

also data that established the parentage of Mercy Shreve and enables all descendants to trace their ancestry to Rhode Island colony in 1642. In nearly every family of the later generations some one has courteously supplied data of their branch. Acknowledgement is hereby made to all of them. Were mention to be made of each contributor the list would comprise a large number.

Mercy Shreve and James White were the parents of six other children, viz: Sarah, b. 1748, Penelope, b. 1755, James, b. 1757, Mary, b. 1759, Martha, b. 1763, and Ann, b. 1770. It would be interesting to know positively whether any of them left descendants. Earnest inquiry has discovered no record of any.

The tabulations of Thomas White's descendants were quite complete to Jan. 1st, 1895, and only in a few instances have later data been entered. The publishing of their genealogy at that time was deferred, that his mother's parentage might be established, if possible. This was particularly desirable since the history and early traditions of her ancestors, until now unknown to this branch, was of such interest. In acquiring this information the tabulations of the other three branches were incidentally collected, and later, it was decided to incorporate them in the work.

The original design was to publish matter of interest only to Thomas White's descendants, and in pursuance of this plan nearly one hundred pages have been devoted to extended sketches of his children and grandchildren, and family letters and documents. The latter are of interest to others of Shreve descent. These letters and documents are careful reproductions of originals with all errors and omissions. They are authoritative, having been collected from reputable sources. Each reader must arrive at his own conclusions with reference to the Holland estate.

Mrs. Amy A. Robinson, Mrs. Martha J. Skinner, and Mrs. Esther M. Reeder, have passed to their reward since contributing the articles bearing their names. The sketches have been arranged in chronological order by families. The author has aimed to contribute only matter not touched upon by others. ("Greene County Life" supplements the "Reminiscences of the Henderson family" and Safety M. Henderson of Whitehall, Ills., is the chief authority for the facts there related. Matter for sketches bearing the author's name has been supplied by descendants, or near relatives.) The returns from the sale of the limited edition of this volume will but partially remunerate for the time and expense incurred in its compilation. The failure of so many subscribers to respond, as they agreed, compelled the abandonment of inserting illustrations