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We are now at Walbrook, which looks very sweet. We should like very much to have you with us, & the next best thing will be to learn you are all well & going to take possession of Dry Neck. Dr. C. writes me that whilst they have had too much wet weather they have escaped the violent rains from which we have suffered, & thus far the wheat has not suffered material injury. They are in great fear however of Rust. The wheat at the Neck he says has improved very much & the heads are very long. The Corn is lower than he has known it at this season. Seasons prohibitions for planting 2/3 of his own plantations. The Army worm has made its appearance in some of the wheat fields. Robbie is with them & making a pleasant impression.

I read your letter with much interest, as whether wise or not, I am interested in the old family records. If one of each generation would write a faithful family history to descend with the copy of family it would be a very interesting & might be made a useful chart to succeeding generations. You ask me if I can tell ab gaps presented between the dates of the documents you refer to. It might possibly be done, but no one has undertaken to trace the history of the family or seems likely to do so. The data might be found with the several branches & in the Records of Friends Meetings.

There seems to have been several branches of the family settled at W. R. Perhaps 3 or 4 Brothers all singularly terminating in a female, & the family name of Galloway thus lost among them. According to my idea the Juliet Hill family were the descendants of one Brother, Ann who married a Pemberton the descendant of another, the lady who married a Sprigg of a third, & she who married a Johns of a fourth. The names of Samuel & Joseph abound very frequently among them. You state the date of the marriage of Samuel to Ann Webb at Devonshire House to be 1689. If so this cannot be the couple who entertained Thos. Story at West River which according to his journal was I think in 1682. I do not know the Estates of "White Hall" or "What you will" by those names. Wm. Pemberton I knew was a Cousin of our Grt Grandfather & not a Sister. His Sister (Fanny) married a Stibbens