-1767:141,552)

Walter Phelps and his first wife Mary (Cheney) were the parents of (AMC:20, 21, 29, 199): WALTER, b. 14 Sep 1703, bapt. 20 Aug 1704, m. 9 Jan 1727, Mary Bazil; RICHARD, b. 13 April 1706, bapt. 12 Sep 1711; JOHN (twin), bapt. 12 Sep 1711, m. by banns 15 Sep 1730, Sarah Bazil; MARY (twin), bapt. 12 Sep 1711, m. Richard Poole on 24 Feb 1730; ELIZABETH, bapt. 18 May 1719 [If she were a dau. of Walter by his first wife, she could have been b. any time prior to 1717, and bapt. in 1719].

Walter and Rose/Ruth (Bazil) were the parents of (AMC:33, 38, 45, 199): BAZIL, son of Walter and Rose [sic], bapt. 18 May 1719; RUTH, bapt. 15 May 1722; WILLIAM, b. 13 July 172- (?), bapt. 21 Oct 1724; and GEORGE, b. 4 July 1730.

3. WILLIAM PHELPS, son of Walter and Elizabeth, was b. 13 Sep 1682, and m. Elizabeth Cheney on 8 Aug 1706. Elizabeth, wife of William, was bur. 12 Sep 1711, and William m. 2nd, Rachel (N) on 11 Dec 1718. (AMC:22, 31, 199)

In Aug 1738, he dep. in a land commission, giving his age as 56. In Feb 1738/9, he again dep., naming himself "son of Walter." (AMC, 1724-1767:113, 116)

William Phelps d. leaving a will dated 12 July 1748 and proved 20 Aug 1748, appointing his wife extx. 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 wils. (WMS 23:189)

On 26 Dec 1748, his estate was inv. by Samuel Day and Joseph Coward, and valued at \$112.18.1. Walter Phelps and John Phelps

signed as kin, and Mrs. Rachel Phelps, extx., filed the inventory on 12 April 1748. Another inventory was taken on 13 July 1749 by the same appraisers and valued at \$28.2.7. Rachel Phelps filed the second inventory on 9 Sep 1749. (MFW 37:441; 40:140)

William had at least two children by his first wife. His others were almost certainly by his second wife. His children were (AMC:23, 29): (N), b. (date of birth not given); and WILLIAM, bapt. 12 Sep 1711.

William and Rachel were the parents of RICHARD, d. in estate and without issue c1 Sep 1795. A chancery case names the children of his bros. William, John, and Zachariah (AMC, 1791-1805:14); JOHN, b. c1720; BENJAMIN, may have s.p. as he is not mentioned in the 1795 chancery case involving his bros. Richard, William, John, and Zachariah (He may be the Benjamin Phelps who took the Oath of Fidelity to the State of MD on 1 March 1778 before Richard Harwood, Jr.) (AMR:151); and ZACHARIAH, b. 8 Oct 1729. (AMC:45)

4. JOHN PHELPS, son of Walter and Elizabeth, was b. 1 June 1684, and d. 1725. He m. Susan Meek on 16 Oct 1718 in All Hallows Parish. After John Phelps' death, she m. 2nd, William Anderson. (G1:159:40)

On 7 March 1708, John Phelps wit. a deed in AA Co. (AMR 57:1:46)

John Phelps, of AA Co., d. by 25 Sep 1724 when his admrx., Susannah Phelps, filed the inventory of his estate, which had been made by Benjamin Gaither and Joseph Williams. They appraised the personal property at \$49.3.9. William and Charles Phelps signed as next of kin. J. Mowatt and Joseph Burton signed as creditors. (MFW 10:1199)

Susannah Phelps, admrx., admin. the estate of John Phelps on 14 Sep 1725. Payments and disbursements equalled £19.19.2. (MAD 7:85)

Susanna Phelps was still living on 11 Sep 1733 when she and John, James, Samuel, Christopher, and Ruth Meek were named as the representatives of Mary Boyce, widow, of AA Co. (MAD 12:28)

Susanna (Meek) (Phelps) Anderson d. in AA Co. leaving a will dated 8 Sep 1758 and proved 30 Dec 1766. She named her children John Phelps, James, William, and Absalom Anderson, dau. Mary Stewart, and dau. Jane Waters. The will was wit. by Jeremiah Mullikin, William Nichols, and Joshua Clarke. (WMS 35:253)

John and Susanna were the parents of (G1:159:41): JOHN, m. Priscilla (N), and moved to FR Co.; and MARY, m. (N) Howard.

5. CHARLES PHELPS, son of Walter and Elizabeth, was b. on 17 Feb 1699, and may have d. between Jan 1770 and March 1772. He m. 1st, Susanna Stephens, on 19 Dec 1723. (AMC:37) Susanna was probably dead by 1739. He m. 2nd, by 12 Aug 1747, Margaret Charnock.

In 1739, Charles Phelps, carpenter, conv. 60 a. *Phelps' Choice* to William Anderson. No wife joined him, so Susanna was probably dead. (AAR 803:150)

On 12 Aug 1747, Charles Phelps and wife Margaret, of AA Co., deeded to Charles Carroll their right to 250 a. of land in BA Co. called *Brother's Unity or Expectation*. The tract had descended to Margaret from her parents Anthony Charnox and his wife Hannah, who was a dau. of George Hollingsworth. Geo. Hollingsworth d. leaving the tract to his children George, Otho, Charles, James, and Hannah. George, Otho, and Charles s.p., and Hannah m. Anthony Charnox on 14 May 1717 in St. Anne's Parish, AA Co. (PCA R18:339; ACR:80) Margaret Charnock, age 12 in Sep 1737, had been bound the preceding June to William Robinson of Spessutia until she attained the age of 16 (which would be about 1741). (a. Co. Court Proceedings, BMS1-A)

On 26 Feb 1748, Charles Phelps patented 50 a. *Phelps' Fancy*. (PL R14:50, Bx#1:599)

Charles Phelps, "being very poor," was provided with £30 in Jan 1770 by the Vestry of St. Anne's Parish. Margaret Phelps was given £30 in March 1772, so Charles may have d. (St. Anne's Vestry Proceedings, Vol. 2, 1767-1818:36, 43)

Charles and Susannah were the parents of (AAR:45): ZEBULON, b. 25 May 1731. By Margaret, Charles was the father of at least one son: WALTER, b. c1750.

Third Generation

6. WALTER PHELPS, son of Walter and Mary (Cheney), was b. on 14 Sep 1703, and d. by March 1764. He m. Mary Bazil on 9 Jan 1727 in All Hallows Parish. (AAR:42) On 27 March 1728, Ralph Bazil made a will mentioning Mary, wife of Walter Phelps, Jr. (MS 19:526)

In 1780, Walter Phelps conv. 103 a. of *Phelps' Luck* and *Devil's (Covell's?) Folly* to Basil Phelps. (AAR B#2:325)

Walter Phelps d. leaving a will dated (8?) Oct 1760 and 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 were. Joseph Bazil, Richard Phelps and Joseph Poole were wits. (MS 32:60)

On 18 June 1764, his estate was inv. 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. (MNV 86:145)

It would appear that Walter Phelps was the father of (AAR:43, 44): ISALAH, bap. 23 March 1728 (he was not in his father's will); ELIZABETH, bap. 13 Dec 1730 (she was not in her father's will); JOHN; GEORGE (in 1767 he and his bro. Isaiah and Joseph conv. 50

a. *Covell's Folly*, 50 a. *Phelps' Luck*, and part of *Elk Neck* to Nicholas Maccubbin) (AAR B#3:332); and JOSEPH; he was still living in 1767 when he and his bro. conv. land to Nicholas Maccubbin.

7. JOHN PHELPS, son of Walter and Mary Cheney, was b. by 1711, and m. Sarah Bazil on 9 Aug 1730. (AAR:44)

He is probably the "John Phelps, Sr.," who gave his age as 52 in March 1760/1. (AAR 1724-1767:552)
John and Sarah (Bazil) were the parents of (AAR:45): JOHN, b. 8 April 1731.

8. BAZIL PHELPS, son of Walter and Rose [sic], was bap. on 18 May 1719. (AAR:199) He d. by Oct 1760. His wife Leah was probably a dau. of Edward and Rachel Gaitner, and seems to have m. 2nd, (N) Kirkland.

In 1760, Walter Phelps conv. to Basil Phelps 103 a. of *Phelps' Luck* and *Devil's (Covell's?) Folly*. (AAR B#2:325)

Bazil Phelps left a will dated 12 Aug 1760 and proved 18 Oct 1760, naming his wife Leah, his three sons Edward, Bazil, and Gaitner, and mentioning an unborn child. His wife was named extx., and the will was wlt. by Richard Poole, George Phelps, and William Beard. (MS 31:87)

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 Leach (Leah?) Phelps, extx., filed the inventory on 7 May 1761. (MNV 74:26)

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, admx., filed the inventory on 12 Nov 1766. (MNV 89:201)

Bazil Phelps was the father of: EDWARD; BAZIL; GAITNER; and (N), (child unh. in Aug 1760; almost certainly ABSOLUTE PHELPS).

9. WILLIAM PHELPS, son of William and Elizabeth, was bap. 12 Sep 1711, and d. by 30 Oct 1765. He m. Susanna (N). [Some sources say she was Susanna Meek, dau. of John and Mary (N) Meeks, but proof has not been found; see John Phelps #4 above.]

In a letter dated 23 Dec 1898 to the compiler, John H. Pearce, Jr., of Butler, MD, stated that Susanna may have m. 1st, on 23 July 1726, William Anderson, who d. 1741 in AA Co., and had by him five children: William; James, b. c1726 [sic]; Absalom, b. 17 Feb 1737; Jane, m. (N) Waters; and Mary, m. (N) Stewart. Louis Gless points out that William Anderson m. c1725, Susanna, widow of John Phelps. However, that Susanna was an Anderson at the time of her death. (AAR:40)

In March 1760/1, William Phelps, son of William, dep., giving his age as c50. (AMC, 1724-1767:551)

William Phelps d. leaving a will dated 24 April 1766 and proved 30 Oct 1765. In his will, he named his wife Susanna extr., and children William, John, Richard, Joseph, Joshua, Jacob, Elizabeth Holbrook, and Susanna Cheney. He mentioned *Duwall's Range*. Francis Belmeur, John Belmeur, and Thomas Oliver were wils. (MSB 33:507)

Susanna Phelps appeared in the 1776 census of All Hallows Parish with five white males, three white females, and three white children. (1776 Census of MD, in Brumbaugh, Maryland Records) In 1782/3, she was listed in South River Hundred, AA Co., owning part *Duwall's Range*. (1782/3 Assessment list of AA Co.) She is probably the widow of William (9) Phelps.

William Phelps' children are mentioned in a chancery case found with a petition dated 1796. (AMC, 1791-1805:14; W. E. and Maxine Swango, Phelps Family from Zachariah to Ann Virginia)

William and Susanna were the parents of (AMC:49, 50, 51, 52, 54, 57): ELIZABETH, b. 31 March 1739, m. (N) Holbrook; WILLIAM, b. 17 Dec 1740; SUSANNAH, b. 10 Sep 1742, m. (N) Cheney (another source says she m. Nathaniel Hall on 28 Feb 1778); JOHN, b. 13 Jan 1744 (or 31 March 1745); THOMAS, b. 14 Feb 1746/7, m. Sarah Forsten in 1779; REBECCA, b. 18 Sep 1750; RICHARD, b. 18 Aug 1753; JOSEPH, b. 24 Dec 1754; JOSHUA, b. 22 Feb 1758; and JACOB, b. 29 March 1761.

10. RICHARD PHELPS, son of William, d. intestate and without issue c1 Sep 1795.

In 1764, James Bryan conv. to Richard Phelps 300 a. of Cheney's Rest. (Card Index to AMR; MS)

In 1776, Richard Phelps was listed in the 1776 census of All Hallows Parish, AA Co., with one white male and one white female. (Brumbaugh, Maryland Records, 1:409) He took the Oath of Fidelity to the State of MD on 1 March 1778 before Richard Harwood, Jr. (AMR:152)

Richard Phelps is listed in South River Hundred, AA Co., as owning part *Cheney's Rest* and part *Phelps Adventure*. (Assessment list of 1782/3 for AA Co.)

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 d. by 18 Nov 1795 when his estate was inv. by Vachel Gaither and John Jacobs. His property was valued at \$19,181. James Maccabbin and Stephen Beard signed as creditors, and John Phelps and Joshua Phelps signed as kin. The inventory was filed 6 Jan

1798 by William Phelps, admin. (AA Co. Inv. and Accounts of Sales, 30#4:55)

At the sale of Richard Phelps' property, purchases were made by George Phelps, Jacob Phelps, Jno. Phelps, Margaret Phelps, William Phelps, and Zachariah Phelps. (22d. :100)

A chancery case names the children of his bros. William, John, and Zachariah. (AMC 1791-1805:14)

11. JOHN PHELPS, son of William by his second wife, Rachel, was b. c1720, giving his age as 40 in March 1760/1. (AMC 1724-1767:552)

A chancery case petition dated 1796 states that he d. before his bro. Richard and left the following children (AMC 1791-1805:14): WILLIAM; MARY, m. (N) Lang; RACHEL, m. Joseph Clewly by 25 Aug 1803, when they conv. to Zachariah Phelps their claim, right, and interest in their 1/8 part of *Cheney's Rest* by the death of Richard Phelps. (AMR MS12:213); and HESTER.

12. ZACHARIAH PHELPS, son of William and Rachel, was b. 8 Oct 1729. (AMC:45) He d. before 1795, and a chancery case named his children. (AMC 1791-1805:14) William Harrod Swango compiled *The Phelps Family from "Z" to "A" Zachariah to Ann Virginia* (Charleston: Jalmop Publications, 1986), and suggested that Zachariah may have been the father of William, Isaac, and Samuel. Unfortunately, the facts do not bear his theories out.

Zachariah, of William and Rachel, 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 c1795.

In 1798, Zachariah Phelps was listed in Roade River Hundred as owning 180 a. *Cheney's Rest* and 25 a. *Phelps' Adventure*. (Index to Federal Assessment list of AA Co., 1798)

Zachariah Phelps was the father of ZACHARIAH; MARY, m. (N) Thackerell; MARGARET, m. (N) Pearce, who d. by 25 Aug 1803 when Margaret Pearce, widow, conv. to Zachariah Phelps, her right, claim and interest in 1/8 part of *Cheney's Rest*, which she inherited by the death of Richard Phelps. (AMR MS13:212); and ELIZABETH Phelps, m. Sparrow Carter, by AAML.

13. WALTER PHELPS is placed by Giles as a son of Charles. He was b. c1750, and d. c1828. He m. Margaret Chaney by AAML 10 March 1781. In the 1820 census, he was listed as Walter, "son of Charles."

In 1783, he was living near or with Greenbury Pumphrey on *Mistake in Friendship*, in Severn Hundred. (Assessment list of 1783, AA Co.)

In 1789, Walter Phelps purchased 200 a. *Bachelor's Chance* on Long Bridge Branch. (AMR MS#3:656) Walter Phelps and wife Margaret sold *Phelps' Fancy* in 1787. (AMR MS#2:542)

In 1811, Walter and Margaret sold *Bachelor's Chance*, and moved with their sons to an adj. tract called *Addition to Timber Ridge*. (AMR MS#16:594)

Margaret Chaney Phelps gave her age as between 80 and 90 in the 1880 Census of AA Co., and she must have d. soon thereafter.

Walter and Margaret were the parents of (class:38): RICHARD, b. c1783; JAMES, b. c1786; and possibly PRISCILLA, b. c1794, possibly the Priscilla who m. Dennis Griffith, 28 Oct 1810.

Fourth Generation

14. ISALAH PHELPS, son of Walter, was bap. 23 March 1728. (AMC:43) He was not in his father's will, but he was living in May 1766 when he advertised there was a stray mare at his plant. at the head of South River. (AMC 13 May 1756)

In June 1740, Isalah Phelps, grandson of Walter Phelps, was bound to Richard Goodman, carpenter. (AMU June 1740 Court:470)

In March 1748/9, Isalah Phelps was charged with begetting a baseborn child on the body of Hester Chaney. (AMU March 1748/9 Court:198) Research to date has failed to reveal the identity of Hester Chaney.

On 18 July 1757, he wit. the will of Richard Taylor, of AA Co. (AMR 30:514)

Giles suggests that Isalah may have been named in his father's will as John, because in 1760 he joined his bros. in conveying land. (class:41)

In 1760, Isalah, George, and Joseph Phelps conv. to Nicholas Maccubbin parts of three tracts: 50 a. *Covel's Folly*, 50 a. *Phelps' Luck*, and part of *Elk Neck*. (AMR MS#3:322)

Isalah Phelps was listed in the 1776 Census of All Hallows Parish with one white male, three white females, and three white children. (Barnabaugh, op. cit., 1:408)

Isalah Phelps took the Oath of Fidelity in March 1778 before the Hon. Nicholas Worthington. (AMR:151)

He is placed as the father of Ezekiel Phelps because he is the only Phelps listed in the 1776 Census of AA Co. 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. EZEKIEL.

15. JOHN PHELPS, son of John, was b. 8 April 1731. (AMC:45) In Sep 1756 as John Phelps, Jr., he advertised there was a stray horse at his plant. near *The Land of Ease*. (AMC sep 1756)

16. EDWARD PHELPS, son of Basil and Leah, is probably the same Edward who was listed in South River Hundred, AA Co., as a pauper. (Assessment list of AA Co., 1783)

17. BAZIL PHELPS, son of Basil and Leah, m. Barbara Davis by AAML dated 21 April 1791.

Basil Phelps took the Oath of Fidelity to the State of MD on 1 March 1778 before Richard Harwood, Jr. (AMR:151)

Basil Phelps is listed in 1783 as living in South River Hundred, AA Co., owning part of *Phelps Luck*. (Assessment list of AA Co., 1783)

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

On 13 July 1789, he dist. the estate of George Stalker. Richard Phelps was a surety. (AMU 30#1:43)

He may have d. by 1789, when Barbara Phelps m. William Ward by AAML dated 20 March 1789. On 13 June 1789, the AA Co. Orphans Court ordered that if Barbara Phelps, now Barbara Ward, did not take out letters of administration, Absolute Phelps, bro. of Basil, should take them out. (AA Co. Orphans Court Minutes MDR #4802:58)

MD Chancery Paper #4058, filed in AA Co., 1815, Nicholas Brewer, Trustee, recorded in Chancery Liber 92:28, contains a bill of complaint (filed 23 Nov 1815) of Sarah Phelps, of AA Co., stating that a certain Basil Phelps of AA Co., dec., in his lifetime owned a tract of land (name not given) between 60 and 60 a. He d. intestate leaving only two children: Sarah (the complainant) and Ann Phelps. The petition stated that the land should be sold, but sd. Ann is under 21.

John Brewer was appointed her guardian; Nicholas Brewer was trustee for the sale of the land. Nicholas Brewer reported on the sale of the tract, which was *Covel's Folly*. Each of the two heirs received \$263.66-1/2. (MCP #4053)

Basil and Barbara were the parents of EDWARD GAFFNER, b. 25 Dec 1791, d. 31 Jan 1794; SARAH, b. 12 Dec 1793; and ANNE, b. 16 Jan 1796.

18. ABSOLUTE PHELPS, son of Basil and Leah, was no doubt the unborn child his father mentioned in 1768. Absolute Phelps signed the inventory of Deborah Phelps (q.v.) as kin on 13 Nov 1789. On 13 June 1790, Absolute Phelps, bro. of Basil Phelps, was to be given letters of administration if Barbara Phelps, now Barbara Ward, did not take them out. (AA Co. Orphans Court Minutes, MDR #4802:58)

He or another Absolute Phelps m. Ann Poole by AAML, dated 31 Jan 1809.

19. JOSEPH PHELPS, son of William and Susanna, was listed in 1776 in South River Hundred, AA Co., as a bachelor. (S:rcmbaugh, cp. cit.) He m. 1st, Sophia Taylor, by AAML dated 1 April 1791. He m. 2nd, Catherine Thompson, by AAML dated 8 Aug 1801.

Joseph Phelps, of Annapolis, d. leaving a will dated ... 1833 and proved ... in which he named his wife Catherine and mentioned their children. (AAM: 1781:166)

Catherine Phelps (possibly the widow of Joseph), d. leaving a will dated 11 Dec 1838 and proved 1 Jan 1839. In her will, she named her son-in-law Richard R. Goodwin, grandda. Catherine Ann Goodwin, and dau. (AAM:)

Joseph and Catherine were the parents of: ANN CATHERINE; MARY; and JULIA

20. JOSHUA PHELPS, son of William and Susanna, was b. 22 Feb 1758, and on 16 April 1816 was m. by Rev. Moraviviller [Pastor of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church] to Alicia M. Inglesby. (S:bartrace Federal Gazette, 24 April 1816) She was the widow of William Inglesby. On 9 Dec 1838, Moses Baines, who had m. Cecilia Inglesby, noted in his diary that he had received word of "Mr. Phelps' death." (Data contained in letter dated 25 May 1994 to Robert Barnes from Mrs. David Howard Peterson of Hitchcock, Texas)

Joshua and Alicia (Mackierman) (Inglesby) Phelps were the parents of: PARTHENIA, m. Leonard Passano; and JANE.

21. JACOB PHELPS, son of William and Susanna, was b. 29 March 1761, and m. Parthena (N).

Jacob Phelps purchased some of Richard Phelps' (q.v.) property c1796.

Jacob and Parthena had issue: (AAM: 64): RICHARD DENOONE TAYLOR, b. 23 Aug 1798, bapt. 10 Nov 1801.

22. ZACHARIAH PHELPS, son of Zachariah, in 1798 was listed in Roade River Hundred as owning 180 a. *Cheney's Rest* and 25 a. *Phelps' Adventure*. (Index to Federal Assessment List of AA Co., 1798)

Zachariah m. 1st, Sarah Davis, by AAML dated 11 Oct 1797, and m. 2nd, Esther Gwinn, by AAML dated 20 Jan 1804. She was a dau. of Francis Gwinn, of AA Co. (AAM: 1782:103, 104)

On 17 Oct 1803, Zachariah Phelps, of AA Co., mortgaged to James Mackubin 180 a. of *Cheney's Rest*, which Zachariah Cheney conv. to Zachariah Phelps, father of the present grantor. (AAM: RE:13:170)

Esther Gwinn, now Phelps, received her share of the estate of her father, Francis Gwinn, of AA Co., when it was dist. by Henry Purdy, exec., on 10 April 1807. (AAM: 1782:103) She received a share of the estate of Elizabeth Gwinn when it was dist. on 31 Jan 1809 by Henry Purdy. (AAM: 1782:132)

Zachariah Phelps d. c1821 owning 150 a. *Cheney's Rest*. He left four children, named in the distribution of his estate by Mrs. Hester Phelps, admx., on 19 Sep 1825. (AAM: 1805; AAM: 1782:79): WALTER POOL (who came of age on 11 Oct 1825); SARAH, m. George Allen by 1825; ZACHARIAH; and JOSEPH HENRY.

23. RICHARD PHELPS, son of Walter and Margaret, was b. c1783, d. 7 Sep 1855, and m. Charlotte Stewart by BAML dated 1 Jan 1806. Charlotte d. 29 April 1851. (AAM: 139)

Richard and Charlotte (or Charity) (Stewart) Phelps were the parents of: (AAM Co. Circuit Court Equity Records, 1785:205): NELSON, b. c1812, d. 1898, m. 1st, Ellen Benson, and 2nd, Elizabeth Shipley; ANDREW J., b. c1818, m. Mary Ann Benson; RICHARD D., b. c1825, m. 1st, Martha Benson, and 2nd, Julia Chaney; MARGARET, m. Edward Anderson; SUSAN, m. Joshua Anderson; ANN, m. John Hawkins; and MARY, m. Eden Benson.

24. JAMES PHELPS, son of Walter and Margaret, was b. c1785, and d. 1847 owning 700 a. of land. He m. 1st, Susanna Stewart, by BAML dated 7 Jan 1806. Susanna d. c1817, and James m. 2nd, by BAML 6 Jan 1818, Elizabeth Lawrenson.

In 1817, James conv. 140 a. *Addition to Timber Ridge* to his parents for their lifetimes, and after they d. the property would revert to his sons Walter, Ebenezer, and Joshua. (AAM: 1784:472)

James and Susanna (Stewart) Phelps were the parents of: (AAM: 39, cites 17 MD 120, MD Court of Appeals): WALTER, b. 1810, d. c1831; EBENEZER, b. c1813, m. Margaret Mewshaw, and JOSHUA, b. c1815, d. c1841.

James and Elizabeth were the parents of: (AAM: 40, cites 17 MD 120, MD Court of Appeals): JAMES, b. c1819, d. 1893; HANNAH, b. c1821; NELSON, b. c1823; RICHARD, b. c1825, m. Harriet Shapington; ELIZABETH, b. c1826; ELLEN, b. c1827; CHARLES, b. c1828, d. 1879; WILLIAM, b. c1830, d. 1865; AUSTIN, b. c1833; and ANN, b. c1835.

Fifth Generation

25. EZEKIEL PHELPS, possibly son of Isaiah Phelps, is so placed for the reasons stated above. He was probably b. no later than c1760 as he took the Oath of Fidelity to the State of MD on 1 March 1778

before Richard Harwood, Jr. (AAR:151) However, he was not listed as head of a household in the 1790 Census. On 19 April 1793, Ezekiel was in SM Co. making a business deal with Mordcael Barry. The agreement was recorded in AA Co. on 22 April 1794. (Geneva N. Phelps, *An Annual Begins*)

In 1798, Ezekiel Phelps was listed in Roade River Hundred as owning two slaves, one exempt from taxation and one taxable. He was a tenant of Edward Hall. The only other Phelps listed in Roade River Hundred was Zachariah Phelps. (Index to Federal Assessment List of 1798, AA Co.)

Ezekiel Phelps, on 25 May 1809, was co-security for William Cheney who was guardian to Charles Cheney, and also guardian to Francis, Richard, Ezekiel, and Sarah Donaldson. (A Co. Orphans Court Minutes, May 1802:170)

The estate of Ezekiel Phelps was dist. by Nelson Phelps, one of the admins. Margaret Phelps received her widow's thirds and the balance was dist. among Nelson, Walter, and Middleton Phelps, and Mary Ann Scott. (AAR: 891:82)

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

NEILSON, b. c1797; MARY ANN, b. c1798, m. (N) Scott;
MIDDLETON, b. 1800, d. 1887, unm. (On 16 Dec 1837, Margaret Phelps renounced her right to administer the estate of Middleton B. Phelps, and recommended Nelson Phelps, bro. of Middleton, as the best person to administer the estate.) (AAR: 754:1:328); and WALTER WATKINS, b. 1 May 1801, m. 28 Feb 1832 Catherine Haynes.

Sixth Generation

26. NELSON PHELPS, son of Ezekiel and Margaret (Watkins) Phelps, was b. c1797, and was living in 1850 when he was listed in the Census of Howard District as a 53 year old farmer. With him was his wife Ann, age 52. (1850 Census of Howard District, AA Co., dwelling 876, Family 886)

Nelson and Ann Phelps were the parents of: (1850 Census of Howard District, AA Co., dwelling 876, family 886): EZEKIEL, b. c1822, age 28 in 1850, m. Martha, b. c1830, age 20 in 1850 (They were living with his parents in 1850.); RACHEL, b. c1823, age 27 in 1850, m. (N) Stewart; JAMES S., b. c1828, age 22 in 1850; ELIZABETH, b. c1832, age 18 in 1850; MIDDLETON BELT, b. c1833, age 17 in 1850; and RICHARD F., b. c1838, age 11 in 1850.

27. MARY ANN PHELPS, dau. of Ezekiel and Margaret (Watkins) Phelps, was b. c1798, and m. (N) Scott.

28. WALTER WATKINS PHELPS, son of Ezekiel and Margaret (Watkins) Phelps, was b. 1 May 1801 and m. on 28 Feb 1832, Catherine Haynes. Catherine Haynes Phelps d. 4 Dec 1897. (Geneva N. Phelps, *An Annual Begins*:viii)

Walker and Catherine were the parents of: MARGARET, b. c1833, d. unm.; FRANCIS ASBURY, b. 1834, d. 1921; GEORGE AUSTIN, b. 1838, d. 1920; MARY E., b. c1842, d. unm.; JULIET, b. c1845, d. unm.; and WILLIAM H., b. 1851, d. 1896.

Unplaced

PHELPS, (N), widow, was listed in 1783 as a pauper in Middle Neck Hundred. (Assessment List of AA Co. of 1783, MSB)

PHELPS, ALEXANDER, m. 31 Jan 1809, Anne Poole of Anne Arundel, MD. (The 1817)

PHELPS, ANN, m. Edward Disney by AAML dated 4 Nov 1778.

PHELPS, ARCHIBALD, illegitimate son of Rebecca, was b. 25 April 1762. (AMC:57)

Archibald Phelps, son of Rebecca, was mentioned in the will, written 19 March 1765 and proved 5 April 1765, of George Newman, of Annapolis. (MSB 33:141)

Archibald Phelps d. by 3 May 1784 when John Phelps posted bond with Benjamin Howard and Zachariah Duvall as sureties. (A Co. Bonds, 1780-1785:137)

PHELPS, BENJAMIN, m. Priscilla Wheat by PGML dated 10 Dec 1786.

PHELPS, CHARLES, gave his age as 35 in April 1760. (AMC 1724-1767:518)

PHELPS, CHARLES EDWARD, m. Martha E. Woodman. They were the parents of: (The 1817) ALMIRA, b. 28 March 1876 in Baltimore, MD.

PHELPS, DEBORAH, was listed in 1776 in the Census of All Hallows Parish with one white male, three white females and two white children. (Strumbaugh, op. cit., 1:409) In 1789, she was listed in South River Hundred, AA Co. (1782/3 Assessment List of AA Co.)

Deborah Phelps d. leaving a will dated 1789 and proved 20 May 1789. She named her two sons Robert and George, her dau. Deborah's children, and dau. Mary. Edward Kirkland, Basel Phelps, and Zachariah Phelps were wits. (AAR: 504:1, 1788-1797:95)

Deborah Phelps' estate was inv. 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. (AA Co. Inventory and Accounts of sales, J681:385)

Her property was sold 11 Nov 1789. Purchasers included Richard Phelps and Zachariah Phelps. (Ibid.:389)

When Deborah's estate was dist. on 20 Oct 1792 by her execs, Robert and George Phelps, her children were listed as follows: (AAR J681:36): ROBERT; GEORGE; DEBORAH, m. (?), and had children, whose children received a legacy; and MARY, m. Henry Purdy by AAML dated 30 Sep 1782.

PHELPS, DINAH, m. Benjamin Brown by AAML dated 26 Feb 1788.

PHELPS, ELLIAH, m. Mary Disney by AAML dated 20 Jan 1818.

Elijah Phelps, age 63, appeared in April 1855 and applied for a pension, stating that he had been a drummer in the War of 1812 under Capt. Bealmeur. Owen Disney was one of the wits. On 13 Dec 1856, John Biggs and Richard Disney stated they were acquainted with Elijah Phelps, and that he served under Capt. Bealmer. (Bounty Land Warrant Application 5-150-65412)

PHELPS, ELISHA, b. c1788, age 62 in 1850, blacksmith, and Mary, b. c1797 (age 53 in 1850) were listed in the 1850 Census of AA Co., Howard District. With them were: BENJAMIN F., b. c1829 (age 21); CHRISTIANA, b. c1831 (age 19); ELISHA H., b. c1838 (age 17); MARY E., b. c1835 (age 15); SUSAN A., b. c1837 (age 13); and SARAH M., b. c1839 (age 11). (1850 Census, AA Co., Howard District, dwelling 389, Family 392)

PHELPS, ELIZABETH, of AA Co., d. leaving a will dated 18 Nov 1789 and proved 10 Dec 1762, naming daus. Rachel Phelps and Rebecca Phelps, and sons Daniel, Nicholas, William, and Joseph Pearce. John Jacob wit the will. On 8 Oct 1762, Daniel and Nicholas Pearce, sons of Elizabeth, renounced their right of administration. (WMS 31:800)

PHELPS, GEORGE, probably son of Deborah, purchased some of Richard Phelps' (q.v.) property c1795. He m. Emma Pierce by AAML dated 6 Jan 1795.

PHELPS, GEORGE, b. c1797, was living at age 58, as a laborer in 1850 Census, Howard District, AA Co. He m. Martha, age 44, in the household were: TABITHA, b. c1833; SARAH A., b. c1836; MARY, b. c1838; JAMES, b. c1840; WILLIAM, b. c1843; and MARGARET.

WALKER, b. c1832. (1850 Census of AA Co., Howard District, dwelling 328, Family 331)

PHELPS, JAMES, was listed in the 1776 Census of All Hallows Parish with one white male, one white female, and five white children. (Barnabaugh, op. cit., 1:407)

PHELPS, JESSE, m. Sarah Pumphrey by PGML dated 2 Sep 1795.

PHELPS, JOHANNA, m. John Coats by AAML dated 14 Nov 1783.

PHELPS, JOHN, m. Love (N). They were the parents of: MARY, bapt. 8 April 1720, in All Hallows Parish. (AAR:201)

PHELPS, JOHN, took the Oath of Fidelity in March 1778. Another John Phelps took the Oath of Fidelity in March 1778. (AAR)

John Phelps posted bond as admin. of Archibald Phelps (q.v.) on 8 May 1794. Jno. Phelps purchased some of Richard Phelps' (q.v.) property c1795.

PHELPS, JOSHUA, b. c1815 (age 35), and Emily, b. c1821 (age 29), were listed in the 1850 Census of AA Co., Howard District. With them was: JOSEPH, 5 mos. (1850 Census, AA Co., Howard District, dwelling 876, Family 886)

PHELPS, JOSIAH, on 13 Aug 1778 conv. personal property to Thomas and William Hall. (AAR I844:113) He took the Oath of Fidelity to the State of MD on 2 March 1778 before Reuben Merweather. (AAR)

PHELPS, MARGARET, purchased some of Richard Phelps' (q.v.) property c1795. She may be the Margaret Phelps who m. Benjamin Pearce by AAML dated 12 Jan 1796.

PHILPS, MARY, m. Robert Long by AAML dated 24 June 1780.

PHILPS, MARY, m. Josh Crutchley by AAML dated 2 Aug 1814.

PHILPS, REBECCA, had an illegitimate son: ARCHIBALD, b. 25 Jan 1762. (AAR:57)

PHILPS, REBECCA, m. Samuel Chaney by AAML dated 18 Feb 1809.

PHILPS, RICHARD, was b. c1800, m. Sarah Anderson, b. c1804. They are the parents of Richard Phelps Descendancy chart, 105 Family History IHI EDWARD JACKSON, b. 8 June 1896 at Odenton, AA Co.

PHELPS, ROBERT, took the Oath of Fidelity to the State of MD on 1 March 1778 before Richard Harwood, Jr. (AMSP)

Robert Phelps, of AA Co., d. leaving a will dated 7 March 1799 and proved 9 May 1799. He left his entire estate to his bro. George Phelps. Nehemiah Younger and Samuel Crane wit. the will. (AMSP Jc#2:80)

The inventory of Robert Phelps was filed 31 July 1799 by George Phelps, of FR Co. The property was valued at \$29,19/4. No one signed as kin. (AA Co. Inventory and Accounts of Sales, Jc#4:564)

PHELPS, RUTH, m. David Bangs by AAML, dated 18 June 1789.

PHELPS, SARAH, m. William Richardson by AAML, dated 22 Jan 1787. Sarah Phelps m. William Smallwood by AAML, dated 14 Oct 1792.

PHELPS, SUSANNA, m. Nathaniel Hall by AAML, dated 28 Feb 1778. Another Susanna m. Simon Retulick, Jr., by AAML, dated 8 June 1798. Another Susanna Phelps m. George Hardy by AAML, dated 24 Dec 1806. Still another Susanna m. Charles W. Eaton by AAML, dated 10 Feb 1790.

PHELPS, WILLIAM, d. 13 March 1721/2 in St. Anne's Parish, Annapolis, MD. (MCA:99)

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. William m. Sarah Fowler by AAML, dated 18 Dec 1778. A William m. Eliz. Morgan by AAML, dated 18 June 1785. He or another William m. Ann Dennison by AAML, dated 15 Dec 1815.

William Phelps took the Oath of Fidelity to the State of MD on 1 March 1778 before Richard Harwood, Jr. Another William Phelps took the Oath of Fidelity in March 1778. (AMSP)

William Phelps purchased some of Richard Phelps' (q.v.) property c1795.

William Phelps, of Annapolis, d. leaving a will dated 1 Nov 1808 and proved 16 March 1804. He named his wife Elizabeth his sole heir and exx. John Sands, Edward Holland, and James Hunter wit. the will. (AMSP Jc#2:261)

William Phelps m., by 28 June 1817, Ann, one of the coheirs of Hannah [Norwood] Hobbs, who was a dau. of John Norwood and a sister of Henry Norwood. (MCSR #3743)