

From what I have said you will see whence came the story that Caleb Shreve came from Amsterdam, his mother was a native of that city, as was his wife's father, and it is possible she may have been born there. I may mention that Col. Shreve's family still possess some silver trinkets and spoons that once belonged to Oara. Caleb Shreve died in 1741; his wife, Sarah, was living in 1735, but I do not know when she died.

I do not know whether the first Caleb was a Friend, or not. I am inclined to think he was. He was rich enough to provide handsomely for all his sons, except Benjamin, before his death. To Benjamin he left by his will the homestead and considerable other property. Benjamin was a Friend. Of the children of Benjamin, Caleb, William, who was a Colonel in the State service; Israel, Colonel of the Second New Jersey Regiment, Continental line; Samuel, who was Lieutenant-Colonel in the State service, took a very active part in the Revolutionary war. Caleb, who was often called Colonel, though I do not know he had any commission, with a few militia resisted the British at Crosswick Creek, and in a personal combat shot the British officer.

Israel Shreve received his first commission in 1775, was in the attack on Quebec. In 1776 he was made Colonel of the Second New Jersey, and was in active service throughout the war. He was a man of noble character and a pure patriot, of whom all Shreves may well be proud, and who was an honor to his state. I intend sometime soon to publish his life and correspondence. I have about two hundred letters written to his wife during the war, letters to and from General Washington and very many other prominent officers of the army. Israel's son, John, was a Lieutenant in his father's regiment. His son, Henry M., distinguished himself in improving the western steamboats and clearing out the Red River Raft. Shreveport was named after him. I have also a great deal of his correspondence. He commanded a battery at the battle of New Orleans. My grandfather was a Captain and saw active service during the Revolutionary war. There were also two or three others of the family who were soldiers, so that notwithstanding their Quaker blood, the family was well represented among the American patriots.

The romantic story of Oara Oara, as forwarded to me by the late Samuel H. Shreve:

Sometime about the close of the Sixteenth, or the beginning of the Seventeenth century, Sir William Shreve, Knight, lived upon the Isle of Wight. Of his life but little is known; tradi-