

persons, James Yarnell and Betty Martin, who had been in the service of Col. Shreve's father long before the death of his grandfather, and who lived to a very great age. Col. Shreve's statement is the fullest of all. The descendants of Caleb Shreve who remained in Burlington County seemed to have taken the least interest in family history.

Col. Shreve, after the Revolutionary war, moved to the western part of Pennsylvania, and his descendants are scattered throughout the West, chiefly in Louisville and St. Louis. It was from them that I obtained his statement. From a descendant of Col. Shreve's eldest brother, now living in London, I obtained an account of the family almost identical with the other; therefore, I conclude that this tradition was believed in by Caleb Shreve's son, Benjamin, the father of Israel.

The only discrepancies in the written statements that are of consequence in this connection, is whether Caleb Shreve was born in this country, or in England. He died in 1741, or sixty-five years after he purchased at Shrewsbury, N. J., so that he must have been, supposing him to have been twenty-one at the latter time, at least eighty-six when he died. Hence, if born in England, he was very young when he came to this country. It is also evident, from his purchases, that when young he was possessed of considerable means.

I do not think that Caleb Shreve ever lived on Long Island, but he married there Sarah, daughter of Derick or Diedrick Areson, of Flushing. I do not know the date of his marriage, nor when he moved to Shrewsbury Township, N. J.; both events occurred probably about 1680. In different conveyances he is described as "Planter." His name is spelled in various ways, but by himself always Shreve. He lived on Narumsunk, now miscalled Rumsom Neck. He served as grand juror in the years 1692-3-4. Before coming to Burlington County he resided in Freehold, N. J., for a few years, probably removing there from Narumsunk about 1692.

He purchased Mount Pleasant, in Mansfield Township, the old homestead that has been in the possession of the family ever since, and now belongs to my cousin, Benjamin F. Shreve, of Mount Holly, N. J., in April, 1699, and moved there immediately. An account of the title to this place is in the New Jersey Mirror of March 28th last. A portion of the house in which Caleb Shreve lived is still standing. I mean that part of which the first story is of brick, the westerly end thereof, built in 1725, the easterly, as the date states, in 1742. The house is historical, and I should be sorry to see it pass out of the family, or be neglected.