

**ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM BINGHAM**

**OF PHILADELPHIA**

**[1640 - 1915]**

**by**

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**Generation One: England and America**

**The Great Great Grandparents of William Bingham of Philadelphia**

**1. James BINGHAM**

Died: 1670, Newport, Essex, ENG

Mar: abt 1660 **Bridget WOODLEY** (John Woodley); Born: abt 1640, Newport, Essex, ENG; Mar (2): 3 Sep 1687 **William WATSON** Chesterfield, West Jersey<sup>1</sup>, p. 37

Mar (1): Anne Redding; Died: abt 1711<sup>50</sup>

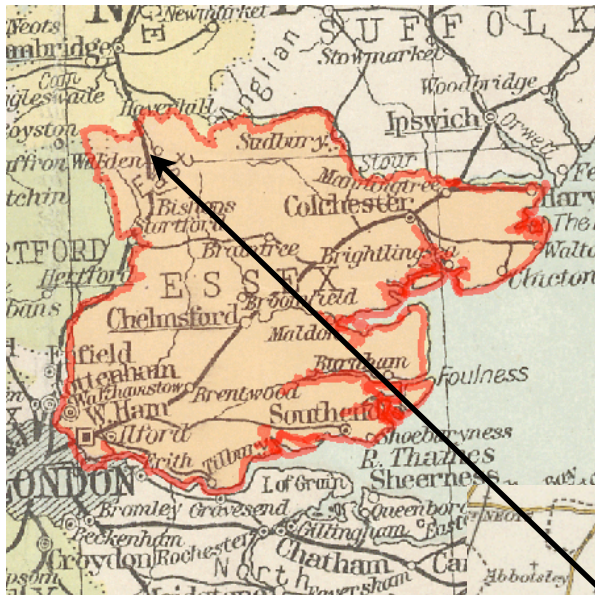
Died: 3rd of the 4th month 1702, Burlington, West Jersey; Buried: 1702 Nottingham, Burlington, West Jersey, "in the burying place".<sup>50</sup>

Documents at the Essex County Archives, England, recently placed online, leave no doubt as to the identification of William Bingham of Philadelphia's last English ancestor and his first American ancestor. Accordingly, much misinformation copied from earlier sources and now also online or in print, needs to be corrected. Following next is the information that the documents contain.

For two years in a row, 1670 and 1671, the constables for Newport, Essex, presented Bridgett Bingham, the wife of James Bingham, for absenting herself from the parish Church. In 1670 it was for "three seuerall sondayes last past".<sup>43</sup>, Reference: T/A 418/172/84 In 1671, named a widow, Bridgett Bingham was presented again for absenting herself from church for 4 Sundays.<sup>43</sup>, Reference: T/A 418/173/88

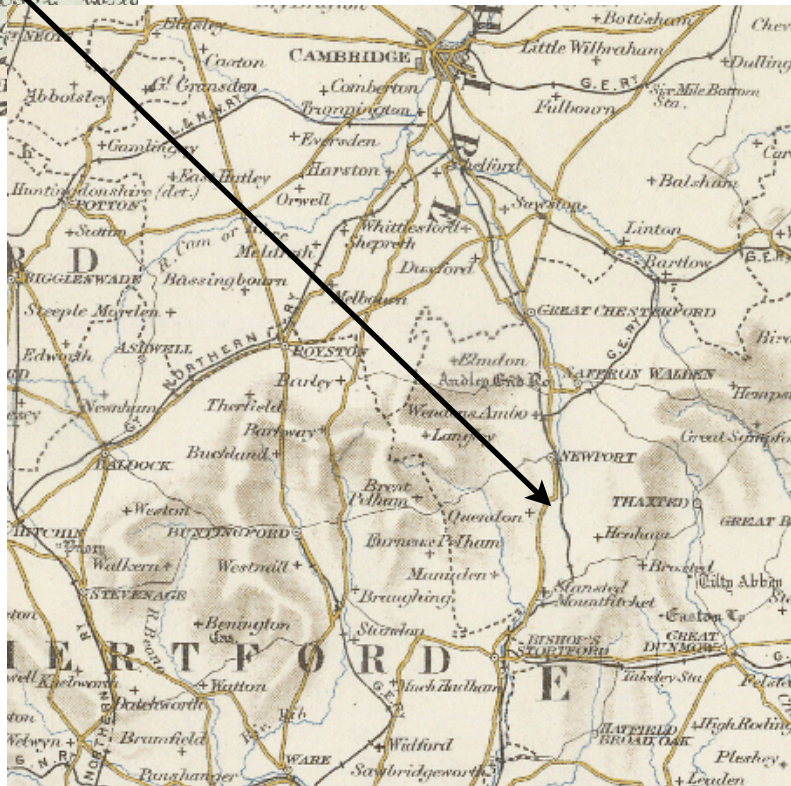
That same year, 1671, Bridget Bingham of Newport, widow, and Benj. Scott, jun. of Widdington, yeo., and w. Margt (both daughters of John Woodley, late of Widdington, yeoman, deceased), were fined for attending an illegal Friends Meeting and a deed declaring the uses of the fine was recorded.<sup>44</sup>, Reference: D/DC/41/463; <sup>50</sup>

From these three documents we know that Bridget and Margaret were daughters of John Woodley, that Bridget's husband had been James Bingham and that Margaret's husband was Benjamin Scott. We also know that James Bingham died in 1670 or 1671. Further investigation of the Essex Parish Registers should reveal even more information about these families.



Left:  
Map of Essex County, England showing location northeast of London.

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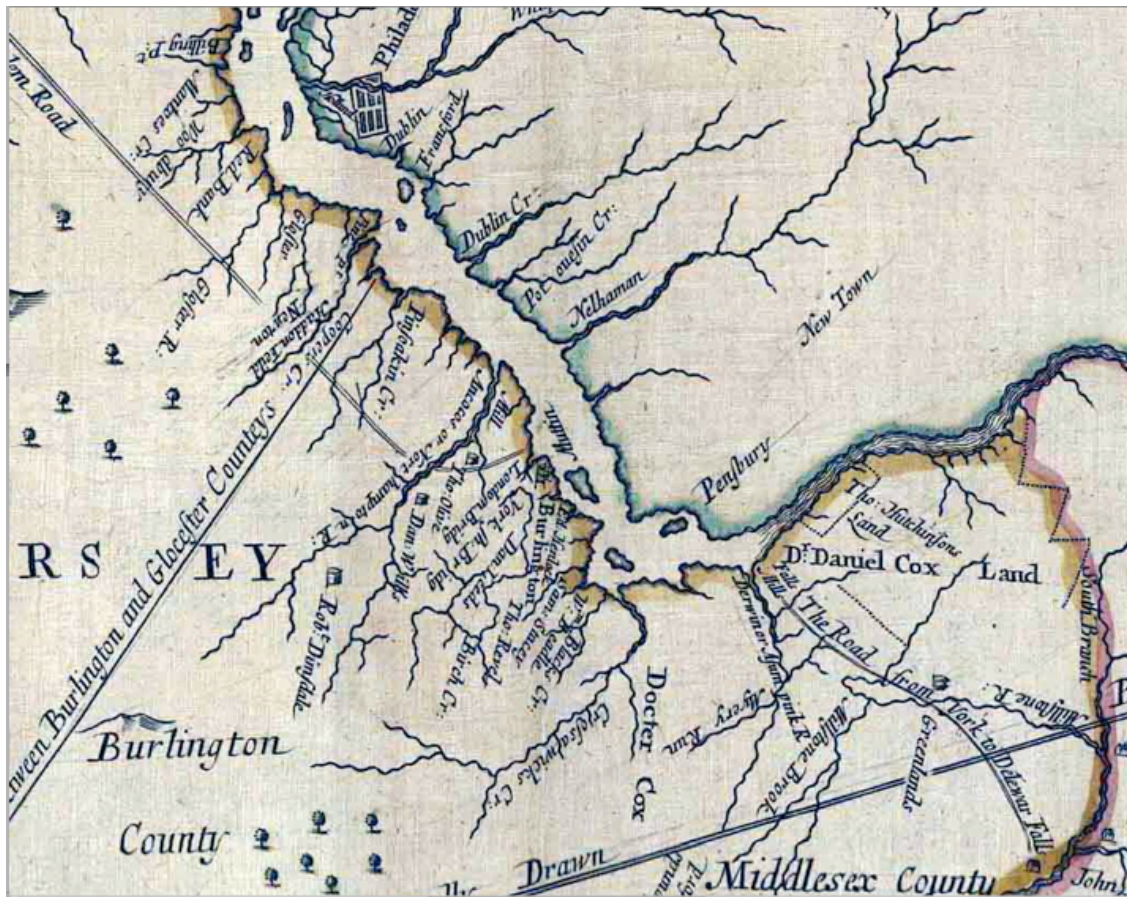
Right:  
Map of Northwest Essex County.

The village of Newport is located on the Roman road to Cambridge, 3 miles south of Saffron-Walden on the Cam River.

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The next we know about Bridget is a record of her 1681 emigration on the ship Henry and Ann sailing from Gravesend.<sup>2</sup> Also on ship were her sister Margaret Scott and husband Benjamin. The Scott's daughter, Elizabeth, was born on board the "7th of ye 5th month" 1681.<sup>2</sup> Bridget, her son, James Bingham, and three daughters, Mary, Ann and Margaret, had arrived in the Delaware Valley by the "first Day of ye Tenth month" 1681 when she attended another birth.<sup>2</sup> Hinshaw recorded Bridget as a widow from Essex migrating to Burlington, NJ with son and 3 daughters.<sup>3</sup>

Burlington was the seat of government for the Quaker province of West Jersey. Between 1675 and 1701, West Jersey functioned as a private colony ruled first by John Fenwick, then Edward Byllinge, and finally Daniel Coxe, all Quakers. Coxe sold his interest in 1792 to the 48 members of the West Jersey Society, most of whom were Anglicans. In 1701, the British crown resumed control of all private colonies including West Jersey.



Above: Portion of John Worlidge's Map of East and West Jersey, c. 1696 showing most of Burlington County. West Jersey History Project. [www.westjerseyhistory.org/maps](http://www.westjerseyhistory.org/maps). Note location of town of Burlington, Derwin or Asumpink River, and Philadelphia.

On May 8, 1684 brother-in-law Benjamin Scott, deeded Bridget Bingham the use of 200 acres of his 500 acre tract adjoining the land of George Elkington in the 2nd 10th in Burlington. Benjamin deeded the use of the remaining 300 acres of the tract to Martin Scott, his son.®4, p. 442

Six years after arriving in Burlington and sixteen years after husband James Bingham had died, Bridget Bingham, a widow of Burlington, married William Watson in November 1687.®50

William Watson had emigrated near the end of August 1684 in the ship Bristol Merchant with his three sons, William, Isaac, and John; one daughter, Elizabeth; and two male servants. Their trip took "neare eight weeks". They arrived safe in Philadelphia before November 4 and rented part of a house for four weeks; there, son William died and was buried.®50

Watson settled in Nottingham Township, Burlington, West Jersey where there were already several others from Watson's native Nottingham, England. But there was no Friends meeting in

Nottingham, West Jersey so William Watson attended the Chesterfield Township Monthly Meeting. That was where he met Bridget Bingham.

On the 6th of the 8th month, 1687 he announced at Chesterfield Meeting that he intended taking Bridget Bingham, a widow of Burlington, as wife. He had already announced his intentions at Burlington Meeting 3 days before. On 3 of the 9th month at Chesterfield and 4 days (7 9m) later at Burlington, they were given liberty to marry.<sup>50</sup>

By then, two of Bridget's daughters had married. Mary on 13 January 1683 married George Elkington and Ann in 1685 married William Satterwaite.<sup>55</sup>; <sup>56</sup> Bridget's two other children, James and Margaret, married within a few years. On November 30, 1687 Bridgett Bingham assigned her 200 acres to son James Bingham who conveyed the same to John Scott, son of Benjamin Scott.<sup>4</sup>, p. 442 (marginal note)

Watson became active in community affairs and established himself at a place named Farnsfield along the division line between East and West Jersey on both sides of the Assunpink Creek. Farnsfield was named after his residence of the same name in Nottingham, England.

Bridget's name appears only one more time when on 26 October 1691 she was a witness to the will of Percival Towle of Burlington.<sup>50</sup> Watson was involved in the settlement of Towle's estate.

In 1699, William Watson sold his 400 acre property on Doctor's Creek and transferred his 250 acre tract on Assunpink to his son, John. He then began to work on surveying property he owned in Pennsylvania. Before the surveys were complete Bridget died and was buried 3 June 1701 "in the burying place in Nottingham."<sup>50</sup>

William Watson lived until 1711 or 1712. Three of his four children predeceased him leaving son Isaac as his sole heir.<sup>50</sup>

Besides the sources cited, researchers may want to consult the Records of Chesterfield Monthly Meeting in the Friends Historical Library of Swarthmore College. Further research can also be done in the West Jersey Proprietor's records available since 2005 at the New Jersey State Archives. For a thorough explanation about "Using the Records of the East and West Jersey Proprietors" download a 35 page lecture by Joseph R. Kletts at [www.state.nj.us/state/darm/links/pdf/proprietors.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/state/darm/links/pdf/proprietors.pdf)

#### Children

- 1.1. Mary abt 1662
- 1.2. Ann abt 1664
- 1.3. James abt 1666
- 1.4. Margaret abt 1668

## Generation Two: America

### The Great Grandparents of William Bingham of Philadelphia

#### CHILDREN OF JAMES BINGHAM

##### 1.1. **Mary** (James)

Born: abt 1662, ENG; Mar: 13 Jan 1683 **George ELKINCTON**, Burlington, NJ before Samuel Jennings, Governor, Thomas Gardner and Thomas Budd, Justices, etc.®22: 86; ®5

##### 1.2. **Ann** (James)

Born: abt 1664, ENG; Mar: 1685 **William SATTERWAITE** Burlington, NJ®6  
In 1685 when Ann married she was “late servate” of Thomas Oliver®6

##### 1.3. **James BINGHAM** (James)

Born: abt 1666, Newport, Essex, ENG  
Mar: abt 1692 **Ann STI[Y]LES**®8; Died: 1750, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA;  
Buried: 11 Oct 1750, Christ Church, Philadelphia, Phila., PA®10: 1: 461  
Died: 1714, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA; Will: 16 Dec 1714, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA; Recorded 10 Jan 1714/15®9; Buried: 22 Dec 1714, Christ Church, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA®10, 1: 460-61

James Bingham, the only son of Bridget Woodley and James Bingham, accompanied his mother and three sisters when they emigrated from England in 1681. If he was twenty-one in 1687 when his mother conveyed 200 acres to him shortly before she married William Watson, James would have been born about 1666 and immigrated to West Jersey with his mother when he was about fifteen. His native town was probably Newport, Essex, England.

The 200 acres he received from his mother had been part of a 500 acre tract that uncle-in-law Benjamin Scott originally owned in Burlington County, West Jersey. James conveyed the same to John Scott, his cousin and son of Benjamin 30 November 1687.®4: 442

A year later, 19 November 1688, a survey was made for James Bingham of 600 acres on the north branch of Pensauken Creek between the lands of William Hulings and George Smith.®4: 371

Judging from his land activities and the probable ages of his children, James married about this same time. His wife, Ann, mentioned in his will, was the sister of Robert Stiles who chose

James, his brother-in-law, to be the executor of his will dated 2 June 1711. Robert and Margaret Styles home farm of 207 acres was on Pensauken Creek.<sup>51</sup>: 442

On 7 November 1691, John Scott sold to James Bingham, both of Burlington Co., NJ, yeomen, 200 acres that John had bought from his father Benjamin Scott and uncle William Scott 3 April 1677.<sup>4</sup>: 443

By 1693, James and Ann lived in Evesham Township, Burlington County, West Jersey on a plantation south of the north branch of Pensaukin Creek bought from Samuel Coal 13 April 1693. On 2 November 1696 James sold 50 A from the N.E. corner of the plantation to Jonathan Eldridge, cordwainer, also of Evesham Township.<sup>4</sup>: 493

James bought another 200 acres in West Jersey on 10 April 1700 from John Wills of Northampton Township, Burlington Co., NJ. This land was part of the 1/4 share belonging to the grantor's father Daniel Wills.<sup>4</sup>: 522

James's cousin John Scott of Wellingborough, Burlington, West Jersey died in 1702 and in his will dated 6 April 1702 he mentioned James Bingham and James' three youngest children as one of several legacies.

Shortly thereafter, James moved to Philadelphia where he was admitted to the privileges of freeman on 9 April 1705 by paying the required tax.<sup>7</sup>, I, "Minutes of the Common Coun-



Thomas Holme. *A Portraiture of the City of Philadelphia in the Province of Pennsylvania in America*, c. 1700. In *Pennsylvania Archives, Series 3, Volume 4*. This is a photo of an original copy now at the Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg. In 1700, Philadelphia had a population of about 2000.

cit.” But James’ friends in West Jersey did not forget him for on 15 July 1714 George Smith of Evesham included James Bingham’s children in his will.<sup>51</sup>: 426

James died between 16 and 22 December 1714 and was buried at Christ Church 22 December.<sup>10</sup> He left a considerable estate to his heirs. His will dated 16 December left to wife Ann, £50, the cow, team of horses, carriages and other gear belonging to the team, and all household goods. James established his son-in-law John Heap of Philadelphia, shipwright and husband of daughter Ann, and his trusty friend Josiah Appleton of Philadelphia, cooper, trustees of all that messuage in which he dwelled to use for Ann, wife, and after Ann’s death to be sold and divided among children James, Ann, Mary, Elizabeth, and Hannah. He also left to his trustees his tenement on High Street commonly called ye “Sign of the Crown” and 2 plantations in Evesham, Burlington, NJ, one of 400 acres in tenure of Daniel Cuncrant, the other 350 acres in tenure of Thomas Smith, in trust, to sell the same and proceeds to be divided equally among his children. To his son, James, he willed £100 to be available at the end of his apprenticeship and to sister Margaret Styles £5.<sup>9</sup>

Note that both this James Bingham and father James Bingham died in their forties or early fifties, a pattern that continued in the family.



## Children

- 1.3.1. Ann abt 1693
- 1.3.2. James 1694
- 1.3.3. Mary abt 1695
- 1.3.4. Elizabeth
- 1.3.5. Hannah

### 1.4. **Margaret** (James)

Born: abt 1668 Newport, Essex, ENG;

Mar: **Robert STI[Y]LES** Burlington, NJ; Died: 1713 Burlington, NJ; will proved 9

Nov 1713<sup>51</sup>: 44

Died: aft 1714

Robert Stiles' will dated 2 June 1711 named his present wife Margaret and brother-in-law James Bingham and his son Robert Stiles as executors. The will also mentioned his home farm of 207.5 acres on Pensawkin Creek, part of a 415 acre lot.<sup>51</sup> Later, in 1714, brother James Bingham included his sister, Margaret Styles, in his own will with a legacy of £5.

Stiles child 1. Robert

## Generation Three: America

### The Grandparents of William Bingham of Philadelphia

#### CHILDREN OF JAMES BINGHAM (James)

##### 1.3.1. **Ann BINGHAM** (James, James)

Born: abt 1693

Mar: 1 Oct 1713 **John HEAP** Christ Church, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA<sup>11</sup>: 29;

Born: 1690; Buried: 21 Dec 1726 Christ Church, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA<sup>10</sup>

[also available Ancestry.com]

Died: bef 1748<sup>85</sup>

John was a shipwright and, when he died, clerk of Christ Church, Philadelphia.<sup>85</sup> Ann was stated as deceased in a deed dated 20 Dec 1748 in which the Bingham clan sold a lot in Philadelphia to Peter Keen. The deed was not recorded until 22 May 1811.<sup>85</sup> cites Philadelphia Deed Book IC-12, page 311.

Heap children<sup>85</sup>: 1. Ann 2. Mary 3. George 4. John 5. John

1.3.2. **James BINGHAM** (James, James)

Born: 1694, Burlington, West Jersey

Mar: abt 1715 **Ann BUDD** (William BUDD, Ann CLAPGUT); Died: Jul 1759, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA; Will: 7 Jul 1759, proved 30 Jul 1759 Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA<sup>®18</sup>, <sup>®19</sup>; Buried: 9 Jul 1759, Christ Church, Philadelphia, Phila., PA<sup>®10</sup>: 461

Died: 1737, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA; Will proved: 18 May 1737, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA<sup>®16</sup>; Buried: 9 Nov 1737 [date recorded?], Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA<sup>®10</sup>: 460

James Bingham, the only son of James Bingham and Ann Sti[y]les, his wife, and the only grandson of James Bingham and Bridget Woodley, was twenty years old and an apprenticed saddler when his father died in December 1714. Within five years, as shown in the 1719 deed mentioned in the next paragraph, James had married Ann Budd, daughter of William Budd and Ann Clapgut of Burlington, West New Jersey.

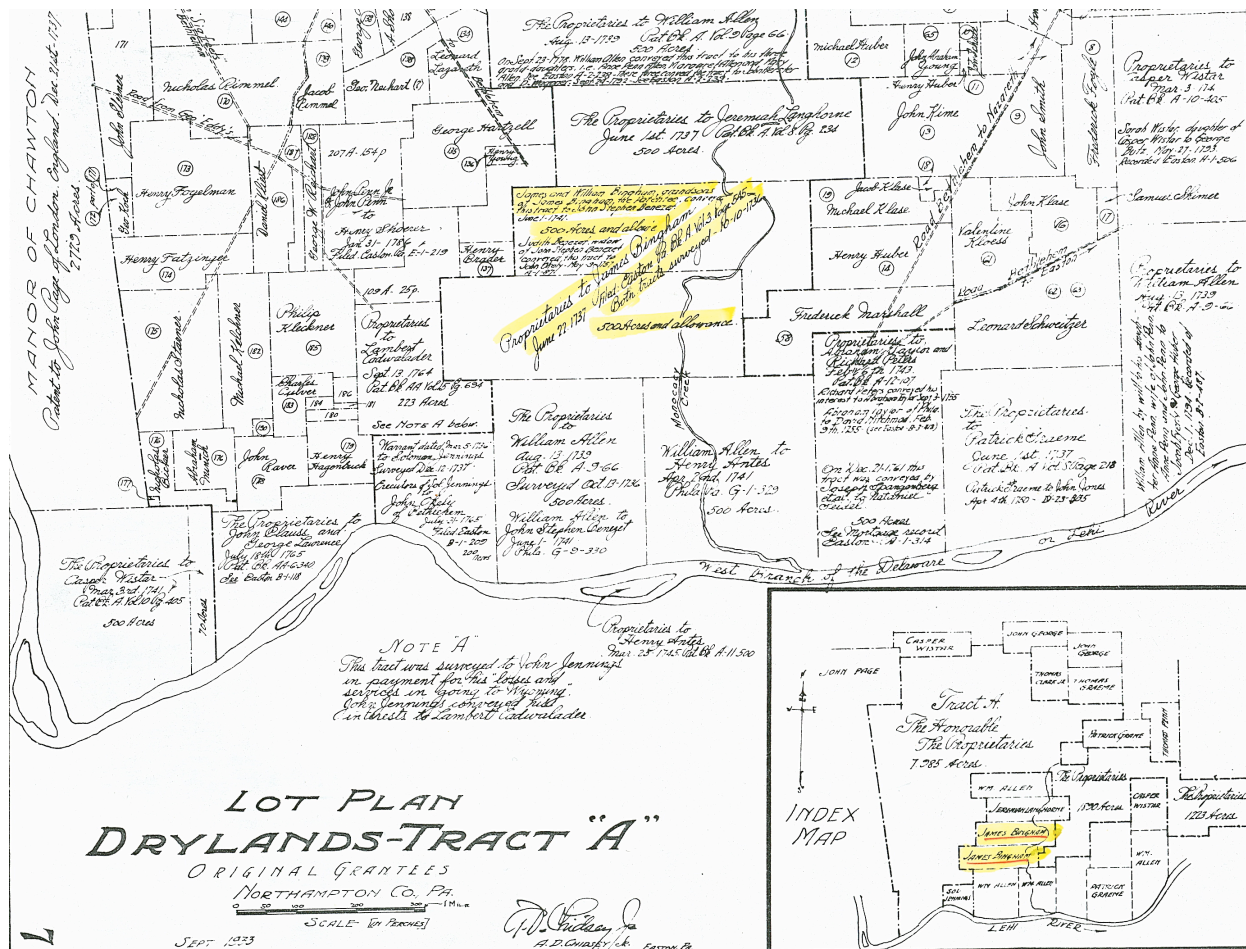
On 24 June 1719, James Bingham of Philadelphia, Saddler and wife Ann released to John Hall of Philadelphia, Mariner, for £60, part of a Philadelphia lot on Elbow Lane measuring 19 x 56 ft. This was a lot owned by James's father, James, but not specifically mentioned in the father's will of 1714. James, the son, three younger sisters, Mary, Elizabeth, and Hannah, were called spinsters in the deed, therefore we know they were not then married. The deed was not recorded until 29 Oct 1765 which was not unusual at that time.<sup>®12</sup>: 549-553

Few records for James exist for the decade of the 1720s, but he had undoubtedly moved to Philadelphia before 1732 for on 3 Oct 1732 he was elected to the Pennsylvania Provincial Council for a one year term.<sup>®59</sup>

For a Saddler, James amassed more land than one would think. On 29 October 1733, he warranted 424 acres in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.<sup>®13</sup>: County of Lancaster, 355 The next year, on 26 December 1734, this tract was probably the 500 acres on Tulpehocken Creek, Lancaster County surveyed for him.<sup>®14</sup>, <sup>®21</sup> On James's death, he willed this tract to son William and William sold to Daniel Heister.<sup>®23</sup>

In 1736, on 24 February, James warranted four 500 acre tracts in then Bucks County, later Northampton County, through the purchase of four tickets in the lottery scheme of 1735. These four tracts were located on vacant land in the Forks of the Delaware.<sup>®13</sup>, County of Bucks, 111 Most of the lottery land was swampy or barren and not suitable for cultivation.<sup>®54</sup> He paid £310 for the 2000 acres and he patented three of the tracts in 1737 before he died.<sup>®15</sup>, <sup>®55</sup>

Below: Two of James Bingham's four tracts at the Forks of the Delaware.®55



James also owned a considerable amount of other property. Besides several lots in the city of Philadelphia, he held 250 acres in common with Doctor John Kearsley, a 57 acre tract in Burlington, West Jersey, 2000 acres at Shenandoah in the colony of Virginia, 600 acres in Salem County, West Jersey, and 700 acres near the mountains above Reeding in West Jersey.

Two of James children, Susannah and Thomas had died young, so James had only two surviving sons to divide his estate between. His will, proved 18 May 1737 left to wife Ann £100 Pennsylvania money, a negro woman Sarah, all household goods except the largest silver tankard, the lot in Third Street purchased from brother-in-law John Heap, and the lot on Mulberry Street adjoining Christopher Thompsons then in possession of James's mother.

James named son James executor and gave him the largest silver tankard and the negro girl, Mary. But since James was unmarried and apparently not likely to marry, son William received all of the real property. That included the dwelling house and lot on the west side of Second Street; a lot on the East side of Second Street adjoining the south side of Edward Nichols; the plantation and 500 acre tract on Tulpehocken Creek, Lancaster County in possession of Russell Thomson; the 250 acres held in common with Doctor John Kearsley with the appurtenances; the tract in Burlington, West New Jersey near the Anchorhus Road; about 57 acres in possession of John Whitson; 1500 acres or 3 of the 4 500 acre lots laid out to James in the Forks of the Delaware in the right of the Lottery tickets he purchased of the Proprietaries; after James's wife Ann's death all land purchased from brother-in-law John Heap; a negro boy, Caffy; all leather Saddlery ware etc. except £5 value to cousin George; 2 Brick tenements in Third Street and lots of ground between John Hart on the South and Thomas Roberts on the North; 2 tenements and Lots on Elbow Lane; 2000 acres lying at Shonandore [Shenandoah] in the colony of Virginia purchased from Mr. Russell; 600 acres in Salem County, West New Jersey; 700 acres more or less lying near the mountains above Reeding in West New Jersey; water or orchard lots in Burlington; 500 acres in Forks of Delaware being residue of 4 lots from Lottery tickets; and after his mother's death, all land in Mulberry Street. Some of this land, William deeded to brother James as per James' will of 1747.<sup>20</sup>

Also mentioned in James Bingham's will was his mother, Ann [Stiles] Bingham, cousins: Ann Heap and Mary Heap, daughters of sister Ann; Mary Eyer, daughter of sister Mary; Andrew Read, son of sister Elizabeth; Letty Dexter, daughter of sister Hannah; Rachel Budd, dau of brother-in-law Thomas Budd.<sup>16</sup>

James's widow Ann did not remarry. Nearly twenty years after James death, she was recorded as Wido Bingham living in Philadelphia's north ward and owing £20 tax.<sup>56</sup> Ann died in 1759 and left her estate to her only living son, William Bingham.<sup>19</sup>

Children:

1.3.2.1. James 1716

1.3.2.2. William 1723

1.3.2.3. Susannah 11 Jan 1727 - 21 Nov 1728<sup>10</sup>: 460

1.3.2.4. Thomas 24 Jul 1729 - 5 Aug 1730<sup>10</sup>: 460

1.3.3. **Mary BINGHAM** (James, James)

Born: abt 1695.

Mar (1): aft 1719 **John EYER/EAYRE**; Died Dec 1729.

Mar (2): 6 Jan 1732 **Thomas BUDD** (William BUDD & Ann CLAPGUT) Christ Church, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA<sup>57</sup>; Born: 1686; Died: Mar 1742; Will proved 5 Apr 1742 Burlington, NJ.<sup>51</sup>: 73

Mar (3) [possible]: 23 Jul 1743 **Joseph LOKEY**<sup>57</sup>

Died: bef 1748 Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA<sup>85</sup>

Mary was named as a spinster in a deed between her brother James Bingham as grantor and John Hall as grantee dated 24 June 1719 so we know that her first marriage occurred after that date.<sup>12</sup> Her first husband, John Eyers, was a baker. He was born before 1691 for on 2 Dec 1712 he was 21 or over in order to be named one of the executors of the will of John West, late of Bristol, then of Philadelphia, Mariner. John West was the brother of William West.<sup>86</sup>

John Eyers died in December 1729 for on the 27th of that month the court granted Letters of Administration on the estate of John Eyers to Richard Martin and brother-in-law James Bingham of Philadelphia.<sup>53</sup>

On 6 Jan 1732 when Mary was 36, she married second Thomas Budd, son of William Budd & Ann Clapgut, at Christ Church in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA.<sup>57</sup> Thomas Budd was the brother of Mary's sister-in-law Ann Budd, the wife of Mary's brother James. Thomas Budd's will of 22 July 1730 did not mention Mary, but a codicil to the will dated 21 April 1732 specifically mentions that he has married Mary, widow of John Eayre, that there is an expected child, and that he leaves Mary £50 and all of his personal estate of which she was possessed at their intermarriage. Thomas died in March 1742 and his will was proved 5 April 1742 in Burlington, NJ.<sup>51</sup>: 73 Mary died before 1748 if the deed mentioned in reference 85 is correct.

Eyer child: 1. Mary  
Budd child: 1. Rachel

#### 1.3.4. **Elizabeth BINGHAM** (James, James)

Mar: aft 1719 **Charles READ**

Died: bef 1748<sup>85</sup>

On 24 June 1719, Elizabeth was named as a spinster in a deed of that date between James Bingham, brother, and John Hall.<sup>12</sup> Elizabeth died before 1748 if the deed mentioned in reference 85 is correct.

Read child: 1. Andrew, Born: 8 Nov 1729; Baptized 28 Nov 1729, Christ Church, Phila.<sup>10</sup>; <sup>57</sup>

#### 1.3.5. **Hannah BINGHAM** (James, James)

Mar: 9 Jun 1728 **John DEXTER** Christ Church, Philadelphia, PA<sup>11</sup>: 29; <sup>57</sup>

As with sisters Mary and Elizabeth, Hannah was also named as a spinster in the deed of 24 June 1719.<sup>12</sup> Similarly, Hannah and husband John Dexter were mentioned as deceased in the deed of 20 Dec 1748.<sup>85</sup>

Dexter children<sup>57</sup>: 1. Mary: Baptized 3 Apr 1729 Christ Church, Philadelphia, PA  
2. Lettice: Baptized 8 May 1730 (2 weeks 2 days)  
3. Mary: Baptized 17 Mar 1733 Christ Church, Philadelphia, PA

## Generation Four: America

### The Parents of William Bingham of Philadelphia

CHILDREN OF JAMES BINGHAM (James, James)

1.3.2.1. **James BINGHAM** (James, James, James)

Born: 1716 [probably] Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

Died: Jul/Aug 1747; Will dated: 20 Jan 1746, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA; Will proved 27 Aug 1747, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA<sup>20</sup>

This James Bingham must have been at least 21 years old in 1737 when his father died or his father could not have made him executor of his will. That would place this James' birth at or before 1716. Since we know that his father was not married in 1714, but was married in 1719, we will suppose, until we learn otherwise, that his father was married about 1715.

Although James did not inherit property directly from his father, he did control several tracts that his father had owned and later willed them back to brother William. On his own, James purchased 250 acres in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The survey was dated 1 November 1745.<sup>13: 114</sup> Another survey in his name, dated 28 October 1746 was for 300 acres in Pennsboro Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.<sup>13: 364</sup>

James died, unmarried, when he was about thirty years old. His will proved 27 August 1747 named both his mother, Ann, and his grandmother, Ann, to whom he gave several pounds annually. His mother also received his rental property on Third Street in Philadelphia. He gave fixed amounts averaging £10 to Mary Heap, Mary Eyers, Andrew Read and Letty Dexter, all first cousins on his father's side; and he gave like amounts to his first cousins on his mother's side: Levy and ? Budd, Ann Cole, Ann Budd, and Susannah Woolston. Three of his mother's four brothers had died before 1747 as indicated in the will.<sup>20</sup>

To brother William Bingham, James left the following: Second Street land; plantation of 500 acres on Tulpehocken Creek, Lancaster County; 500 acres at the Forks of the Delaware; 12 acres next to Jacob Hall's; 250 acres near Thomas Potts Iron Works held in common with Dr. John Kearsley; his half part of 1250 acres in Egg Harbor, New Jersey, which was an undivided right held in common with brother William; a bank or water lot lying up town; a lot in New Town, Maryland; shares in two ships; and a house and lot on Market Street.<sup>20</sup>

1.3.2.2. **William BINGHAM** (James, James, James)

Born: 1723 Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

Mar: 19 Sep 1745, **Mary STAMPER** (Hon. John STAMPER, Hannah) Christ Church, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA<sup>11: 29</sup>; Born: May 1729 Philadelphia, Philadel-

phia, PA; Baptized: 8 Jun 1729, age 3 weeks, Christ Church, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA<sup>61</sup>; Mar (2): 24 Apr 1784 **Michael Morgan O'BRIEN**, St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, Phila., PA<sup>62</sup>; Born: Ireland; Died: 1804, France<sup>63</sup>

Died: 16 Feb 1769, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA<sup>24</sup>; Will: 6 Jan 1769, Codicil 14 Jan 1769 Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA<sup>28</sup>; Buried: Section A, Vault 1, St Peter's Episcopal Church Yard, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA<sup>24</sup>

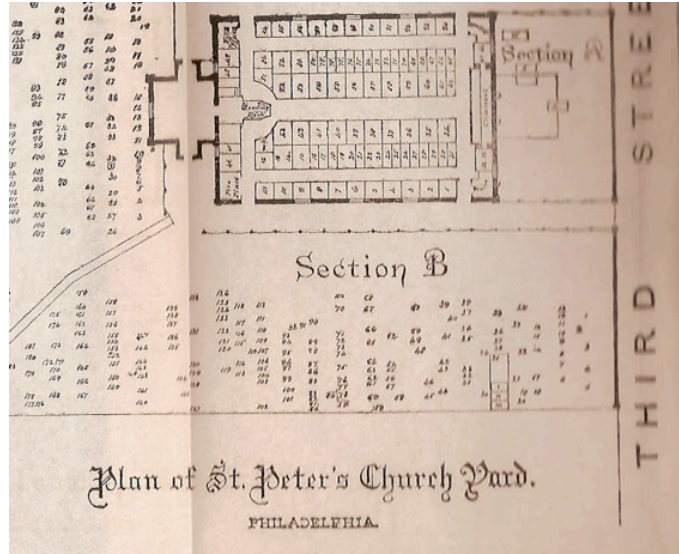
William Bingham, the brother of James and great grandson of James Bingham and Bridget Woodley now became the patriarch of the family. William had married 19 September 1745, Mary Stamper, the daughter of John Stamper, merchant trader with the West Indies and future mayor of Philadelphia (1759).

William, Mary and children lived in Philadelphia's Dock Ward where in 1756 they were taxed £120 for the year.<sup>17</sup> Their five children were born between 1748 and 1756. At least one researcher thought that the two oldest boys, James and John may have been twins, but others placed their birth a year apart. Both boys began school at the Philadelphia Academy, the precursor of The University of Pennsylvania, at the same time in 1756. James stayed through the term of October 1763, then left. He would have been fifteen. The family also paid for John through the same term, then "vita decessit" appears beside his name in the roll book. Son William enrolled in 1758 and graduated from the Academy in 1768 with his A.B. degree and from the College in 1771 with his A.M. degree.<sup>34</sup>

Although William inherited several large tracts of land from brother James in 1747, he sold those that were located any distance from Philadelphia. On 6 May 1749 he sold the 500 acres on Tulpehocken Creek, Lancaster County (Berks County 1752) to Daniel Heister.<sup>23</sup> In February, 1754 he sold to Richard Peters 267 acres in Northampton County that James had warranted in 1745 and 278 acres in Pennsboro Township, Cumberland County that James had warranted in 1746.<sup>27</sup>

Philadelphia Wills, Philadelphia, PA.

William was active Christ Church affairs and served on the Christ Church building committee for the new St Peter's Episcopal church. Located on Pine between Third and Fourth, the cornerstone of St Peter's was laid 22 September 1758 and was finished and occupied 4 September 1761. Eight years later William was buried in the new church yard.®24



Right: Plan of St. Peter's Church Yard showing Section A and the Bingham, Stamper, Blackwell Vault®24

In 1760, the Pennsylvania proprietary government made its first effort since 1745 to collect quit rent (ground rent). William Bingham was assessed for his 30 foot bank or water lot that he inherited from his brother.®26

As with all the males in his family, William died young. He was only in his mid forties. His will dated 6 January 1769 and proved 4 March 1769 made wife Mary, brother-in-law Joseph Stamper, and friend John Gibson, merchant, executors. Of the surviving children, only James was of age, but he was not married. Thus everything was left to wife Mary. In a 14 Jan 1769 codicil to his will, William was more specific. When son William reached the age of 21 and daughter Ann turned 18 all of his lands were to be divided into 5 parts, 4 parts for his children, with James's part being held in trust for him and the fifth part for wife Mary.®28

William's daughter, Ann, died unmarried in 1779 and by will left one third of her estate to invest with the interest going to the support of James and when he died to sister Hannah; one third directly to Hannah; and one third directly to her niece Maria Benezet, Hannah's daughter. She also left £50 to William although he had predeceased her.®31

William Bingham's widow, Mary, continued on the Philadelphia tax rolls through 1782. In addition to her land holdings, she and brother Joseph Stamper operated a distillery. In 1774 she paid a provincial tax of £327.2.0 on the distillery, 10 acres and 1 servant. This was a very large amount, but not as large as her father John Stamper, Esq. who paid £693.7.9. on 8 acres, 1 horse, 1 cattle, and 2 servants.®29: 235

In 1779 Mary still lived in the south part of Dock Ward when she paid the Effective Supply Tax and State Tax. Brother Joseph Stamper and son-in-law John Benezet lived nearby.®29: 478, 754 In 1781, her Dock Ward property was valued at £2,070. Renters on several of her other properties



Thereafter, Mary Bingham's name no longer appeared on the tax lists. It is possible that she was the Mary Bingham who married Michael Morgan O'Brien in 1784 at St. Paul's Church in Philadelphia.<sup>62</sup> Other researchers have made this claim.<sup>68</sup> O'Brien was a Philadelphia merchant involved in the West Indies trade. He undoubtedly knew Mary's son, William, in Martinique and they may have returned to Philadelphia on the same ship in 1781.<sup>65</sup> If Mary did marry O'Brien, that could explain why the name "Mary Bingham" disappeared from the records and a lack of a burial record for her as Mary Bingham. However, we do not find a burial record for Mary O'Brien, either. Perhaps Mary accompanied Michael Morgan O'Brien to France when he became consul at Paris.<sup>64</sup> She may have died there. However, we do know that Mary was not mentioned in O'Brien's codicil to his will prepared 29 May 1804 in France before he died.<sup>67</sup> Mary may be buried in the Bingham vault, A-1, in St Peter's Church Yard, although her name is not specifically mentioned on a tablet.<sup>24</sup>

Children:

- 1.3.2.2.1. James 1748
- 1.3.2.2.2. John 1749
- 1.3.2.2.3. William 1752
- 1.3.2.2.4. Hannah 1754
- 1.3.2.2.5. Ann 1756

## Generation Five: America

### William Bingham of Philadelphia and his Siblings

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM BINGHAM (James, James, James)

1.3.2.2.1. **James BINGHAM** (William, James, James, James)

Born: 23 Mar 1748, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA<sup>10</sup>; Baptized: 27 Apr 1748,  
Christ Church, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

Mar: 13 Oct 1793 **Susanna SCHEIMER/SHIMER** (Edward SCHEIMER/SHIMER,  
Rosina SEIP), Christ Union Church Reformed Congregation, Lower Saucon Twp,  
Northampton, PA<sup>35</sup>, <sup>41</sup>; Born: 22 Feb 1776, Lower Saucon, Northampton, PA<sup>41</sup>;  
Mar (2): Dr. Peter Von Steuben; Died: 16 Aug 1863, Easton, Northampton, PA<sup>70</sup>

Died: 5 Feb 1798, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA<sup>24</sup>; Will proved 19 Jan 1798,  
Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA<sup>36</sup>; Buried Section A, Vault 1, St Peter's Episcopal  
Church Yard

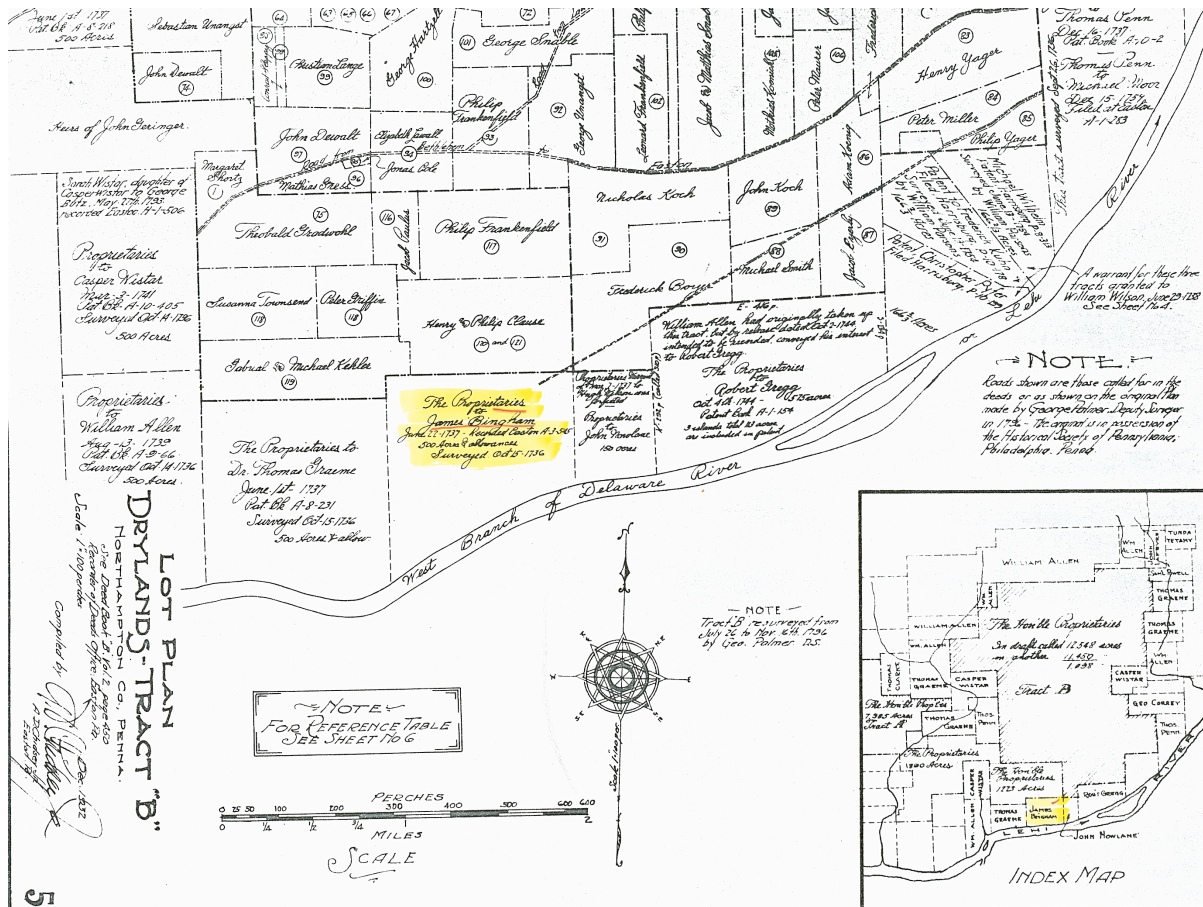
James and John Bingham, the two oldest sons of William and Mary Stamper, have received little attention from genealogists. William, their illustrious younger brother completely

owed them. Based upon similar school information and ages, Charles R. Hildeburn concluded that James and John were twins, but they may have been a year apart in age. Both entered the Philadelphia Academy in 1756 when they would have been seven or eight and stayed through the term of Oct 1763. John then died and James left the Academy.<sup>34</sup>

For some reason, twenty year old James was treated very differently than seventeen year old brother William in his father's 1769 will. James's part was to be held in trust for him. And when sister Ann died in 1779, unmarried, she left the interest of one-third of her estate to the support of James, then thirty-one, and specified that when James died, the principal was to go to their sister Hannah.

Where James actually lived is not certain. We do know that property in the name of a James Bingham was assessed the City of Philadelphia Effective Supply Tax in 1781-82, but that was paid by Christian Betts and could have been property still held in the name of uncle James Bingham who died in 1747.<sup>37</sup> This James was not listed as head of household in 1790. He may have lived with brother William who had 7 males and 8 females in his household in 1790.

Despite the fact that Bronson and Hildeburn identified James Bingham as the "unm., son of Wm and Mary", James undoubtedly did marry. His burial date in the Bingham vault in St Peter's Episcopal Church Yard is given as 5 February 1798.<sup>24</sup> A Philadelphia County will for a James Bingham with residence Philadelphia is dated 3 January 1798 and was proved 19 February 1798. The James of this will left all to his wife Susanna. An on-line version of the will gives no other details, but personal examination of the will shows that Hannah Blackwell, Robert Blackwell, and Rachel Blackwell all witnessed the will.<sup>69</sup> As this family line sketch shows, Hannah Blackwell was James' sister, Robert Blackwell was Hannah's second husband, and Rachel Blackwell was Robert's daughter from his first marriage.



Above: James Bingham tract on Lehigh River (orig. named West Branch Delaware River) patented by grandfather James Bingham (1.2)®55

Indeed, the records of the Reformed Congregation Christ Union Church, Lower Saucon Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania show that James Bingham married Sussana Scheimer on 13 October 1793.®35 In the *History of Northampton County*, 1877, the author, J.S. Hess, in his chapter on Lower Saucon Township comments that a 600 acre tract on the north bank of the Lehigh River nearly opposite Redington [originally named Shimertown] became the home of one of the Bingham who married a lady of the county.®40: 232 This tract was originally owned by James' great uncle 1.3.2. James and was given by will to James' father 1.3.2.2. William. William may have given the tract to James in an unrecorded deed. In 1877, a part of that tract was the farm of Abraham Shimer.

Susanna Scheimer/Shimer was the daughter of Edward Shimer and Rosina Seip Shimer Shimer. Rosina had first married Edward's brother, Jacob, hence the Shimer Shimer. Susanna and James had no children and after James died in 1798 Susanna married Dr. Peter Von Steuben and raised a family.

1.3.2.2.2. **John BINGHAM** (William, James, James, James)

Born: 1749, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA  
Died: 8 Nov 1763, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA; Buried: Section A, Vault 1, St  
Peter's Episcopal Church Yard<sup>24</sup>

John entered the Philadelphia Academy in 1756 when he was seven or eight years old. Tuition records show that his family paid for him and his brother James through October 1763. Then John's entry was marked "vita decessit".<sup>34</sup>

1.3.2.2.3. **William BINGHAM [of Philadelphia]** (William, James, James, James)

Born: 8 Mar 1752, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA; Baptized: 22 Apr 1752, Christ  
Church, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA<sup>10</sup>

Mar: 26 Oct 1780, **Ann WILLING** (Hon. Thomas Willing, Ann McCall) Christ Church,  
Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA<sup>11</sup>; Born: 1 Aug 1764, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA;  
Died: 11 May 1801, St George, Bermuda; Buried St Peter's Church, St George,  
Bermuda<sup>76</sup>

Died: 7 Feb 1804, Bath, Somerset, England; Will: 30 Jan 1804, Codicil 3 Feb 1804  
Bath, Somerset, England<sup>45</sup>, <sup>46</sup>

Researchers can find several short biographical sketches of William Bingham on the Internet. For more detailed material Robert Albert's *The Golden Voyage* is the only full-length book. Other scholarly studies go into more detail about his land dealings. For instance see the mater's thesis of Thomas R. Winpenny titled *William Bingham's Pennsylvania Land Operations, 1792-1804*, Pennsylvania State University. Following are the highlights of William Bingham's life.

William Bingham began his education at age six in 1758 when his parents enrolled him in the Philadelphia Academy, the precursor of the University of Pennsylvania. He finished his grammar school and undergraduate education at the Academy and received his A.B. degree in 1768, then remained on to earn his M.A. in 1771.<sup>34</sup>

After William's father died in 1769 and perhaps while earning his M.A., William served an apprenticeship with Thomas Wharton, a prominent Philadelphia merchant and principal in the firm Baynton and Wharton. By 1776, this apprenticeship had gained William employment in the firm of [Thomas] Willing, [Robert] Morris and Company, one of the wealthiest and most successful trading companies in the colonies.<sup>73</sup>

Due to his youth, business, and political connections, the Continental Congress sent William to French Martinique, West Indies, in 1776 to secure produce and munitions for the American army. At that time, Martinique served as a deposit point for goods furnished by France and Spain. William was so successful that in 1777 Congress appointed him consul at St. Pierre, the capitol of Martinique. He remained there for three years accumulating great personal wealth from trade and partial ownership of a privateer. By the time he was 28 in 1780, William was one of the richest men in America.

He returned to Philadelphia and married sixteen year old Ann Willing on 26 Oct 1780. Ann was the daughter of his former business partner Thomas Willing and considered to be the greatest beauty in Philadelphia. William and Ann became Philadelphia's leading social couple, but as the colonies were still at war with England, William also performed his military duty by enlisting in the Philadelphia militia 4th Battalion, 2nd Company, Dock Ward.<sup>62</sup>

Although a native born American, William took the Oath of Allegiance to Pennsylvania on 9 October 1781 along with Patrick Moore and Michael Morgan O'Brien, both arriving from Martinique. William was, perhaps returning from another trip to Martinique, also.<sup>65</sup> William's widowed mother, Mary Stamper Bingham, later married O'Brien.

That same year, 1781, William, along with father-in-law Thomas Willing, became a founder and director of the Pennsylvania Bank. Thomas Willing served as president of the bank. Incorporated in Pennsylvania in May, the Continental Congress chartered it in December as the Bank of North America, the first bank in the United States. Robert Morris, friend and business associate, is credited with securing the charter.

In 1782, at the behest of Dr. Benjamin Rush, William pledged £400 in Pennsylvania Loan Office certificates toward building a college on the frontier. Later named Dickinson College, William Bingham became a trustee. He also bought back from Samuel Inglis the 500 acres in Northampton County PA that sister Ann had just sold to Inglis.<sup>71</sup>

Between 1784 and 1786 William and wife Ann lived in England with their two young daughters while William concentrated on smoothing the way toward establishing favorable commercial rights following the revolutionary war. During this time overseas he began to invest in raw land in northern and northwestern Pennsylvania, in New York state, and in Maine. Years after his death, the city of Binghamton, New York would be named in honor of land he held at the confluence of the Susquehanna and Chenango Rivers. Other places in Pennsylvania and Maine where he was the original land owner, also carry the Bingham name.

William and family returned to the United States in 1786 so that he could serve as a Pennsylvania representative to the Continental Congress. About that time he began to build a large town house at Third and Spruce Streets in Philadelphia.



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Above: Middle House: 224 Pine built in 1764 by William's grandfather, John Stamper. William and Ann lived here while they built their "mansion house" at Third and Spruce. Later, William's sister Hannah and husband Rev. Robert Blackwell lived here. The house was razed in the 1930s.  
Photo Free Library of Philadelphia.

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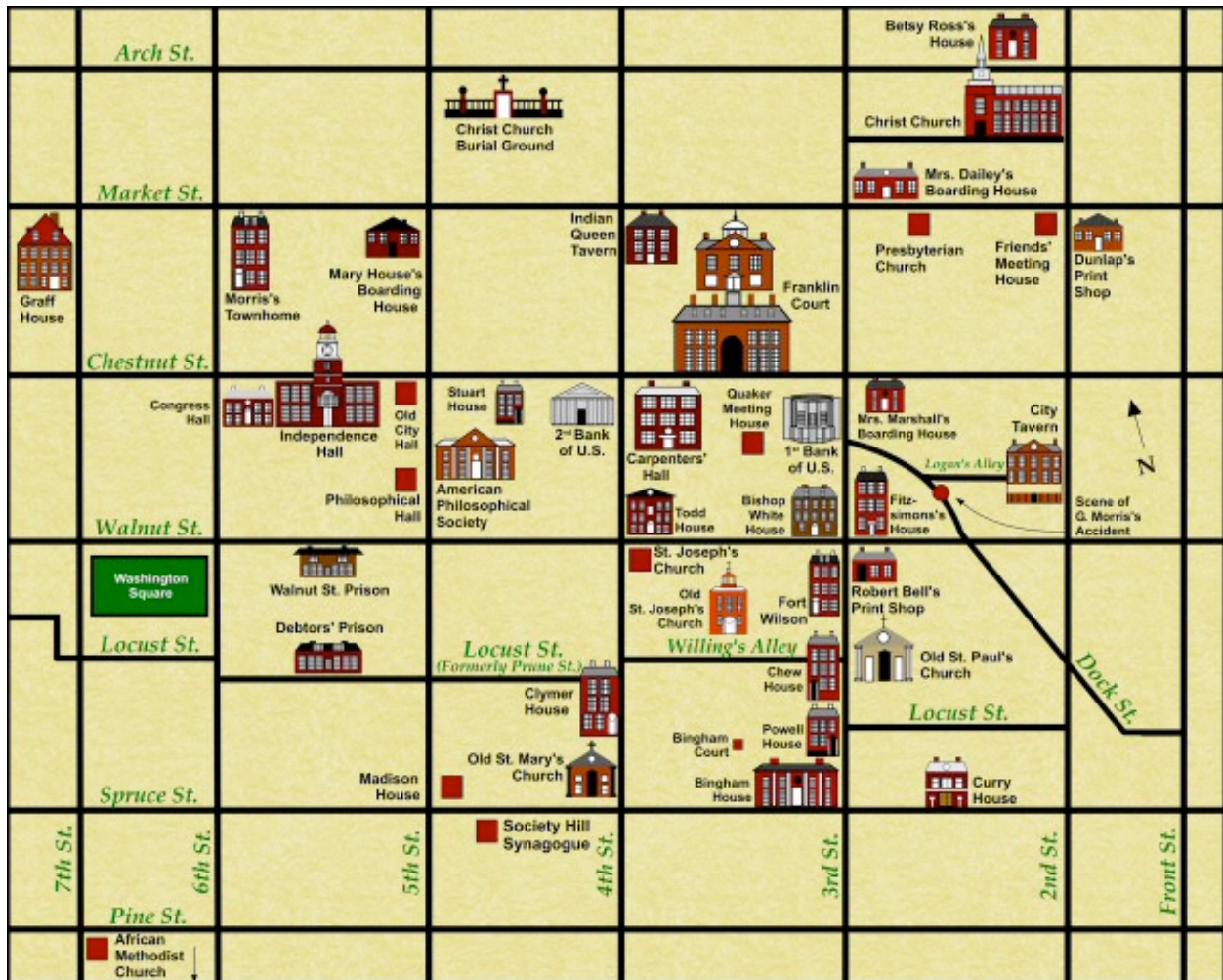


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Above: William Bingham's Federal style "Mansion House" northwest corner Third and Spruce

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Apparently the house was not completed by 1790 for in that first United States census he was recorded as living at 122 Water Street (East Side); his occupation was Speaker of Assembly; and he had a houseful of fifteen people composed of 7 free white males over 10 and 8 free white females.®77



Map of Historic Philadelphia in the late 1700s  
 by Gordon Lloyd, Colleen Garot, and Angela Edwards. Ashbrook Center for Public Affairs at Ashland  
 University, Ashland, OH. [www.teachingamericanhistory.org](http://www.teachingamericanhistory.org)  
 Note location of Bingham House and Court.

During the 1790s, William played an active role in political life. He was a member of the Pennsylvania State house of speaker in 1791 under the new moved to the Pennsylvania of that body in 1795. William to the United States Senate 1801. In 1797, as President pro administered the oath of office Jefferson. Since Philadelphia Ann used their town mansion



He was a member of the representatives in 1790 and constitution. In 1794-95 he State senate and was president was then elected as a Federalist where he served from 1795 to tem of the Senate, he to Vice President Thomas was the Capital, William and to entertain.

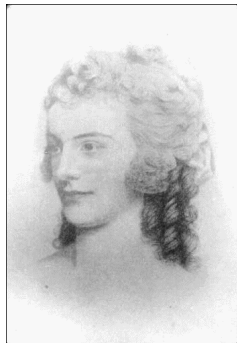
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William Bingham Portrait, U.S. Senate Historical Office. Biographical Directory of the United States Congress.

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Their house was situated next to Thomas Willing and William Baring. In 1800 the Bingham household consisted of 1 male under 10, 4 males 16-25, 3 males 26-44, 1 male over 45; 1 female 10-15, 4 females 16-25, 3 females 26-44, 1 female over 45.®111

Wife Ann was quite the Philadelphia socialite and played an active role in politics, herself. She hosted social salons where prominent political and literary people could met and talk. She was responsible for commissioning Gilbert Stuart to paint two portraits of George Washington; but Ann should be remembered above all for Stuart's image of her as Liberty on the Draped Bust coins.®106 [see Image left]



After living a privileged life, disaster befell William and Ann Bingham in 1801. Ann contracted what was then called lung fever (pneumonia) after a sleighing party and failed to recover. [Note that her mother, Ann McCall, also died at a young age.] With no medical recourse, William took Ann to Bermuda on his "elaborately appointed yacht," where she died within a few

days.®7



Distraught over his wife's death, William Bingham moved to Bath, England to live with daughter, Ann, wife of Alexander Baring. His other daughter, Maria Mathilda, went with him, but he left infant son William in Philadelphia with the boy's grandfather, Thomas Willing. The move to England did William Bingham little good, however. He failed to recover from his wife's death and died in Bath 7 Feb 1804. He was buried in Bath Abbey. His family provided a memorial plaque [right] which visitors can view in person or on-line [[www.bathabbey.org/virtual.htm](http://www.bathabbey.org/virtual.htm)].



William Bingham's will was proved 17 September 1805 in Philadelphia, but not received for recording until Nov 24, 1838. Copies were filed in some counties where William owned land. By the terms of his will William Bingham gave his Estate to five trustees to manage for the benefit of his three children. Interest was to be divided into five parts with two for son William and three for daughters Ann and Marie to be divided equally. The first trustees were son's-in-law Alexander and Henry Baring, brother-in-law Thomas Mayne Willing, Robert Gilmore of Baltimore, and his wife's first cousin, Charles Willing Hare of Philadelphia. Provisions were made for successor trustees. The estate existed for many years, eventually distributing income to as many as 300 beneficiaries.<sup>48</sup> The Bingham Estate office in Wellsboro, PA continued to function until closing in 1964.<sup>49</sup>

#### Children

- 1.3.2.2.3.1. Ann Louisa 1782
- 1.3.2.2.3.2. Maria Mathilda 1783
- 1.3.2.2.3.3. William 1800

#### 1.3.2.2.4. **Hannah BINGHAM** (William, James. James, James)

Born: 26 Mar 1754, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA<sup>10</sup>; Baptized: 26 May 1754, Christ Church, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

Mar (1): 26 Oct 1775, **John BENEZET** (Daniel Benezet, Elizabeth North), Christ Church, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA<sup>11</sup>, <sup>78</sup>; Died: Dec 1780, Lost at Sea on the privateer Shellelah<sup>32</sup>

Mar (2): 26 Nov 1783 **Rev. Robert BLACKWELL, D.D.** (Jacob Blackwell, Frances)<sup>93</sup>; Born: 6 May 1748; Mar (1): Rebecca Harrison; Died: 12 Feb 1831, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA; Buried: St. Peter's Episcopal Church Yard Section A, Vault 1<sup>24</sup>

Died: 16 Dec 1815, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA<sup>24</sup>; Will: 6 Sep 1784, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA<sup>60</sup>; Will proved 6 Jan 1816; Buried: St Peter's Episcopal Church Yard, Section A, Vault 1<sup>24</sup>

Hannah was 21 when she married John Benezet, a well established Philadelphia merchant. John had been taxed in Mulberry Ward, Philadelphia from 1769, his name next after Hannah's mother Mary Stamper Bingham. If he was at least 21 when his name first occurred on the tax list

and his parents were married in 1745, that places John's birth between 1746 and 1748 making him 27 to 29 when he married.<sup>81</sup>

Even before his marriage in October 1775, John had been active in political affairs. In January of 1775 he served as delegate for the City and Liberties to the Provincial Convention held at Philadelphia and he was one of three secretaries for the convention.<sup>80</sup>

John also served as a Commissioner of Claims for the Board of Treasury. He was appointed in 1771 and he probably kept this job until 1779 when in May the Auditor General called upon the Continental Congress to pay John Benezet his salary of \$1356.00 due up to May 8. His replacement had been appointed in 1778.<sup>32, 81, 82</sup>

Hannah and John lived in Philadelphia's Dock Ward where John was listed on the State or Five Shilling Tax in 1779.<sup>91</sup> John was also listed on the 1780 Effective Supply Tax list for Philadelphia and taxed £165.5.0.<sup>92</sup>

Hannah's first marriage soon ended in tragedy. Husband John departed the latter part of December 1780 from the Port of Philadelphia on the privateer Shellalah bound for Port L'Orient in France and was never heard from again. John Benezet's will was recorded 1794-95 in Philadelphia County Will Book X, page 169. The will mentions wife Hannah and daughter Maria. Executors were wife Hannah, father Daniel Benezet and brother-in-law Thomas Barstow. Anthony Benezet and Mary Wood testified in writing.<sup>78</sup>

By the time John Benezet's will was executed, Hannah had been remarried for eleven years.<sup>93</sup> Her second husband was the Rev. Robert Blackwell, D.D.(Honorary), senior assistant rector at Christ and St. Peter's Episcopal Churches, 1781 - 1812.<sup>83</sup> Blackwell's first wife, Rebecca Harrison had died about 1782. Hannah and Robert each had one daughter from their first marriage and both daughters married the same man - George Willing - but not at the same time. George was the brother of Ann Willing, William Bingham's wife.

Shortly after her marriage to Blackwell, Hannah executed a 6 September 1784 agreement between herself, her husband, and Joseph Stamper and Daniel Benezet, Jr., Trustees, that she dispose of her real estate with the income going to her husband and after his death, to the child she was then pregnant with [a legal formality]. Her daughter Maria Benezet was also included. But a Codicil dated 31 Dec 1801 removed Maria, then a Willing, from the legacy noting that she had died 10 Aug 1799.<sup>60</sup> Hannah died in 1815, age 61. Robert lived until 1831, dying at age 82.

Benezet child: 1. Maria; Born abt 1776; Mar: George Willing 7 Oct 1795; Died: 10 Aug 1799; no children

1.3.2.2.5. **Ann BINGHAM** (William, James, James, James)

Born: 2 Jan 1756, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA; Baptized: 3 Feb 1756, Christ Church, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA<sup>10</sup>

Died: 1779, Philadelphia, Phila., PA; Will: 21 Mar 1779, Northampton Co., PA<sup>58</sup>

## Generation Six: America, England, and Canada

### The Children of William Bingham of Philadelphia

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM BINGHAM [of Philadelphia] (William, James, James, James)

1.3.2.2.3.1. **Ann Louisa BINGHAM** (William, William, James, James, James)

Born: 6 Jan 1782, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA; Baptized: 23 Jul 1792, Christ Church, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA<sup>57</sup>

Mar: 23 Aug 1798, **Alexander BARING** (Created 1st Baron Ashburton in 1835), Black Point, Rumson, Monmouth, NJ<sup>11</sup>: 21; Born: 27 Oct 1773, Mincing Lane, London, ENG<sup>109</sup>; Died: 12 May 1848, Longleat House, Warminster, Wiltshire, ENG<sup>103</sup>

Died: 5 Dec 1848, Bay House, Gosport, Hampshire, ENG<sup>104</sup>, 105

We know little of Ann's life other than being wife of Alexander Baring, first Baron Ashburton, merchant and banker and mother of nine children. Ann moved to England with her husband in 1801 and there remained for the rest of her life. Baring played a prominent role in American history, such as arranging financing for the Louisiana Purchase and settling the boundary dispute between the United States and Canada resulting in the Webster-Ashburton Treaty of 1841. For the best short biography of Alexander Baring see the article by John Orbell in the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography, [www.oxforddnb.com](http://www.oxforddnb.com)

Alexander Baring children: <sup>94</sup>, <sup>96</sup>

1. William Bingham, 2nd Baron Ashburton (Jun 1799 - 23 Mar 1864)
2. Francis Baring, 3rd Baron Ashburton (24 May 1800 - 6 Sep 1868)
3. Hon. Harriet (3 May 1804 - 2 Jan 1892)
4. Hon. Rev. Frederick (31 Jan 1806 - 4 Jun 1868)
5. Hon. Ann Eugenia (-1839)
6. Alexander (1810 - 1832)
7. Hon. Arthur (1818 - 1838)

9. Hon. Lydia (-1868)

1.3.2.2.3.2. **Mariah Mathilda BINGHAM** (William, William, James, James, James)

Born: 9 Dec 1783, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA; Baptized: 23 Jul 1793, Christ Church, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA<sup>®57</sup>

Mar (1): 17 Apr 1799 **James ALEXANDER** Count De Tille; eloped 11 Apr 1799; annulled by Act of Legislature 17 Apr 1800, Lancaster, Lancaster, PA<sup>®84</sup>

Mar (2): 19 April 1802 **Henry BARING**; Born: 18 Jan 1776; Divorced: 1823; Mar (2): Cecelia Ann Windham; Died: 13 Apr 1848 St George Hanover Square, London, Middlesex<sup>®89, ®94</sup>

Mar (3): 17 Apr 1826 **Marquis de BLAISSELL** Chamberlain to the Emperor of Austria, Paris, France (Chapel of the British Ambassador)<sup>®75</sup>

Died: 9 Mar 1849<sup>®95</sup>

Henry Baring children [needs to be verified] <sup>®94</sup>

1. Anna Maria<sup>®100</sup>
2. Frances Emily (- 14 Mar 1886)<sup>®100</sup>
3. Henry Bingham (4 Mar 1804 - 25 Apr 1869)<sup>®101</sup>
4. William Frederick (12 Aug 1822 - 10 Dec 1903)<sup>®102</sup>

1.3.2.2.3.3. **William BINGHAM** (William, William, James, James, James)

Born: 29 Dec 1800, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA; Baptized: 3 Aug 1801 “Private Baptism”, Christ Church, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA<sup>®57</sup>

Mar: 7 Feb 1822, **Maria Charlotte Chartier De LOTBINIERE** (perhaps later Baroness Vandreuil in her own right) Montreal, Quebec, CAN<sup>®42: 326; ®47</sup>; Born: 1807 Lower Canada; Died: 21 Mar 1865, Kensington, London, ENG<sup>®89, ®112</sup>

Died: Jun 1852, Bridge District, Kent, ENG<sup>®89</sup>

Left in the care of his maternal grandfather when his father moved to England, William spent his first twelve years in Philadelphia and knew neither of his parents.<sup>®87: 415, 438</sup> His mother, Ann Willing Bingham, died when William was six months old, and his father, William Bingham, died in England when William was barely three years old. His father figure was a man in his sixties whose wife had been dead for twenty years.

Young William joined his much older sisters in London when he was twelve. His father’s will had stipulated age eight, but the War of 1812 between England and the United States caused a delay. From 1812 to 1820 William lived with sister Ann and husband Alexander Baring and their children, but did not take to studies or business. He returned to the United States in 1820, just before his grandfather died, and proceeded to get “into all sorts of scrapes”.<sup>®87: 439</sup> An arranged marriage took him to Canada in 1821. His new wife, Maria Charlotte de Lotbiniere, had just come out of convent. William and Charlotte lived in Montreal until 1834 and it is likely that all of their children were born there.<sup>®74</sup> They both led a promiscuous life and Alberts states that

William admitted that he was only certain of the legitimacy of his eldest son.®87: 440 That child was not born until 1832, however and since we don't have the birth dates of the other children, the accuracy of that statement is questionable.

Alberts also claims that William and Charlotte moved to Paris and does not mince words when he writes that William sank into drunkenness and imbecility and was scarcely sane and Charlotte led a scandalous life with many lovers.®87: 440. Later, they moved to Kent County, England where William died in 1852.®89 After William died, Charlotte, Maria C.C. on the 1861 census for England, continued to live at Cale Hill in Kent with son William B. Bingham as head of a household that included grandson William Alexander Baring Bingham and eleven servants.®97

#### Children®68

- 1.3.2.2.3.3.1. Marie Louise
- 1.3.2.2.3.3.2. Julia Charlotte
- 1.3.2.2.3.3.3. Georgina Selby
- 1.3.2.2.3.3.4. William Baring De Lotbiniere
- 1.3.2.2.3.3.5. Alexander Baring

## Generation Seven: Canada and England

### The Grandchildren of William Bingham [of Philadelphia]

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM BINGHAM (William, William, James, James, James)

1.3.2.2.3.3.1. **Marie Louise BINGHAM** (William, William, William, James, James, James)  
Mar: **Count du BOISGUILBERT**®112

Lived in France as a permanent resident in 1866.®112

1.3.2.2.3.3.2. **Julia Charlotte BINGHAM** (William, William, William, James, James, James)  
Mar: **Count du DACHEL DE ROMANANGES**®112

Lived in France as a permanent resident in 1866.®112

1.3.2.2.3.3.3. **Georgina Selby BINGHAM** (William, William, William, James, James, James)  
Mar: **Count d' EPRESNESNIL**®112

1.3.2.2.3.3.4. **William Baring De Lotbiniere BINGHAM** (William, William, William, James, James, James)  
Born: 7 Aug 1832, Montreal, Quebec, CAN<sup>88</sup>  
Mar: Dec 1857 **Helen Emily PEMBERTON** St. James, Westminster, Middlesex, ENG<sup>98</sup>(George Pemberton); Born: 2 Feb 1832, Quebec, Lower Canada; Died: 25 Dec 1860, Cale Hill, West Ashford, Kent, ENG; Bur: Little Chart Churchyard, Kent, ENG<sup>88</sup>  
Died: 8 Mar 1864, Broome Park, Bridge District, Kent, UK; Buried: Little Chart Churchyard, Kent, ENG<sup>88</sup>

William Baring de Lotbiniere Bingham and Helen Emily Pemberton were married only three years before she died in December 1860. William, a widower age twenty-eight in 1861 continued to live in Canterbury, Kent, England. His mother, Maria C.C., age fifty-four, and his son, William A.B., age two lived with him. The three of them had eleven servants, seven female and four male. William gave his occupation as Royal Navy.<sup>97</sup> By early 1864, William was also dead leaving his son William A.B. an orphan at age five.

#### Child

1.3.2.2.3.3.4.1. William Alexander Baring 18 Sep 1858

1.3.2.2.3.3.5. **Alexander Baring BINGHAM** (William, William, William, James, James, James)  
Died: 14 Dec 1865 Brighton, Sussex/EastSussex, ENG<sup>115</sup> [Note: name in Free BMD deaths entered as Alexander Barins Bingham]

## Generation Eight: England

### The Great Grandchildren of William Bingham [of Philadelphia]

1.3.2.2.3.3.4.1. **William Alexander Baring BINGHAM** (William, William, William, William, James, James, James)  
Born: 18 Sep 1858 Little Chart, West Ashford, Kent, ENG<sup>89</sup>: 2a, 475  
Mar: 26 Feb 1881 **Ann Elizabeth STANLAKE** (Joseph William Stanlake), Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, ENG<sup>89</sup>: 6a: 570; <sup>110</sup>; Born: 1864 Maidstone, Kent, ENG  
Died: 1915 Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, ENG<sup>89</sup>

William Alexander Baring Bingham became an orphan in his sixth year with the death of his father William Baring de Lotbiniere Bingham on 8 March 1864. His mother had died on Christmas day in 1860 when William was only two years old. Young William A.B. suffered

mas day in 1860 when William was only two years old. Young William A.B. suffered another family loss in 1865 when his grandmother Maria Charlotte Chartier de Lotbiniere Bingham died.

Upon his father's death, William A.B.'s uncle, Alexander Baring Bingham became curator of young William's inherited estate. Sadly, uncle Alexander died a year and a half later on 14 December 1865 before the estate had been valued. So, in 1866, before his 8th birthday, young William A. B. needed to select a new curator. This involved probate court action in a case entered in the records of the Supreme Court, Family Division as Bingham v. Bingham and now an open document at the National Archives, Kew. The inherited estate was valued at £20,970.17.8 and Alexander Hugh Baring was appointed as the new curator. He was the grandson of Alexander Baring, 1st Baron Ashburton and the son of Francis Baring, the 3rd Baron Ashburton. Upon Francis Baring's death in 1868, Alexander Hugh Baring became the 4th Baron Ashburton. He and his wife, The Honorable Leonora Carolina Digby had seven children between 1866 and 1885, but the 1871 census of England shows us that William A.B. Bingham did not live with Lord and Lady Ashburton at that time.<sup>116</sup> Where and with whom he lived as he was growing up between 1865 and 1881 has not been determined.

William A.B. Bingham, reappears in 1881 in Gloucestershire where he lived from his marriage in that year to his death in 1915.<sup>90</sup> When he and Ann Elizabeth Stanlake married in 1881 they both gave their residence as Charlton Lawn, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, England.<sup>110</sup> The 1891 census placed them at Cowley Manor House, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. William was 32, wife Ann was recorded as Annie G. age 26. Three visitors were with them: Annie Hart, born Maidstone; Joseph W. and John A. Stuart, ages 13 and 11; and ten servants.<sup>90</sup> Ten years later, in 1901, William and Ann lived at Rosehill, Prestbury, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, England. Ann was now recorded as Annie Elizabeth, age 37. Annie Hart, now age 69, was still visiting. Ernest Lionel Stuart, brother-in-law, age 19 born London, Surrey was also recorded as a visitor. The household had eleven servants, the seven females lived in the main house, and the four males lived in Rosehill Hall.<sup>99</sup>

Apparently William and Ann had no children. Neither the 1891 nor 1901 census includes Bingham children in the household. That being the case, the line ends with William Alexander Baring Bingham's death in 1915.

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