God grant to lighten on [illegible] in that space of time
with which I have [illegible] abundants one
son hath been added [illegible] in short three
[illegible] years, our [illegible] there are I hope
God in good health [illegible] hope and self; and
I am then coming to [illegible] understand the cir-
-cumstances of yours, with that of your mother and sister
with her children, and [illegible] seeing all of you
well, cheerfully undertake a long journey by land,
being sorry that occasions separates us, hoping that in
time your occasions may bring you over, seeing
you I should think it a great degree of happiness
to have a sight of you. Your aunt Elly sister is yet
living and a widow, and so is my Cousin Cooper, the taller
in Ratcliff, with whom my eldest daughter is at board
to learn what relates to the needle, going to dances
at a school hard by, which I was willing so to con-
-tribute as somewhat of help to my good Cousin whose
circumstances too much bespeak it, as concluding it a
duty, in such to whom the Almighty has been pleased
to dispense his bounty with a more liberal and ex-
-tended hand to carry a tender and compassionate regard
towards those (especially relatives) to whom his all wise
providence it has been more restrained or short, since
all these sublunary things after a short steward-
-ship will [illegible] in the common state
of mortality [illegible] provided for to our great
master [illegible] of creation
but chief [illegible] to which we are
in latest. [illegible] I think a very
good christian [illegible] and the comfort of a
great change [illegible] through her widow's state
to visit her children and [illegible] in any difficult times.
I pray Cousin to know from you whether your father
grandfather or great grandfather were at any
time of Scotland or of what place in that, for
I have heard of any of the name but from this
County. I conclude with my prayers for your prosper-
-ity, letting remain with very hearty respect and
love to your mother sister and dear self, remain-
-ing

Your truly affectionate Kinsman
Abr.m Tilghman

Woodw.ch
26 Oct. 97.

Surgeon Tilghman was in that in 1763 & 1764 and
was acquainted by Abraham Tilghman, the Son of the
dec.d Ab. Tilghman. From the Parish Church of that,
he took a Memorandum that Ab. Tilghman died in April
1729 at the age of 79 years. –