

Martha ———, his wife, was b. about 1652; m. Sarah Areson, dau. of Diedric (or Deric) Areson, of Long Island, about 1680. He d. in Burlington Co., New Jersey, in 1741.

In 1676 a transfer of land in New Jersey was made from John Sheriff to Caleb Sheriff, his brother, which was duly assigned by Caleb Sreve. About this period the orthography of the name was changed to "Sreve," as indicated by the church records in Burlington County. Subsequently it was changed to "Shreve," which form all descendants of Caleb Shreve at this period have adopted. Some descendants of his brothers are found in New Jersey, others probably settled in New York. Caleb permanently located in New Jersey on his marriage, about 1680. He lived after 1699 in Burlington Co., seven miles east of the present site of Mount Holly. At that date his children numbered seven. The eldest, Martha, was twelve years of age; the five next older were boys, with probably the youngest, Mary, an infant; a daughter and two sons were subsequently born. Previous to the birth of the youngest in 1706, the oldest daughter, Martha, married, in 1704.

The family otherwise remained unbroken by marriages until 1711-1713, during which period Thomas, Joshua, Joseph and Caleb married. The marriages of the remaining children occurred: Jonathan in 1720, Mary in 1721, Sarah in 1724, Benjamin, the youngest, in 1729. After marriage the father gave each child a fine farm, the precise locations of which are not known. They were probably all living in Burlington County in 1739, as the poll book of an election held in the county that year has in it the names of every son and son-in-law, excepting John Ogborne. The four elder children had sons old enough to vote, but they may have moved to other places. In the list of voters is an Amos Shreve, and Caleb, Jonathan, Samuel and Thomas Scattergood, who were probably sons of Martha Shreve and Benjamin Scattergood. The descendants of Benjamin, the youngest child, have preserved the best history of the family. He acquired from his father by will the old homestead, and became, by contract with his mother, sole heir to her property, which subsequently they construed to cover her interest in the rumored Amsterdam estate. This instrument was executed in 1740; while she was living with Benjamin, and after the marriages of her other children.

Other branches had heard of the estate, and as a precaution had preserved their lineage to protect their future claims; but as they became more remotely removed from the old homestead their records are not so complete, and assume a more traditional character.