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I am seeking all genealogical and biographical details for the family documented below including their ancestors, children, and grandchildren and the spouses thereof, including the full names of those spouses' parents. All additions and corrections within this scope, however speculative, will be greatly appreciated.

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### John Laning of Newtown, Long Island

From existing family records, your compiler was quickly able to learn of his descent from Robert and Sarah (Miller) Lanning. However, it was not until 1993 that I got my big breakthrough when I discovered Ken Gotzen-Berg's entries on the Lanning family in the LDS Ancestral File. We are also indebted to Jeannette Tyson for her book, *The Lannings*, ([Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 1990]). Unless otherwise noted, the following chapter has been directly extracted from Ken's notes.

1. JOHN<sup>1</sup> LANING was born in Wales or England; he died at Newtown, Queens County, Long Island, New York about 1681/1683; he married ELIZABETH \_\_, born Wales or England, died Newton, Long Island 1688.

The only record of this presumed "Father of all American Lannings" is found in the town minutes of Long Island, New York, dated 1681. There is record of a Widow Elizabeth Lanning in the same town minutes, dated 1683. Husband John therefore probably died between 1681-1683. Elizabeth's will clearly names sons Richard and Robert; [another son] John may have been underaged at the time? The sons moved to Maidenhead Twp. [Burlington County, New Jersey] between 1688-1699.

John Lanning is found in the records of Newtown, which fronted on the East River, in Queens Co., LI, opposite Manhattan Island, in the following items of 1681 and 1682, his surname is spelled phonetically by the town clerk as *Lennen*. He was deceased by 1683, in which year the name of "the Widow Lanning" appears in the town minutes. She was evidently the Elizabeth Laning of Newtown who conveyed to "by two sons Robert Laning and Richard Laning, after my decease" her house and ten acre lot in Newtown by deed of gift dated 16 April 1688. Those two sons removed to Maidenhead Twp., Burlington Co., NJ, by 1699, as hereinafter is shown. The 1698 Census of Newtown, Queens, LI lists no Laning (*TAG*, 24:133).

6 Dec 1681, John Lennen enters an action of debt against Thomas Etherington. 7 Feb 1681/2, "The court finds Etherington to pay 3 pounds and the cost of suit." By deed of 16 Aug 1681, "Theophilus Phillips of Newtown conveyed to Henry Mayle, Sr., of the Island of Nevis, a tract of land at Mashpat Kills, in the bounds of Newtown, bounded east by the highway, west by the land of John Lennen, on the north by the commons, and on the south by Justice Betts' land, with also an orchard at the same Kills, bounded by land of John Lennen and Justice Betts.

From the Town Minutes of Newtown (1653-1734):

A court held by the constable & over seere desember the 6th 1681 Content titus Counstable. John Lennen pll Enters an accion of debt against thomas Etherington def this accion is Referd to the next court. ...ffebuary 7th, 1681/2. upon the Acktion John Lonnon pll Thomas Etherington deftt the Court findes that the deftt is to pay the pll three pounds with Cost of suite. March 7th, 1681. the Court Granteth Extion to mr. Lonnon against Thomas Etherington: according to Judgement past. Newtown on Long Island August the 16th yere 1681. Be it Known unto all men by these presents that I Theophilis Phillips on newtown on Long Island In the west Riding of York sheere In amarica have to and by these presents sell a linat & make over unto Henry Mayle sener: of the Island of nevis a certayn peece or parcell of land Sutuated Lying and beeing att aplace bound on the Eastward sdid withe hy way on the west ward side by the Land of John Lonnon on the north ward by the commons on the south ward by Justice Richard beets land; with a certayne orchard Sutuated In the same Kills bound ty the land of John Lonnon & Justis beets with three sons of Medows Salt and fresh Lying on the South side of Long Island....

his  
Ralph x Hunt  
Hand

From a letter by Eunice (Lanning) Andrus of La Marque Texas, to Rev. Jesse H. Lanning, dated 15 July 1965; copy in Cook, Lewis D., "Lannings of Long Island and New Jersey"; page 110-115:

Place (the Lannings) in chronological order and it appears to be logical to presume that John Lennen, plaintiff, was the husband of Elizabeth, the widow. AS to the conditional deed made by her in 1688 in favor of her sons, Robert and Richard, it is possible that John, the witness on 1695, if he were indeed a son, was a minor and the subject of the "Divers good considerations moveing" her. "Yes, I have the material you sent from Atlanta and much of it is based on Cooley who is highly inaccurate. Rev. Cooley did not have access to records now available, and for his time did a remarkable job. There is much mixing of generations. In his *Genealogy of Early Settlers in Trenton*, published after his death, and subsequent to his *History of Trenton* the statement made in Rev. William's book is changed leaving

out the names of the Lanning brothers and the chapter is devoted entirely to the line of Robert:

There is a tradition in this family that three brothers, of the name of Lanning, came originally from Wales, and settled on Long Island. They removed soon afterward, to New Jersey. One bought land in the northern part, another in the southern section of the colony, and Robert, from whom the Lannings of this part of the colony descend, settled in Maidenhead, now Lawrenceville. His land is found among the grantees of land on which to build a church in that village, in 1698-1699.

I have been trying frantically since I received your confirmation of the NC Enos line to patch something from the NJ "Calendar of Wills." If I can check Cooley against irrefutable evidence, I may have something. The process is tedious and nerve wracking, and so far has borne little fruit. We must be descended from John, Robert, Richard, or David. I should have mentioned them Robert, Richard, John, and David, as Robert is clearly the oldest, being mentioned first by his mother. He and Richard must be of age in 1688, as they are not named minors. If John IS their brother, he had to be at least 21 when he served as a witness in 1695. Cooley himself is quiet as to John, and Williams is clearly in doubt. Judge William M. Lanning, in my opinion, had his John's confused. A later Dr. John Lanning who migrated to Pennsylvania was a bachelor. Williams (6) John leaves us with a void of 100 years--years vital to our research. Now and then a Genealogical publication will carry a correction or addition to Cooley on Robert Lanning, and I am sure there will be more.

Everybody wants to tie onto Robert, because he left so many tracks and clearly was an admirable person. We may belong there too--but I'm sure we both want to be SURE. Both Cooley and Williams are quiet as to Richard. I cling to John, partly because of the name itself, and partly because of the custom of naming first, second, and third grandfathers and older brothers.

...Now to the Welsh origin. Mrs Black of Atlanta, GA, wrote to the National Library of Wales, and she was told that LANNING was not Welsh. (She is of the John 1760 Line and would be glad to fill that 100 year gap.) I find in the "General Armory," Sir Bernard Burke, 1884 edition, under "LLOWARCH" Holbwrch; Treasurer of Griffith as Llewellyn, Prince of North Wales, and Ancestor of Caer valwch ye Llanynys)....The same book lists Lanine and Lanyon of Cornwall as early as the 1620 visitation. You can find the place name "Lanyon" on a good map (no doubt the castle is there). In the 1620 visitation, John Lanyon is listed as the eldest son of Richard Lanyon, Esq., and William is listed as son of Edward Lanyon, second son of Richard Lanyon. One dictionary of English names gives Lanyng as a Dorsetshire name. Lanyon, Laning, Lannin are all versions of the name to be found in and around London by 1650. James Lannin of Stepney

(London) moved to Mass. in 1636--He was a glover, age 26. Ann Lanyon, daughter of John Lanyon married Gabriel Holmes in London, July 11, 1661. There were a number of Hunts with the Lannings and Hunts produced preachers, doctors, teachers, skilled artisans, business men and farmers. One more little bit: At St. Mabyn in Cornwall, Nicholas Lanning married Jane Reed, Dec. 26, 1699."

It is from this Mother of the American Lannings that we get our first real glimpse of the "three brothers", although only two of them are mentioned by name: Richard and Robert. The third true brother, John, was probably under age at the time of Elizabeth's Deed, and therefore was not mentioned.

DEED: Newtown, Long Island, New York, "Town Minutes", as quoted in: Cook, Lewis Daniel, FASG, FGSP (1895-1981), THE LANNING FAMILY OF NEWTOWN, QUEENS County LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK AND OF BURLINGTON, HUNTERDON, SUSSEX, WARREN, MERCER AND CUMBERLAND COUNTIES, NEW JERSEY; 1650-1899; unpublished genealogical research manuscript; Folio in the Library of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania; copy also deposited in the Family History Library, Salt Lake City, UT; page 2

Know all men by these presents, that I, Elizabeth Laning, of Newtown in Queens county, do for divers good considerations moving me thereunto, do freely give unto my two sons, Robert Laning and Richard Laning, after my decease, my new dwelling house and land, ten acres more or less, lying in the bounds of Newtown, fronting north on the highway that goes to the Kills, on the west by Joseph Reed's lot, on the east by Thomas Severson's lot that he bought of John Hart, and on the south by Jeremiah Reedre's land. The aforesaid house and land I do freely give as aforesaid to my two sons Robert and Richard Laning as their free land of inheritance, to them and their heirs forever, as witness my hand and seal this sixteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred eighty eight, in the third year of His Majesty's Reign.

Signed by her mark Elizabeth Laning

DEED: Burlington County, New Jersey Deeds, 1 Rev, page 18: April 23, 1711. Ralph Hunt, Elizabeth (her mark) Laning, & Hanah (her mark) Laning, witnessed deed Joseph Sacket of Newtown, Long Island, to son Simon for tract in Hopewell, Burlington County.

Children, born in Wales or England:

2.
  - i. ROBERT<sup>2</sup>, b. before 1667; d. NJ after 1752.
  - ii. RICHARD, b. before 1670; d. NJ after 1742.
  - iii. JOHN, b. before 1675; NJ 1733/1739; m. HANNAH \_\_\_.

2. RICHARD<sup>2</sup> LANING (*John*<sup>1</sup>), born Wales or England before 1670; died New Jersey after 1742; married \_\_\_ \_\_\_.

#### CHRONOLOGY OF RICHARD LANNING

1683--Named in Elizabeth Lanning's Deed (Mother)--Newtown, Queens, NY  
 1714--Named on list of Freeholder's eligible for Jury Duty; Amwell Twp  
 1716--son, Richard, baptized in Maidenhead  
 1722--Listed as debtor on will of Thomas Smith; Maidenhead, NJ  
 1729--Listed as creditor on will of John Muirhead, Hopewell Twp, NJ; Listed as one of the first Grand Jurors of New Jersey.

BIRTH-DEATH-BIOGRAPHY: Cook, Lewis Daniel, FASG, FGSP (1895-1981), THE LANNING FAMILY OF NEWTOWN, QUEENS County LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK AND OF BURLINGTON, HUNTERDON, SUSSEX, WARREN, MERCER AND CUMBERLAND COUNTIES, NEW JERSEY; 1650-1899; unpublished genealogical research manuscript; Folio in the Library of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania; copy also deposited in the Family History Library, Salt Lake City, UT; page 3

Maidenhead, Hopewell, Trenton, and Amwell formed Hunterdon County, set off from Burlington in 1714. The list of Freeholders eligible for jury duty in Hunterdon County in 1741 included: Trenton Township: Robert Lanning, Stephen Lanning Maidenhead Township: Robert Lanning Amwell Township: Richard Lanning page 6: "Richard Laning, Sr., son of John and Elizabeth Laning of Newtown, Queens Co., NY, removed with his brother Robert Laning thence to Hopewell Burlington Co., (now in Mercer Co), NJ. Richard Laning was among those listed as debtors to the estate of Thomas Smith of Maidenhead Township, Burlington Co., NJ, in the inventory thereof dated 21 apr 1722; but was a creditor so listed in that of the estate of John Muirhead of Hopewell twp., dated 14 May 1729 (NJ Archives 23:433, 43, 332, 165).

Richard Laning's farm on the northwest side of the Roger Park road from the Falls of Delaware (Trenton Village) to Hopewell, bounded southwest by that of his brother Robert Laning's, was so described in the latter's Deed of 15 Jan 1714/15, stated in brief above. "Richard Laning, Junr." appears of public record, but his estate is not found in the Hunterdon County probate records. The name of his wife or widow has not been recovered here. One Neshea Lanning was admitted to membership in the Presbyterian Church of Trenton on 12 Sep 1734. The name, a Dutch diminutive of Annatje (Anna).

HISTORY: Hall, John, *The History of Trenton, New Jersey*; FHL micro film no 1036569, item #4, page 60:

The first grand jurors were William Hixson, Daniel Howell, ROBERT LANNING, Henry Mershon, Richard Compton, George Woolsey, Joseph Reeder, Thomas Standling, Richard Scudder, Timothy Baker, John Burroughs, John Titus, Samuel Everett, John Ely, and RICHARD LANNING. circa 1715

Children:

3.
  - ii. RICHARD<sup>3</sup>, c. Maidenhead, Hunterdon Co., NJ 6 May 1713.
  - iii. ISAAC, b. ca. 1725; d. [Hardwick, Sussex Co.], NJ 8 June 1781; m. AALTJE "ELSIE" HUNT.

Cook, page 22: ISAAC LANNING, son of Richard Laning, Sr., of Amwell Twp, Hunterdon County, NJ. Died Testate in June 1781 in Hardwick Township, Sussex County, NJ. He married by 1741 Sarah Hunt, a daughter of Edward Hunt of Maidenhead Township, Hunterdon County, NJ, whose will dated 28 Oct 1757 names son-in-law Isaac Laning co-executor (NJ Archives 32: 170). She died after 1774. The will of Isaac Laning of Hardwick, Sussex Co., NJ dated 15 Jan 1774 and proved 8 June 1781: Bequeaths to eldest son Richard, the land he now has to son Isaac, the land I possess, but out of the same to pay Ellenor, wife of Thomas Lacey, my eldest daughter, 10 Pounds and to my youngest daughter, Else, wife of Benjamin Wilcox, 14 pounds and to my wife Sarah, one-third of the land during her life. Appoints Isaac Lanning and Levi Howell, executors. Inventory of personal estate was dated 7 June 1781 (NJ Archives 35: 241) LDS CHURCH ARCHIVES: Family Group Sheet; submitted by Mrs Anita Lamoreaux, 158 W. Main, Salt Lake City, UT.

- iv. SUSANNA, b. Hunterdon Co., NJ before 1715; d. after 1750; m. Maidenhead, NJ 21 March 1733/34 JOHN REED.

Cook, page 7: "Susanna Laning mar by license of 21 Mar 1733/4, John Reed of Maidenhead Twp., Hunterdon Co., NJ (NJ Archives 22:247, and Genealog. Mag. of NJ 16: 70). The will of John Reed of Hopewell Twp dated 18 mar 1749/50 and proved 12 apr 1750, named wife Susanna, Isaac Laning, and James Deen executors; ordered his estate sold when youngest child is 18, and devised property to his children: Susanna, Nathaniel, Jermimah, Mary, and Aelse, (NJ Archives 30:392)" MARRIAGE: Nelson, William, "New Jersey Marriages, 1665-1800"; Genealogical Publishing Co., 1973; FHL Book Call No. R929.3749; page 247 SEALING: IGI, 1988 ed., New Jersey, page 7821.

3. RICHARD<sup>3</sup> LANING (*Richard*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), c. Maidenhead, Hunterdon Co., NJ 6 May 1713.

BIRTH-DEATH-BIOGRAPHY: Cook, Lewis Daniel, FASG, FGSP (1895-1981), THE LANNING FAMILY OF NEWTOWN, QUEENS County LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK AND OF BURLINGTON, HUNTERDON, SUSSEX, WARREN, MERCER AND CUMBERLAND COUNTIES, NEW JERSEY; 1650-1899; unpublished genealogical research manuscript; Folio in the Library of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania; copy also deposited in the Family History Library, Salt Lake City, UT; page 6 "Richard Laning, "son of Richard Laning" was bapt 6 May 1713 in Maidenhead, (Penn. Genealog. Mag. 19: 281). On 29 Apr 1742, Richard Laning, Jr so signed the mortgage to the Hunterdon Co. Loan Office for 22 Pds., on his 133 acres tract in Amwell Twp., bounded east by Thomas Gordon and John Lewis, north by **William Williamson**, west by Johannes Wandel Holfer, and south Edward Milner. He discharged this mortgage on 24 Apr 1745, and on the same date, Richard Laning (signature) of Amwell Twp., mortgaged to the Loan Office his 150 acres tract in that Twp, bounded south by Nicholas Albertson, which mortgage was discharged on 25 apr 1751 "for Richard Laning by Jo. Robins," (Hunterdon Mortgage Book C, Nos. 164 and 202). The estate of Richard Laning, Jr., who d. after 1745, is not found in the Hunterdon Co. probate records. Compare no 6 Richard Laning, son of Robert Laning, Sr. "One Richard Laning and Martha Laning witnessed the Will of Thomas Morgan, Jr., of Middleton Twp., Bucks Co., Penn., dated 12 July 1764, but no Laning estate is found in Bucks Co. probate records through 1825. One Daniel Doughty, young man, and Martha Laning, maiden, were mar. on 19 Dec 1766, per the register of the Reformed Dutch Church of North and Southampton, Bucks Co., PA. (Penn Genealog. Mag. 20: 177)"

Children:

4. ii. RICHARD<sup>4</sup>; m. JULIA ANN MILLER.
4. RICHARD<sup>4</sup> LANNING (*Richard*<sup>3-2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), born New Jersey 1730; m. New Jersey 4 November 1751 JULIA ANN MILLER, born 1732.

BIRTH/MARRIAGE: "The Lannings--compiled by Jeannette Tyson, Toronto, Ont, Canada"; Feb 1990; copy sent to my by the author, July, 1990:

"FIRST GENERATION:

Richard Lanning--born in 1730 (probably in New Jersey)  
 --married 4 Nov 1751 to Julia Ann Miller-- born 1732 [no documentation]  
 --their children--Mary Lanning--born 2 Aug 1752  
 --Cynthia Lanning--born 6 Jan 1755  
 --Robert Lanning--born 3 mar 1757 (Tyson's Ancestor)  
 --Sara(h) Lanning--Born 1 Jan 1760  
 --Richard Lanning--born 19 Mar 1763 (Gotzenberg's ancestor)  
 --John Lanning-- born 26 Dec 1764; brief mention in notes later  
 --Isaac Lanning--born 8 July 1766/1767 " " " "

--Ezekiel Lanning-- born 25 July 1768  
--Julia Ann Lanning-- born 27 Jan 1771  
--Joseph Lanning--born 10 Oct 1773"

Letter from J.M. [Jacob Meek] Lanning of Paris, Iowa, to Mr. J. N. Lanning of Sylacauga, Ala, dated Feb 16, 1861; given to me by Jeannette Tyson, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; originated from Virginia, 1201 Seville Ln. NE, St. Petersburg, Florida 33704:

Paris, Iowa Feb 16, 1861  
Mr. J.N. Lanning  
Sylacauga, Ala

Dear Cousin:

Your interesting letter of the 25 ult. was duly received. Be assured I seldom receive a letter that gave me as much pleasure as did this letter of yours. I am pleased to learn that I have relations who are friendly and intelligent, and I must conclude respectable also, from the offices of trust to which they have been elevated. I passed through Canada in 1857 on a visit to New York City and called to see a Richard Lanning near Port Stanley, C. W. [Canada West], who is about your father's age, and his cousin. He told me that he saw a Mr. Robert Alway of England, who told him that he was acquainted with the Lannings of England. His earliest recollections of the Lannings were of one, who was one of the Lords of England, very rich and influential, and noted for his kindness to the poor. Among these sons was a Richard and a Robert. Upon the death of the old gentleman, his eldest son, or according to the laws of England, took both the title and the riches, whereupon, Richard and Robert concluded they would try their fortune in America and accordingly prepared to leave. The eldest son seeing it was their purpose to leave England, concluded they should not go without abundant means, and accordingly gave each of them a heavy purse and they left. They came to America. I have not found any lannings who does not trace his lineage to one of these. Your father says his father's name was John, and his grand-father's name was Richard. Your father's father, John Lanning [1536], had a number of brothers, viz., Robert [209], Isaac [1537], Richard [71], Ezekiel [1538], and Joseph [1540]. Richard Lanning [71], your grandfather's brother was my grand-father. Robert Lanning [209], another brother of the same family, lived a great many years, and dies in Guernsey Co., Ohio. I have seen him a great many times. Isaac Lanning [probably Isaac M.], of the same family, still lives in Guernsey Co., Ohio, and is a very respectable and influential man. It appears from your father's letter to me that he knows nothing of his uncle Isaac. Richard Lanning [71], my grand-father, died in Jefferson Co, Ohio about 14 years since, thus you see, that our grand-fathers were brothers, our fathers were cousins german, and we are second cousins, there are many other things I can tell you about the Lannings that I do not now have time or place to write, I will just say, however, that I do not know to a certainty whether

your father's grand-father, Richard [1531] was the original Richard from England, or a son of one of those. I believe, however, that he was the original. One more thing I will observe, is that they almost invariably lived to a great age. It seems that the Lannings are remarkable for longevity and possessing an unimpaired intellect to a great age. You will conclude, will you not, that I am proud of the race. I shall not, at present, say much in regard to politics and I am not noted as a politician. I regret the unpleasant state of national affairs, and am sanguine in the belief that present difficulties will be satisfactorily adjusted. Perhaps would differ with you in some points, in regard to secession, but that is immaterial at present. I wish to request you to keep me posted in regard to the prevailing private opinion on this point in your place and also the effects of these troubles. I am 32 years old, and strange as it may seem, have had two wives and am now a single man. I was married in April 1852, lost my wife in January 1859. My first wife only lived with me one year and five months, second wife, one year, five months and seven days, only five days difference. Each left a child, both living and doing well. My wives were both from Ohio, Lakeshore Co. It is now over two years since my last wife died. I am Keeping house, and of course have to hire my house-keeper. My business, a lucrative one, pays very well. I have a desire to see all of my relations in Tenn and Ala. I will now make this inquiry. How does the practise of medicine pay in your place? Do you know whether it would pay better in Tenn? Your father has invited me to visit him and spend some time in practice. As it is I am single and as I have never visited the South, it might be that I will conclude to pay you a visit. On what principle is business generally transacted with you, the cash or credit system? What would a successful practitioner be likely to realize per annum? Also, what would board be worth in your place? What is the price of horses also, good horses? I hope you will reply early as I am anxious to hear from you again.

I am Your friend truly,

(s) J. M. Lanning [Jacob Meek Lanning-1545]

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\*\*\*\*\* Notes on the above letter from Jeannette Tyson, 94 Binswood, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4C 3N9:

Two and a half years ago at Christmas time my uncle got a Christmas Card from his second cousin, Calvin Lanning, whose father and most of his brothers and sisters moved to Ohio from Ontario in the early part of this century. In this Christmas Card was the enclosed letter from J. M. (Jacob Meek) Lanning to J. N. (probably I. M.) Lanning which my uncle sent on to me. The way Calvin got it was interesting. One of Cal's daughters works or worked, I'm not sure which, for the St. Petersburg, Florida symphony orchestra in its PR department. One of the orchestra member's surname is or was Lanning. They got talking and compared

notes on their families since Lanning is not that common a name. The symphony orchestra member gave Cal's daughter a copy of the letter, which she said was the only bit of family history that she had. I thought it was a marvelous letter. The letter-writer mentions that he passed through Canada in 1857 and called to see a Richard Lanning near Port Stanley, C.W. (Canada West-Ontario before 1867). "My" Richard's farm was about 3 miles from Port Stanley and he was the only Richard Lanning around. I don't know about the rich lords of England--rather fanciful perhaps, but the names of all those bothers near the bottom of the first page match the names of the brothers on the lists our family has had for many years. I felt that the Richard mentioned on the bottom of that first page must be "my" Richard's father. We--at least from my mother's generation on down, did not know at all that 'our' Richard's family had all gone to Ohio. We just knew that Richard [212] was the only one to have come to Canada. Anyway, my husband and I were so curious that in the summer of 1988, we drove down to Cambridge, Ohio, the county seat for Guernsey Co armed with only the information in that letter. We found out all kinds of information there in the library and court house and traipsed around up hill and down dale (very hilly country) looking at cemeteries and finding the property which Robert Lanning [209] owned at one time. We wondered whatever could have possessed Robert to leave New Jersey in 1819 to farm in such hilly country. The farm, however, which he owned is on top of the hills and appeared to be quite fertile and is now owned by Mennonites or Amish, who farm in the old way and ride in horse and buggy. It was a very exciting thing to make all the discoveries--including Robert's will with the names which correspond to the names on our John's list. We couldn't stay long and one of the things I had wished I had gotten while there was Isaac M.'s will. Thanks very much for sending it as well as all the other information....

Children:

- i. MARY<sup>5</sup>, b. NJ 2 Aug 1752.
- ii. CYNTHIA, b. NJ 6 Jan 1755; m. Sussex Co., NJ 11 May 1774 THOMAS MAYBERRY.
5. iii. ROBERT, b. NJ 3 March 1757; m. SARAH MILLER.
- iv. SARAH, b. NJ 1 Jan 1760.
- v. RICHARD, b. NJ 12 March 1763; d. Smithfield, Jefferson Co., OH 26 Feb 1844; m. NJ ca. 1780 ANNA \_\_\_.
- vi. JOHN, b. NJ 26 Dec 1764.
- vii. ISAAC, b. NJ 8 Jul 1766; d. Guernsey Co., OH 3 June 1859; bur. Clearfork Cemetery, Guernsey Co., OH; m. MARTHA \_\_\_.
- viii. EZEKIEL, b. NJ 25 July 1768.
- ix. JULIA ANN, b. NJ 27 Jan 1771.
- x. JOSEPH, b. NJ 10 Oct 1773.

5. ROBERT<sup>5</sup> LANNING (*Richard*<sup>4-3-2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>), born New Jersey 3 March 1757; died Guernsey, Ohio about 1 July 1841; married SARAH MILLER, born 20 April 1757, died, probably in New Jersey and probably before 1820.

Robert Lanning obtained land in Ohio--southeast quarter of Section 10 in township four of range two (Military District)--Monroe township--Guernsey Co.--8 Aug 1818--land received 15 Jan 1820 and recorded 21 Feb 1820--in deed it says Robert Lanning, assignee of Jacob Lanning (?who was this man? Was he Robert's nephew, his brother Richard's son?) --sold part of this land (south 1/2 of southeast quarter of section 10) to Abraham Lanning, his nephew 2 Aug 1819--recorded Feb 24, 1820--nothing in this sale about dower rights of Sara(h), Robert's wife; so the assumption is that she was dead--Robert and Abraham were both described as being of the county of Guernsey and the State of Ohio. --in 1840 Robert owned 80 acres--section 10, Monroe Township, Guernsey County. --Robert made a will 20 Jan 1834, added a codicil 9 Feb 1838, Guernsey Co., OH --Robert died in 1841, for 1 July 1841--2 witnesses to the will swore that they witnessed the will and that Robert was of sound mind and memory and not under any restraint at the making of the will--appraisement and sale filed 23 May 1842.

#### Robert Lanning

James Monroe, President of the United States of America, To All to whom these presents shall come, Greetings: Know ye that Robert Lanning, Assignee of Jacob Lanning, having deposited in the General Land Office, a certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Zaneville, whereby it appears that full payment has been made for the South East quarter of Section ten in township four of range two (Military District) of the Land directed to be sold at Zaneville by the Actd of Congress, entitled "Abstract Providing for the sale of the Land of the United States in the territory north and east of the Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky River," and of the Act amendatory of the same, there is granted by the United States, unto the said Robert Lanning the quarter lot or section of Land above described To have and to hold the said quarter lot or section of Land, with the appertances, unto the said Robert Lanning his heirs and assigns forever. In Testimony whereof, I have caused these letters to be made patent, and the seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto afformentioned given under my hand at the city of Washington, the Eighth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred Eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the forty third.

By the President                      James Monroe  
Josiah Meigs, Commissioner of the General Land Office

Notes by Jeannette Tyson: The land described above is in Monroe Township, Guernsey County. This county where Robert settled was just organized in March 1810, and the county seat of Cambridge was laid out in 1806, but not incorporated

as a village until 1837. Robert's land was north-east of the town of Cambridge about 12 miles or so. By husband and I drove through the area where Robert's farm was located on the top of a ridge of quite steep hills in fairly rugged countryside. It is rolling countryside on top of those hills, and the farm is now tilled by the Amish. Clearfork Baptist Church and the cemetery where so many Lannings are buried is in a valley about 2-3 miles south from Robert's land approached by a narrow twisty road down a very steep hill. It is probable that Robert and his family moved to Ohio sometime after the marriages of his daughters Sarah and Charity the 13th of June 1818 in Sussex county, New Jersey, but before the marriage of their daughter Elsey, 1 April 1819, in Guernsey County.

WILL: Will of Robert Lanning, probated 1 July 1834; Guernsey Co., OH, wills, Book A, page 518; FHL film no. 894954:

#### ROBERT LANNINGS WILL

In the name of God Amen, I Robert Lanning of the County of Guernsey and State of Ohio, Being of sound and perfect mind and memory--blessed be almighty God for the same--I do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following: that is to say:

First, I give my body to the dust and commit my soul to God. Next it is my will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be fully paid. Next it my will that the remainder part of my goods and chattels, money, and moveable property whatsoever should be equally divided amongst my three sons and six daughters: that is to say: RICHARD LANNING, ISAAC M. LANNING, and JOHN LANNING the 2, and NANCY MORRIS and CHARITY BRUNDAGE and SCYNTHIA MOORE and ELSEY TIDERICK and SARAH FULLER and MATTY MORRIS.

Next, I give, devise, and bequeath to my son John Lanning th 2 all of my mill property that I now own in the State of Ohio and County of Guernsey by his paying my two before mentioned sons and six daughters six hundred dollars within two years after my decease, to be divided amongst them as follows, that is to say: My son Isaac M Lanning to have one hundred dollars, next the remaining five hundred dollars to be equally divided between him (?) said Isaac M. Lanning and my son Richard Lanning and my six before mentioned daughters. Lastly I hereby contitute and appoint Isaac M. Lanning and John Lanning th 2 my two sons to be the Executors for this my last will and testament, revoking and annulling all former wills by me made and ratifying confirmaing this and no other to be my last will and testament, in testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of January in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and thirty-four. Signed, published, and declared by the above named Robert Lanning as for his last will and testament in presence of us who at his request have signed as witness to the same.

Abraham Lanning x Robert x Lanning  
 Edward Milner x mark  
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Whereas I Robert Lanning of the County of Guernsey and State of Ohio having made and duly executed my last will and testament in writing bearing date January the 20, in the year of our Lord 1834, now I do hereby declare this present writing to be a codicil to my said will, and direct the same to be annexed there to and when as a part thereof I do hereby give and bequeathe unto my grand children, that is to say: the sons and daughters of my two deceased daughters, that is to say: NANCY MORRIS and SARAIGH FULLER, the same legacies that my daughters would have been entitled to receive, provided they had not departed this life, to be equally divided amongst them as soon as they arrive to a lawful age to receive the same. Also it is my will that if either of my before mentioned sons or daughters in my said will should depart this life before they receive their legacies that I have bequeathed unto them in my said will, that the same should be equally divided amongst their heirs as soon as they arrive to a lawful age to receive the same. In Witness there of I, the said Robert Lanning have to this codicil set my hand and seal this ninth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight.

(signed) Robert Lanning (by his mark)

Children:

- i. ELIZABETH<sup>6</sup>, b. Sussex Co., NJ 16 July 1780; may have died young, because she is not mentioned in her father's will; Tyson agrees with this assumption: "nothing more has been found about her."
- ii. RICHARD, b. Sussex Co., NJ 12 Oct 1782; d. Yarmouth Twp., Elgin, Ontario, Canada 17 Feb 1873; bur. Seminary Cemetery, Elgin, Ontario, Canada; m. (1) Eva Johnson. --according to family lore--he arrived in Upper Canada (now Ontario) on his 21st birthday--went to Norfolk county--about a third of the way along the North shore of Lake Erie from Niagara Falls--north of the Long Point which you can see jutting out into the Lake" --married Eva Johnson (born 11 Jan 1788) in York county, New Brunswick, Canada between 1804 and 1806 --Eva drowned 23 Oct 1822 and is buried in the Baptist Cemetery, Vittoria, Charlotteville township, Norfolk Co., Ontario, Canada. --Richard both leased and bought land in Charlotteville township, Norfolk Co, and because of service in the war of 1812 (6 months- 14 June to 24 Dec 1812- in the militia) he was granted land (100 acres) in Sombra township, now Lambton Co., Ontario. --on 11 March 1829 Richard bought lot 10, 2nd concession, Yarmouth township in what is now Elgin County-- the deed was registered 5 April 1830-- this land is now lived on by his great-great grandson, Stuart LANNING (in a new house) and Richard LANNING (his 3 great grandson) occupies the house old Richard

built on this property in the 1830's. --\*Richard married a second time 7 July 1833 to Mary Griffin-- Mary was born 8 June 1783 and died 17 Jan 1868. --Richard died 17 Feb 1873 at the age of 90, and is buried in the Seminary Cemetery, Concession 4, lot 11, Yarmouth Twp, Elgin County, Ontario --Richard and Eva had two children: John LANNING born 20 July 1808 and Covil(le) G. LANNING born 24 Sep 1819.

- iii. NANCY ANNA, b. Sussex Co., NJ 23 Aug 1784; d. OH 1834/1838; m. \_\_\_ MORRIS.
- iv. ISAAC, b. Sussex Co., NJ 25 April 1786; d. 1789
- v. JOSEPH, b. 19 Feb 1787; m. Sussex, NJ 4 July 1805 MARY CORSON.
- \* vi. CHARITY, b. Newtown, Sussex Co., NJ 21 Jan 1788; m. Sussex Co., NJ 13 June 1818 BENJAMIN S. BRUNDAGE (*Solomon*, [*Benjamin*], ..., *John*<sup>1</sup>), son of Solomon and Mary (Collins) Brundage; direct ancestors of the compiler; see *John Brundish of Wethersfield, Connecticut* for more information.
- vii. ISAAC M., b. Newton, Sussex Co., NJ 12 Nov 1789; d. Guernsey Co., OH ca. 9 Sep 1868; bur. Clearfork Cemetery, Guernsey Co., OH; m. Newton, Sussex Co., NJ 24 April 1817 LYDIA FULLER.
- viii. CYNTHIA, b. Sussex Co., NJ 24 Sep 1791; m. Guernsey Co., OH 7 March 1820 HEZEKIAH MOORE.
- ix. ELSEY, b. Sussex Co., NJ 31 Aug 1793; d. 1845; m. Guernsey Co., OH 7 April 1819 MICHAEL TETRICKS.
- x. JOHN II, b. Newton, Sussex Co., NJ 3 Aug 1795; d. Guernsey Co., OH 1866; bur. Wheeling Twp., Guernsey Co., OH; m. Sussex, NJ 20 March 1817 SARAH FULLER or SARAH TUTTLE.
- xi. SARAH, b. Sussex Co., NJ 4 Jan 1798; d. 1834/1838; m. Sussex Co., NJ 13 June 1818 JACOB FULLER.
- xii. MARTHA "MATTY," b. Sussex Co., NJ 20 Jan 1800; m. Guernsey Co., OH 10 Feb 1825 PAYTON MORRIS.
- xiii. JULIA ANN, b. Sussex Co., NJ 22 Jan 1802; m. Guernsey Co., OH 29 Dec 1825 WILLIAM DUFFY.

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