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Mr Justus A. Griffin
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My Dear Sir,

I am again going over to our great genealogical and historical Library, the Newbury and picking up data as to our forebears - A genealogist - Mr Claypool here has a copy of Mr R. B. Miller MS of the Griffens, which he allowed me to peruse - But he has not any more of the Long Island and Quaker history of our family than I have - although he has copied in extenso, the deeds and other early records which makes his MS very bulky -

Here is an item which may interest you as well as all of Richard G's descendants – taken from page 56 - Vol XIX No 1 – of the N.Y. Genealogical & Biographical Record – 1888–

Mr. Poyer's Register of Marriages on Long Island – a Minister.

“1724 Aug 18 - License: Wm Barnet, Yeoman, of Jamacia & Susan Griffen, widow of Flushing”!!! So she lost her management of Richard (2) Griffin's Estate by not remaining single! - and taking care of their young children – by re-marrying in about two years after his death-

The above record of Mr. Poyer was copied by Henry Ouderdoug Jr. From license and old sermons of Mr Poyer and incerted by him in the Register properly.

And now to send you a copy of some of the Town records of Southhold and Riverbead L.I. print – in 1882 by order of those towns - with additions by Mr J. Wickham Case.

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“Ye testimony of Edward Petty and Mary Petty his wife

In Southhold ye July 6th, 1675 ye said Edward and Mary saith in their own house they heard Benjamin Horton say he had sould to Mr. Eedes, now of Southampton his house and all his land, whethier 10 or 14 acres lying on ye recre of that two acres of land which ye said Edward bought of Robert S Mytlc now of Satirgcut and most of his land lying in ye old field reserving a little there to himself because he would hold some right in said field and a first *lott* of Comonage ---

Edward Petty

The mark of Mary Petty

Entered here July ye 6th 1675
per Benj Younge recd”

[Abstract]

Know all men by these presents yt I Nichols Eedes doe assign ye within (foregoing) promised twenty acres in Corchang Neck only excepted) unto Edward Griffin Junr'. 25 August 1682.

Nichs Edes

Henry Taylor
John Henschman

Entr ye 25 March 1687.”

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Know all men by these presents yt I Edward Griffing of flushing up on Long Island doe bargain and sell unto Thomas Osman of Southold, a first lott of upland lying at *Occuback* bounded as *falloweth* – yt land of Thomas Moor Sen. On ye east and ye land of John Swazy Sen' on ye West on ye North by the River or Sound and on ye South by ye South River. To have and hold etc. In Witness whereof I hereunto at my hand and fix my seale this 13 day of November 1683

Edward Griffing

His mark

witness Tho Brickman

This is all of Edward's record in Vol 1 of Southold Town records – but on page 107 of Vol 2 –

Southold May ye 23 1704

Edward Griffing – is a witness to an acknowledgment of Thomas X Terried (????) - entered March 1st 1704/5

And the will of Edward Griffin (2), of Westchester Co. NY a Baptist - dated January 17, 1736 – is of our line – He left no male issue and signed his name “ Edward X Griffin”

his mark

But I suppose you have a copy of this will – also of his youngest brother “John (2) Griffing” of Flushing and our Richard (2) of Flushing - if not I will send you copies at my leisure –

Very truly yours
Zeno T. Griffen