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Notes Illustrative of the Early Records
OF
KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND
BY
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SECTION 67. S. The following letter will explain itself:

CHESTERTOWN, 23d June, 1875.

Colonel George A. Hanson, of Radcliffe Hall, Kent county, Md: DEAR SIR—In compliance with your repeated requests I write you the following short sketch of the Hepbron family of Kent Co., Md.; but before doing so, I would like to tell you, in connection with your History of Kent County and its early settlers, a tradition, I received from my father, respecting some of your immediate ancestors on the maternal side of your family.

After the battle of Brandywine Washingtons army was compelled to retreat which left the way open for the Britsh to Philadelphia. The British, in order to cripple the resources of the Continental Government and impede the supplies of the American army, did not burn and utterly destroy the mills at Brandywine, as our Northern friends did all through the South, during our late civil war, but simply broke the mill-stones and cast them into the river: even that was considered a barbarous and vandal outrage, in the days of our virtuous ancestors. During the hard winter that Washington's army was encamped at Valley Forge the men were often in a starving condition and supplies had to be obtained from a great distance and with much labor. Robert Morris with the aid of Col. Isaac Perkins bought up all the wheat that could be obtained in Kent county. It was ground into flour at Perkins's mill and waggoned at the expense of much toil and danger to Valey Forge, via Elkton and other round about routes, to avoid the British pickets, whose army was then in possession of Philadelphia. Your great-grand-father, George Black, of Fairfields, commanded the military escort of the supply train to its destination, and repeatedly and successfully accomplished the responsible and hazardous duty.

Col. Isaac Perkins was a man of much wealth and of great credit and influence in Kent county. Had it been otherwise Robert Morris could not have obtained the wheat in such hard times. Col. Isaac Perkins owned two grist mills, a saw mill, other mills and much other valuable property, then in improved condition, which has since gone down. It is said that he raised a company and fully equipped it, with all its necessary appointments, for the service of his country, at his own charge and expense.

Somewhere between the years 1646 and 1668, four brothers, who were grandsons of the Earl of Bothwell, emigrated to this country. One of them settled in Virginia, another one on the Susquehanna in Pennsylvania, and two on the head waters of Fishing creek (at one time in Cecil county), but now Lloyd's creek, in Kent Co., Md. These two were named James and Joseph Hepbron. Joseph Hepbron died without leaving a family. James Hepbron, from whom all of the name of Hepbron, now living in Kent county, claim their descent, leased or patented much land from the Lord Proporietor of the Province of Maryland; all of which has been sold or alienated from the family, except a small farm of about two hundred acres, now belonging to William Thomas Hepbron, of Still Pond. On this farm, which was never sold, is situated the family burying ground, in which lies buried all the Hepbrons that died in this county previous to the year 1829, and some who have died since.

James Hepbron, the first of the name, here, married, late in life, and left only one son, Thomas Hepbron. Thomas Hepbron, when he was getting old, married Miss Wilkerson and left an only son whose name was, also, Thomas Hepbron. This Thomas Hepbron married Mary Sewell, by whom he had the following children, viz: Thomas, Nancy, Sally, John, and Joseph Hepbron. Thomas Hepbron married Miss Duyer, by whom he had one son, Thomas, and two daughters. This son was also known as and called "Branch Tom," because he lived by a big branch, and, to distinguish him from his father and cousin of the same name. This Thomas Hepbron, or "Branch Tom," married Elizabeth Wilson, by whom he had four sons, viz:—William Thomas Hepbron, the present owner of the old homestead; George Hepbron, John Hepbron, and James Hepbron, all living.

John Hepbron married, in 1785, Mary Stavely, a daughter of John and Mary Redgrave Stavely, by whom he had 12 children, viz: Thomas, lately known as Col. Tom; Nancy, Elizabeth, Joseph, James and John, twins; Samuel, Mary, Cassandra, Sewell, William, and one that died unnamed. The writer of this is the only one now living.

The name, as I find from old papers and parchments has been variously spelled, Hepbron, Hepbroun, Hepbron and Hepburn, which latter mode I have no doubt is the correct way of spelling it.

Much of what I have written I have received from my old Uncle Thomas Hepbron, who if he were now living would be 135 years old, and has been dead over 45 years. He used to delight me much, when a boy, exhibiting to us, boys the old family jewels that had regularly descended to him as the oldest heir male. Among them were many quaint old rings, knee and shoe buckles, bracelets, &c., of massive gold with brilliants, that were heir looms; which he said had regularly descended from his Scottish ancestors. I have been with him to the family graveyard, where he has pointed out to me the spot where old James Hepbron lies buried, over whose grave is now growing, as was then, a large walnut tree. In searching over the old records of this county you will find the name but rarely mentioned. The Hepbrons were a quiet, honest and unobtrusive race, not one of them up to this time, that I have ever heard, has ever held or asked for an office. It may be that we are descended from James Hepburn, Earl of Bothwell, out of whose bones ambition was probably squeezed when he fled his native land to Denmark, because of his complicity in the murder of Lord Darnly, the husband of Mary Queen of Scotland, divorcing his own wife and marrying the Queen himself.

The first generation or two, in this country, as I suppose they were in Scotland, were Roman Catholics.

I have seen the old parchment, the first grant of land to James Hepbron or Hepbrun, as it was then spelled, from Lord Baltimore. It was burned up with many othr old and quaint relics with the old mansion, about the year 1844.

I was married in 1828 to Miss Jane Cavender, who died in 1829, leaving one child, Louis Spearman Hepbron, who married Miss Elizabeth Roseberry, daughter of James Roseberry, and has four children, viz: James, Archer, Lewis, and Lelia Hepbron.

I married a second time, 12th of March 1832, Miss Martha Priscilla Maslin, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Wroth Maslin, and had the following children, viz: Margaret Elizabeth Hepbron, wife of Reyner Stavely; Rev. Sewell Hepbron, the present Rector of St. Paul's and I. U. Parishes in Kent county, who married Miss Selina Lloyd Powell, daughter of Charles Powell, of Alexandria, Va., who has two children, Charles Powell and Sewell Hepbron; and Edward Wroth Hepbron, who married Miss Mary Alice Jackson, of Loudon Co., Va.

Very respectfully yours,
(31) SEWELL HEPBRON.

MILLINGTON

The many friends of Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Clark regret losing them from the community, but welcome the Rev. Lester Smallwood and family to his new field of labor and trust through the full co-operation of both people and pastor, this may prove a very successful year. The members of Trinity M. E. Church, South, are urged to be present each Sunday at 2 p. m. If you miss a service you miss a blessing.

Mrs. John H. Ahern left last Saturday for Miami, Fla., where she will spend some time.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society, of Asbury M. E. Church, will hold a Food Sale in the Electric Shop on E. Cypress St. this Saturday, November 4.

We are sorry to report Rev. A. W. Goodhand on the sick list this week.

Mr. H. H. Stauffer moved last Tuesday from his home on West Cypress St. to Denton, Md.

Mrs. M. E. Chandler, of Crumpton, Mrs. J. L. Smith, Mrs. N. A. Wallen, Mrs. C. S. Church and Mrs. Leo Gale attended the Annual Convention of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, which was held at Newark, Del., on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Mrs. Noah Walker spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. John Brice, of Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Gayton, of Philadelphia, were guests last Sunday of her niece, Miss Marie Vansant.

Little Kay Heighe Ahern is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Terry Mitchell, of Waynesboro, Pa.

The reguar monthly business meeting and social of Trinity Epworth League was held at the home of Mr. Anthony Durham on Friday, November 3rd at 8 p. m. Trinity Epworth League is able to report the following for the Home of the aged at Gaithersburg, Md. 63 jars of fruit, jelly and pickle, 7 baskets of sweet potatoes, 4 baskets of white potatoes, 1 case of canned asparagus, 3 pumpkins and 1 bag of flour. The truck from the Home arrived in Millington on Monday, October 29. The Leaguers wish to thank the public for heir contributions and co-operation in this splendid work.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Stevens and daughter, Ethel, were guests last Sunday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brice, near Rock Hall.

Mr. Woodward Howze, of Richberg, S. C., is visiting his aunt, Miss Mattie G. Hazell.

The regular monthly meeting of the woman's Home Missionary Society, of Asbury M. E. Church, was held last Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Fred Lee.

The members of the Epworth League of Trinity M. E. Church, South, accepted an invitation to be present at Galena M. E. Church to render a program on Sunday evening last. The League was well represented with twenty-six in the group, twenty-one being members of the organization. The Millington Leaguers received a warm welcome from the Galena League and the musical program given by the Galena folk following the League service with a talk by Rev. J. A. Rood, of Chesterville, was much enjoyed by all. We hope to have Galena League visit Millington in the near future.

Go Out and Get It

By LUCILLE BARNES

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JOAN VERNE closed her shorthand note book and looked across the smooth expanse of the glass-top desk at the harassed middle-aged executive at the other side.

"Business seems to be picking up, Mr. Walker. How about a raise?"

Mr. Walker said the usual thing. Profits were increasing; so were expenses. No chance of real improvement without continued economy. Besides, she wasn't worth a cent more that she got.

Joan looked bored, thought a moment, and then asked him if it would be putting him in a jam if she left that afternoon.

"Why, you couldn't possibly do that!" he said. "You're the only person beside myself who knows about that deal in Pittsburgh. You must be crazy. I'd be out hundreds of dollars if you should leave me now. There's a law against such a thing."

"Maybe so," she said, "but there's nothing to stop me from having a nervous breakdown or something, and never coming back. Except, possibly, seven dollars more a week."

"Make it four," he said.

"Split the difference, and make it five-fifty."

"Oh, all right."

"Thank you very much, Mr. Walker," she said in her most business-like manner.

At ten minutes after five Joan was on her way to her favorite beauty parlor.

Joan was a favorite at the beauty parlor, not because of her docile approval of everything that Maggie and Maurice and Olga did, but because of her insistence on perfect work. Today she had been even more exacting than usual. But her look of real, genuine approval at her reflection in the mirror as she went out was worth a great deal more to them than her none-too-lavish tip.

"You are the loveliest woman in the world," Stanley Jones told her when she met him in the lobby of the Smith-Bradly. "Absolutely, you are the loveliest woman in the world," he told her again as they sat down at their table in the roof garden dining room. "Don't you know that you are gorgeous?"

Joan looked across the table, avoiding his direct glance by a tantalizing fraction of an inch.

"But I'm just a very ordinary sort of person," she said. "Just like thousands of other stenographers working to make an honest living in a big city."

"But you could do a great deal better than that if you only knew it. With your wonderful personality and intelligence. You don't half appreciate yourself. I don't believe you get a cent more than my own stenographer. And you're worth infinitely more to any man. You wouldn't even ask for a raise, I suppose, you shy little girl. With your personality and intelligence and charm, there would be no limit to what you could do. But the trouble is other people take advantage of you. What you should do is make up your mind what you want and then go out and get it, the same way other people do without half your ability."

"I don't like to be scolded," Joan told him. "I wish you'd say something nice."

"But, Joan, I've told you how—how adorable you are. I've said all the nice things I dare. You're the most wonderful woman I ever knew. You're positively glamorous."

"But I'm really not a bit glamorous," she said. "And the only time I ever pretend I am is when I'm with you. I never attract attention."

"But you could if you wanted to," he said, "if you wanted to doll up and use make-up and spend money on beauty parlors as other girls do. You know I've often wondered why you never used rouge or any of the other kinds of war paint."

"Oh, you're scolding me again," Joan told him. "First, because I didn't ask for a raise, and second because I don't go to beauty parlors."

"It's all part of the same scold," Stanley said. "It's a fault that makes me love you all the more."

"But you just said you wanted me to doll up and go to beauty parlors."

"Not for my sake," he said. "Only for your own sake, to give you more confidence, and to make you seem as utterly lovely to yourself as you always do to me—so that other people would realize, and you'd know they realized, how charming you are."

"Perhaps I will sometime," said Joan. "Only men are likely to misunderstand a girl's motives."

"And that," said Stanley, "was precisely the sort of thing you would say. But don't you see, if you dolled up, they couldn't. Because with your exquisite taste, it wouldn't be obvious. They'd never even suspect it. Will you do it sometime for my sake?"

"Sometime," she said.

Stanley, utterly oblivious of the waiter, put his hand over Joan's.

"The sometime will be when you have consented to be my wife," he said.

"And you won't ever tell me that I ought to make up my mind what I want and then go out and get it—as you told me I ought to ask for a raise?"

"No, Joan," he said. "Because if you'd ever gone out after things there would never have been a chance of persuading you to marry me."

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