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OF

RICHARD BORDEN,

WHO REMOVED FROM THE COUNTY OF KENT, OLD ENGLAND, 1637-1638, AND SETTLED AT PORTSMOUTH, RHODE ISLAND

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PHILADELPHIA:
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND ONE

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WHO REMOVED FROM THE COUNTY OF KENT, OLD ENGLAND, 1637–8, AND SETTLED AT PORTSMOUTH, RHODE ISLAND.

I. **HENRY BORDEN**, of the Parish of Hedcorn,[1] in the County of Kent, was born *circa* the years 1370–1380.

He appears to have held land both in the Parish of Hedcorn and at Borden, and was, doubtless, a descendant of the Bordens of Borden.[2] He is mentioned in the will of his grand-

[1] The Parish of Hedcorn (Hedcorne or Headcorn) lies within the bounds of several hundreds, "for the hundred of Eyhorne claims over that part of the same wherein the western portion of the village and the church are situated; the hundred of Tenham claims over such part as is within that manor; the hundreds of Barkley and Cranbrooke claim over the southern portion; the former hundred also over such portion as lies within the borough of Stephurst, and the latter over that division which is in the north borough, both portions ranking within the lath of Scray; and the hundred of Calehill claiming over the eastern part of the same.

"That portion of the parish which lies eastward of the church of Boughton Malherbe, and thence to the east of that of Hedcorne, and so again eastward to the west head of the church of Smarden, containing all that part within the hundred of Calehill, is in the eastern division of this county, and the residue of the parish on the western side of that line ranks in the division of west Kent. The manor of Tenham claims over a considerable part of this parish, and the manor of Ospringe over another portion of the same.

"It appeared by the roll of Knights' fees, taken in the reign of Edward I, that the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Master of the Maison Dieu, at Ospringe, were returned as Lords of this parish." (Ireland III, 2 Hist. Co. Kent.) See note hereafter.

It is a flat and low country, the aspect being dreary and forlorn. The soil is of stiff clay, deep and miry, except in very dry summer, when it becomes particularly hard.

[2] The town of Borden in the parish of the name is twelve miles, as the crow flies, from Hedcorn. That this Henry Borden was the first of his name at Hedcorn is certain, as no Borden appears before this date in this parish. No will of this Henry Borden, or of Thomas Borden, his son, can be found.

According to the custom of Gavelkind the land of this Henry and of Thomas, his son, would at their death, intestate, be equally divided between their heirs, and we find accordingly, that William Borden, great-grandson of Henry, held at the time of his death, in 1531, a tenement and certain lands at *Borden*. Here is evidence tending to show that Henry Borden came to Hedcorn from Borden; that the said William Borden of Hedcorn did acquire this tenement and lands at Borden by descent, according to the custom of Gavelkind, is indicated by the will of Richard Borden, of Hedcorn, uncle to the said William and grandson of Henry, dated 1490, in which he speaks of *his* "lands and tenements lying upon the tythings of Thornhurst, *Borden* & *Maxenden*."

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son, John Borden of Hedcorn, which will is dated 26 April, 1469 (recorded in the Archdeaconry of Canterbury, Vol. II, folio 1), wherein his grandson, the said John Borden, of Hedcorn, desires that a Priest sing in the Church of Hedcorn for his (the said Henry Borden's) soul and the soul of Robergia, wife of the said Henry Borden, for two years.

Henry Borden, of Hedcorn, had issue by the said Robergia, his wife:

1. **Thomas**; *of whom presently.*
2. Robert, of Hedcorn, who died prior to 1479, leaving issue by Emma Dorr, his wife, a son, *Robert Borden, Junior,* of Hedcorn; *James Borden,* of Hedcorn, (who died in that parish before 26 September, 1480, leaving issue by *Godleve* his wife) and daughters, unnamed. *Robert Borden, Junior,* died at Hedcorn before 6 June, 1480, leaving a daughter married to one *Thomas At Well,* by whom she had issue *Alice At Well* (Vol. III, Sec. 17, Wills, Archdeaconry of Canterbury; Vol. III, Sec. 19, *Ibid.*)

II. **THOMAS BORDEN,** of the Parish of Hedcorn, in the County of Kent, son of Henry and Robergia. He is mentioned in the will of his son, John Borden, of Hedcorn, who desires that a Priest sing in the Church of Hedcorn, wherein he was buried, for his soul, and that of his wife Isabella.

This Thomas Borden was, without question, identical with Thomas Borden (or Burden) of Hedcorn, yeoman, who joined the Rebellion of the Kentishmen under Jack Cade in the year 1450, and who was subsequently pardoned therefor. (Pat. Rolls, 28 Hen. VI., parts 2, 13, etc.—Also Archæologia Cantina, Vol. VII.) He died before 26 April, 1469.

Children of Thomas Borden and Isabella his wife:

1. **John**; *of whom presently.*
2. Henry, of Hedcorn, left issue: *William Borden,* who was born *circa* 1470; living 1490; probably removed to Milton.
3. Richard, of Hedcorn; yeoman; died in or about the month of October, 1490. He left issue *John Borden,* born about 1475, and *Isabella.*

III. **JOHN BORDEN,** of the Parish of Hedcorn, in the County of Kent, son of Thomas and Isabella, made his will 26 April, 1469; but there is no date of probate. He was a yeoman.

ABSTRACT OF WILL OF JOHN BORDEN, OF HEDCORN, IN THE COUNTY OF KENT:

26 April, 1469.—I, **John Borden** *of Hedcorn.*

To be buried in the cemetery of the Church of St. Peter & St. Paul in Hedcorn.

To each of my grandchildren (not named) 4d. The rest of my goods to Thomas Hovynden, Richard Borden & John Holstrete, Executors.

My wife Benett (Benedict) to have the use of part of my house during her widowhood.

My Executors to occupy my lands, &c., until *William* my son attains his age of twenty years.

If my son[3] and daughters all die, then if the said Richard Borden have a son he shall have all my lands, &c., which were of my father, to hold the same to him and his heirs forever.

I will that an honest Priest sing in the Church of Hedcorn for the souls of Thomas my father, Isabella my mother, Henry Borden my grandfather & Robergia his wife, & Thomas Saunder, for 2 years; he to be paid 20 marks. (*Arch. Cant., Vol.* II, *folio 1*, Latin.)

John Borden married Benett (or Benedict), daughter of Thomas Tornor.

ABSTRACT OF WILL OF BENETT BORDEN, OF HEDCORN,—WIDOW:

15 October, 1518.—I, **Benett Borden,** *Widow.*
To be buried in the Churchyard of Hedcorn.
To *William* my son, 40s.
To Joan my daughter, 40s.
To Isabella my daughter & her child, 6s. 8d.
To Roberga my daughter, 6s. 8d.
To John Borden, a calf.
To Alice Borden, 3s. 4d.

[3] Note that he speaks of but one son, William Borden, his eldest son, Roger Borden, not being named.

To Roger my son the house, garden & 2 pieces of land I had by inheritance after the death of Thomas Tornor my father.

The rest of my goods to the said Roger, whom I make Executor.

Peter Wothyngbroke to be Overseer.

Witnesses: John Cornforth, Curate, Thomas Batnor.

Proved 16 Nov., 1518. (*Arch. Cant., Vol. XIII, Section 8.*)

Children of John Borden and Benett his wife:

1. Roger, not named in his father's will.
2. **William**; *of whom presently.*
3. Joan.
4. Roberga.
5. Alice.
6. Isabella.
7. John.

IV. **WILLIAM BORDEN**, son of John and Benett his wife, of the Parish of Hedcorn in the County of Kent. He was under age 26 April, 1469; died 1531. His first wife was named Joan, and his second, Thomasin; they were both buried within the Church of Hedcorn. His third wife, named Rose, survived him.

ABSTRACT OF WILL OF WILLIAM BORDEN OF HEDCORN:

11 February, 1531.— I, **William Borden** *of Hedcorn.*

To be buried within the Church of Our Lady between my 2 wives Joan and Thomasin.

To Elizabeth my daughter, a standing Nutte with silver & gilt & a cover.

To Anne my daughter, £20.

Walter Hendeley, gent; William Lynche & Nicholas Batnor to be Executors, & Sir Edward Wotten, Knight, Overseer.

To Katherine my daughter, my messuage, 2 gardens, a forstall, 3 pieces of land formerly called Southlands, & 2 pieces of land called Ryngsell, purchased of Sir William Ketlesden, formerly Vicar of Hedcorn; for default of heirs to the said Katherine, the same to remain to my son Thomas his heirs for ever.

The feoffees to let to farm my 2 meadows lying to the church bridge upon the den of Crothenden the which be stryken out of a pair of indentures between Edward Borden & me, & the profits thereof to be given in deeds of charity.

I will that Edward Borden my son hold himself content with my tenement of Borden, with 100 acres of land & meadow & my tenement at Wike, with such lands as he holds of me by indenture under a false pretence of marriage of Johane daughter of John Aleyn, Baron of the Exchequer.

I will that Rose my wife occupy my principal messuage Horcheyard Podsole, a tenement & piece of land called Borowfyld, she keeping Thomas and Anne my children.

My feoffees to let 2 pieces of land called Ketes & Somerlese with all my other lands lying on the north side of the street leading from Hedcorn to Leveham, &c., &c., until my son Thomas attain the age of 24 years.

To the said Thomas I give a piece of land containing 10 acres called Pikesfelde, lying to the hall dore of his brother Edward's hall dore.

Proved 25 Sept., 1531. (*Arch. Cant., Vol. XIX, Section 10.*)

Children of William Borden, of Hedcorn:

1. **Edmund**; *of whom presently.* He is not mentioned in his father's will of 11 February, 1531 (*Arch. Cant., Vol. XIX, Sec. 10*). In early English wills the eldest son is seldom named because as heir, under the common law of England, he inherited by primogeniture, land not being generally devisable by testament until the Statute 32, Hen. VIII, and 34–35 of same, when two-thirds of the land in chivalry and all socage land became devisable. Notwithstanding the above statute, many wills for a long time after failed to notice the heir.

   In Kent, however, almost all of the land was, and is, held by the custom of Gavelkind,[4] and, in 1439, there were less than forty tenants in the entire county who held by

[4] "These are the usages and customes, the which the comunalty of Kent claimeth to have in the tenements of Gavelkinde, as in the men of Gavelkinde. That is to say, that all the bodies of Kentishmen be free, as well as the other free bodies of Englande.

"And that they may their landes and their tenements give and sell, without licence asked of their lordes: saving unto the lordes the rentes and the services due out of the same tenements." (*Custumal of Kent, Consuetudines Kanciæ, Sandys, page 3.*)

Knight's service[5] (*Consuetudines Kanciæ, Sandys, page 248*). Gavelkind lands have always been alienable in perpetuity and devisable by will, whether inherited or acquired by purchase (*Consuetudines Kanciæ, Sandys, page 286*). When a man died intestate seized of Gavelkind lands, the same were equally divided amongst his heirs, his widow's right of dower (one-half of the land) being respected.

But while the Kentishman could devise his lands from time out of mind, yet, in many instances, the name of one, and often several children, not necessarily but usually the eldest, are omitted. The reason for this is apparent. In no county in England were the ancient Saxon customs regarding marriage so carefully observed as in Kent. Marriage here was not entered into in a hap-hazard manner. The groom was compelled to show that he could support a wife comfortably, and a carefully worded contract was executed, wherein the prospective bride was secured from future distress.

Under the custom of Gavelkind the eldest son was no richer than his brothers; for this reason it was customary for the father to convey to his sons, in fee simple, upon contract of marriage, certain tenements, farms and fields, which they agreed to be content with as their portion of their father's estate, and thus provided for they are not afterwards mentioned. The same applies to daughters.

For an example of this see will of *John Borden*, of Hedcorn, 1469, cited *supra*, wherein he fails to mention his son *Roger Borden*, who is named in his mother's will, his son *John*, and daughters. See also will of *William Borden*, of Hedcorn, 1557, cited *infra*, wherein he neglects to name

[5] The Parish of Hedcorn was originally under the Lordship of the Archbishop and Master of Maison Dieu at Ospringe, but yet the land was subject to the custom of Gavelkind.

"Afterwards the whole county find that King John, father of our lord the now king, granted to Hubert Walter, formerly Archbishop of Canterbury, and his successors, that they might convert the lands holden of them in Gavelkind into frank-fee; and that the same Archbishop and his successors have always hitherto been accustomed to do this at their own pleasure." (*Itin. Kanc. Rot. 61, in dorso; Consuetudines Kanciæ, 244.*)

"As lands in Gavelkind are of socage tenure, yet, if they are changed to knight's service, the custom is not altered, but all the heirs shall inherit." (*Dalis, 23.*)

"Even in Kent, if Gavelkind lands escheat, or come to the crown by attainder, or dissolution of monasteries, and be granted to be holden by knight's service, or *per baroniam*, the customary descent is not changed, neither can it be but by *Act of Parliament*, for it is a custom fixed to the land." (*Hale, Hist. Com. Law; 6th ed.*, 312.)

his daughter *Agnes Borden*, and perhaps others, all of whom had, doubtless, been provided for by settling upon them certain Gavelkind land.

In the absence of mention in his father's will my authority for the definite statement that Edmund Borden was the son of William Borden (died 1531) is that parts of certain lands and tenements in Hedcorn which before William Borden and his ancestors had been seized of, passed by the custom of Gavelkind to the heirs of the said Edmund Borden. In other words, the descendants of Edmund Borden, by operation of the custom of Gavelkind, became seized during their lifetime of and in certain lands and tenements on the High street of Hedcorn and elsewhere, which had formerly been the property of William Borden (died 1531) and of his ancestors.[6] I am not certain regarding the mother of Edmund Borden, but suggest that she was Tamasin, the second wife of William Borden, inasmuch as the name, not then common, was continued by her descendants.

2. Edward; he went to Borden, and appears to have left issue a son Edward, of Borden.
3. Thomas, who is believed to have died young.
4. Elizabeth.
5. Anne.
6. Katharine.

V. **EDMUND BORDEN**, of the Parish of Hedcorn in the County of Kent, son of William; died there in or about the month of June, 1539. He married Margaret ———.

ABSTRACT OF WILL OF EDMUND BORDEN, OF HEDCORN.

13 April, 30 Hen. 8 (1539.) I, **Edmund Borden** *of Hedcorn in the Shire of Kent.*

To be buried in the churchyard of Hedcorn.
To my daughters Joan & Maryon, £5 each.

[6] See also other pages. It may be noted here that Stephen Borden, son of William, and grandson of Edmund Borden, by operation of custom of Gavelkind became seized of certain lands at Bydynden which had once belonged to John Borden (died 1469) and to his ancestors. It should also be noted that a glance at the pedigree of the Bordens of Hedcorn shows, aside from positive proof offered, that Edmund Borden could not have been the son of any other Borden of Hedcorn, but William.

To my daughters Margaret, Alice & Julian, £5 each at their ages of twenty years.

To Margaret, my wife, 3 kine, &c.

The residue of my goods to Edward, John & *William*, my sons.

If my wife have a woman chylde then I give to the said chylde £5.

I make Thomas Madocke & John Phylyke, Executors.

Witnesses: John Lytle, Edward Newenden, Thomas Wood.

Proved 18 June, 1539. (*Arch. Cant., Vol. XXI, Section 9*).

Children of Edmund Borden and Margaret his wife:

1. Edward.
2. John.
3. **William**; *of whom presently.*
4. Joan.
5. Maryon.
6. Margaret.
7. Alice.
8. Julian.

VI. **WILLIAM BORDEN**, of the Parish of Hedcorn in the County of Kent, son of Edmund and Margaret; died there in or about the month of June, 1557. He married Joan ——.

ABSTRACT OF WILL OF WILLIAM BORDEN (BURDEN) OF HEDCORN.

(No date.) I, **William Burden** *of Hedcorn.*

To Joan, my wife, £20, &c. To my sons *Thomas* & Edward, £10 each; to my son John £6, & to my son Stephen £10.

To Elizabeth my daughter £3.6.8.—to my daughter Thomesyn[7] a cow; to my daughter Anne, a cow.

To Edmund my son a cow.

My wife Joan & son Edward to be Executors.

The residue of my goods I give to my said wife & sons.

Witnesses: John Kippinge, Nicholas Borden & Nicholas Hommersham.

Proved 8 June, 1557. (*Arch. Cant., Vol. XXX, Section 3.*)

[7] Probably named after her grandmother, second wife of William Borden, of Hedcorn.

Children of William Borden and Joan his wife:

1. Stephen, named in will of his brothers Edward and Thomas, and also in will of his father.
2. **Thomas**; *of whom presently.*
3. Edward, of Hedcorn Parish, County of Kent. His will in abstract is as follows:

   28 January, 1559.—I, Edward Borden of Hedcorn.
   Margaret, my wife, to be executrix.
   To Stephen Borden my brother £17. 6. 0. given to him by my father (not named).
   To my mother (not named) 20s.
   To Thomas & Edward (Edmund) Borden, my brothers, 20s. each.
   To John Borden (no relationship given) 20s.
   To my sisters Thomasin, Agnes & Elizabeth, 10s. each.
   Legacies to John, Thomas & Christopher Batnor & to Alice Warner.
   Witnesses: John Kyppyn, Nicholas Boodes & Nicholas Homersham. (See his father's will.) Proved 26 March, 1560. (*Arch. Cant., Vol. XXXIV, Section 5.*)

4. John (doubtless the John Borden mentioned in the will of Edward his brother, but relationship not there set forth); buried at Hedcorn 15 November, 1581.
5. Edmund.
6. Elizabeth; she was living 1592, and named in will of her brother Thomas (which see).
7. Agnes; named in will of her brother Edward.
8. Thomasin; named in will of her brother Edward.
9. Anne.

VII. **THOMAS BORDEN**, son of William and Joan, was born in the Parish of Hedcorn in the County of Kent; died there in or about the month of April, 1592, and was buried in Hedcorn Churchyard 21 April, 1592. His wife's name is not known, but she was buried in Hedcorn Churchyard 20 May, 1581. He appears to have married, secondly, Margaret ———, who was buried at Hedcorn, 25 September, 1589.

ABSTRACT OF WILL OF THOMAS BORDEN OF HEDCORN, COUNTY KENT, YEOMAN:

13 April, 34 Eliz. (1592). I, **Thomas Borden** *of Hedcorn in the County Kent, Yeoman.*

To be buried in the Churchyard of Hedcorn.
To my daughter Agnes, wife of Jonas Gorham, £10, &c.
To my brother Stephen Borden, £4.
To my sister Elizabeth Borden, £4.
The rest of my goods to my son *Mathew Borden*, whom I make Executor. Witnesses: John Fotherbie & Edward Meles, Thomas Travant.

Proved 26 April, 1592.—"The hand mark of Thomas Borden." (*Arch. Cant., Vol. XLVIII, folio 279.*)

Children of Thomas Borden and ——— his wife:

1. **Matthew**; *of whom presently.*
2. Thomas; buried at Hedcorn Church, 30 April, 1580.
3. Joan; buried at Hedcorn Church, 5 April, 1571.
4. Agnes; married Jonas Gorham, 2 August, 1585.

VIII. **MATTHEW BORDEN**, son of Thomas, born in the Parish of Hedcorn, in the County of Kent, and died there in or about the month of October, 1620.[8] He married Joan ——. He was Churchwarden of Hedcorn, 1598.[9]

ABSTRACT OF WILL OF MATTHEW BORDEN, IN THE COUNTY OF KENT, YEOMAN.

26 September, 1620. I, **Mathew Borden** *of Hedcorn in the County of Kent, Yeoman.*

To Joane, my wife, beds, etc.; also £8 yearly out of my farm called Sim Hamdens, in the Parish of Smarden in County of Kent, till my son *John* attain the age of 21; also the rent of my houses in Hedcorn; of my farm called Grinnett in Hedcorn; also the rent of my tenement wherein Roger Jones dwells until my son Edward attain the age of 21.

[8] There is a gap in the Burial Register of Hedcorn Church from 1610 to 1631.

[9] There was another Matthew Borden, a cousin, who was Churchwarden of Hedcorn, earlier.

To my daughter Amye Borden, £60 at her age of 20.

To my daughter Mary, wife of John Rowe, £16.

To my son *Richard*, my 2 houses & land thereto belonging in Hedcorn, to hold to him and his heirs for ever.

To my son William, £40; also a house and land at Smarden.

My sons Richard & William to be Executors.

Thomas Samson of Cranbroke to be Supervisor.

Proved 27 October, 1620. (*Arch. Cant., Book 63* [*Hall*], *folio 134.*)

Children of Matthew Borden and Joan his wife:

1. Mary; married 4 May, 1620, John Roe (Rowe).
2. Joan, bapt. 29 April, 1593; buried 11 June, 1593.
3. John, bapt. 28 April, 1594; d. infant.
4. **Richard,** bapt. 22 February, 1595/6;[10] married 28 September, 1625, Jane Fowle. Removed to New England and settled at Portsmouth, R. I., 1637/8, where he died.
5. William, bapt. 1 June, 1600.
6. Amie, bapt. 26 April, 1603.
7. Edward, bapt. 14 April, 1605.
8. **John,** bapt. 22 February, 1606/7. He removed to New England in the ship *Elizabeth & Ann*, 1635, at which time he was declared to be aged 28 years. His wife Joan was then aged 23 years, his son Matthew aged 8 years, and his daughter Elizabeth aged 3 years. (*Founders of New England*, Pope.)

IX. **RICHARD BORDEN,** son of Matthew and Joan, born at Hedcorn in the County of Kent, England, and baptized 22 February, 1595–6. He married in Hedcorn Church, 28 September, 1625, Joan Fowle,[11] removed from the parish of Hedcorn

[10] Note that the date usually accepted for Richard Borden's birth, and given by Austin, 1601, is incorrect. If Austin's date is from a deposition by Richard Borden he misstated his age, which was, and is, a common thing to do.

[11] CONSISTORY COURT OF CANTERBURY, BK. 50, FO. 74.

FRANCIS FOWLE. } 8 Oct., 1632.

I, Francis Fowle, of Cranbrooke in Co. Kent, Clothier.

The rest of my goods to my cousin Richard Borden of Cranbrooke, whom I make executor.

Item I give to my wife Elizabeth all my messuages, lands, &c., in Goudherst in Co. Kent for her life; after her decease I give the same to Joane Borden my kinswoman, the wife of Richard Borden, for her life; after her decease I give the same to Francis Borden, son of the said Joane; to hold to him and his heirs for ever.

to the neighboring parish of Cranbrook, 1628, and came thence to New England 1637/8; settled at Portsmouth, Rhode Island (1637/8), where he died 25 May, 1671. His nuncupative will was admitted to probate 31 May, 1671, by the Town Council of Portsmouth. Richard Borden was a surveyor and acquired large tracts of land in Rhode Island and in East Jersey (Monmouth County). He was Freeman of Portsmouth, 16 March, 1641, of a Committee to treat with the Dutch, 18 May, 1653; Assistant, town of Portsmouth, 1653, 1654; Commissioner, 1654, 1656, 1657; Treasurer, 1654, 1655; Freeman, 1655, and Deputy from Portsmouth to the General Assembly, 1667, 1670. His wife died 15 July, 1688.

Children of Richard Borden and Joan his wife:

1. Richard, bapt. 9 July, 1626.
2. Thomas, bapt. 3 Oct., 1627, m. Mary Harris.
3. Francis,[12] bapt. 23 Dec., 1628; of whom presently.
4. Mary, bapt. 13 Jan., 1632–3; m. John Cooke.
5. Elizabeth, bapt. 25 May, 1634.
6. Matthew, b. May, 1638; m. 4 March, 1674, Sarah Clayton.
7. John, b. Sept., 1640; m. 25 Dec., 1670, Mary Earle.
8. Joseph, b. 3 July, 1643; m. Hope ———.
9. Sarah, b. May, 1644; m. Jonathan Holmes.
10. Samuel, b. July, 1645; m., June, 1679, Elizabeth Crosse.
11. Benjamin, b. May, 1649; m. 22 Sept., 1670, Abigail Grover.
12. Amey,[13] b. Feb., 1654; m. 27 March, 1678, William Richardson.

Proved 3 April, 1633.

Afterwards there was a dispute about this will (given at great length in Latin) between Elizabeth Fowle the widow, Clemence Fitch & —— Payne, sisters of the said deceased on the one part & the said Richard Borden of the other part.

Judgment was eventually given for the said will in favor of the said Richard Borden.

See on another page will of *Francis Borden, son of Richard*, of Monmouth County, East Jersey, who bequeaths this very property to his son Francis, and gives exact date of will.

[12] Baptized at Cranbrook; the elder children were baptized at Hedcorne.

[13] Named, doubtless, after Richard Borden's youngest sister.

X. **FRANCIS BORDEN,** son of Richard and Joan (Fowle), born at Cranbrook, County Kent, and baptized there 23 December, 1628;[14] died in Monmouth County, East Jersey, 1st month, 19th, 1705/6.[15] He inherited from his father considerable tracts of land near Shrewsbury, where he settled about 1677. He married, 4th month, 12th, 1677, Jane Vickers.[16] The will of Francis Borden, which remains amongst the unrecorded wills at Trenton, New Jersey, was signed 24 May, 1703, and he describes himself as "of the Town of Shrewsbury, in the County of Monmouth, Yeoman." Provision is made for his wife Jane, and he leaves his lands to his sons, whom he mentions by name (as below) and gives a bequest to his daughter Joyce, wife of John Hance.

To his son Francis Borden he bequeaths (besides other things), all of his land in the Parish of Goudhurst, in the County of Kent, England, "as the same is conveyed to me by virtue of Francis Fowle of Cranbrook in said County of Kent his last will and testament being dated ye eighth Day of October, One thousand six hundred thirty two." (See will of said Francis Fowle before cited.) He also mentions his kinsman, Isaac Viccars (Vickers).

Children of Francis Borden and Jane his wife:

1. Richard.
2. Francis, b. 9 mo., 16[78?]. He married Mary ———; lived at Shrewsbury, East Jersey. Issue: Elizabeth, b. 1707; Jane, b. 1708; Francis, b. 1709–10; (m. 1732, Lydia Woolly; d. 1784, and had: Joseph, Thomas; Francis, m. 1763, Elizabeth Parker; Lydia, m. ——— Ford; Hannah, m. ——— Hawkins; Rhoda, m. ——— Robins); John, b. 1711–12; Amy, b. 1713–14; Mary, b. 1717; Thomas, b. 1719; James, b. 1722.
3. Joyce, m. John Hance, Sr.
4. Thomas, b. 12 mo., 4, 1684.

[14] Register of Cranbrook Parish Church.

[15] Will filed, but *unrecorded*, at Trenton, New Jersey, see *infra*.

[16] Shrewsbury Meeting (Friends) Records. The Bordens seem to have joined the Society of Friends in Rhode Island.