

JOSEPH SHREVE'S DESCENDANTS.

4. iii. JOSEPH SHREVE, probably the third child and second son of Caleb Shreve and Sarah Areson, was b. in 168— on Narumsunk, N. J.; m. Hope Harding, the dau. of Thomas Harding and Elizabeth Nichols, at Friends Meeting in Burlington, Burlington Co., N. J., July 3d, 1711. He d. intestate in Burlington Co., N. J., about 1757.

The parents of Joseph Shreve moved to Freehold, Monmouth Co., N. J., in 1692, from thence in 1699 to Mansfield Tp., Burlington Co., N. J., where they lived, their children married and they died. Very little is known of Joseph Shreve and his family. In his lifetime his father gave him a fine farm in Burlington Co., where he lived and died, probably in Mansfield Tp. The 15th of Oct., 1757, letters of administration were granted on his estate to Thomas Shreve, "he being Duly affirmed and Giving Security well and well and truly to administer the said Deceased's Estate, to Exhibit a true and perfect Inventory and to render a Just and true account thereof." (State Records, Trenton, N. J., Book 8 of Wills, page 517.) There is no record of the settlement of the estate or the names of his heirs to be found in Burlington Co. or Trenton, N. J. The state records designate Joseph Shreve as grantee in transfers recorded in Book E, pages 221, 222, and in Book DD, pages 78 and 253 as grantor. His wife, Hope Harding, was born June 11th, 1694, and he was at least sixty-five or seventy years of age at his death. Those best posted in Shreve history name four children. There were probably others, which unfortunately cannot with any degree of certainty be placed in the family tabulation. An heirloom from Joseph Shreve is in possession of Joseph Shreve, M. D., a lineal descendant, residing in Burlington, N. J. It is a walking cane, made of white oak, having a silver headcap in which is a Spanish half dollar, dated 1742. Its possession passed from Joseph Shreve to his son, Caleb, from him to his son, Joseph, thence to his son, Joseph, thence to his son, Joseph, thence to his nephew, Joseph Shreve, M. D., by will.