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from London to which her father had removed & sent him without having asked leave. A daughter married but died also leaving no children. The Chester family in Hereford Ministered in America to the descendants of James Chester, son of James Chester, son of Dr Daniel Chester. and to those of his sisters. Ann married to Caspar Morris, and Fanny married to Dr James H Murray (one child of Raphael) married to Dr James H Murray

In the letters of Mrs Beasley reference is also made to the Stevensons. The history is also a sad one, - During the absence of Mr Chester in England - 1781-2 - pending the War of the Revolution - Mrs S an partner & brother collected in paper currency the largest part of the debts due to the firm & appropriated the money to his own purposes & when his brothers return before the conclusion of the war made him an object of suspicion on account of his loyalty to the British government. Owing to this Mrs B refers to the strong aversion & oppression to her brother. On the death of Mr Stevenson Mr Chester & his sister took charge of the children sons & daughters.

One daughter Mary he took to his own house. The letter of Edmund Hall has reference to her. She became Mrs Hall the grandmother of Augustus & Frederick who married daughters of Dr James Chester. Another daughter married Hall also of Wall River

One of the sons was the father of Mrs Dr William Brogden & William Stevenson who married Miss Taney daughter of Roger Taney Chief Justice of United States

England to be educated under their care. He returned to India in the civil service which quite young he resigned there & then only about 21. years old much to the gratification of his adoptive mother. At the death of Mrs Beasley she bequeathed legacies to her nephew & niece James Chester & Frances ~~Augusta~~ Chester who had borne her aunts name - but the bulk of the estate went properly to her adopted nephew of her husband from whom she had received it.

In the year 1836 Mr Morris - daughter of James Chester the nephew of Mrs Beasley - was in England - While at Gloucester we saw in the Cathedral the stones inscribed with the names of various members of the family and called at the dwelling of Miss Chester who lived in the Cathedral Close, as the surviving daughter of a Reverend Canon of that Cathedral recently deceased. She was absent. We also drove to the residence of Mr Cannon a landed proprietor who lived some miles in the country. At the time we called the family was astir yet scarcely it was after noon day - We merely left cards stating who we were & drove away

In 1872 at Jerusalem we were thrown into close intimacy with the Revd Canon Samuel Lyson of Gloucester & mentioning that Mrs Morris was a Chester he felt once he appreciated the family & begged we would visit him at his home when he would invite the Cannons to meet us.