

# The Williams Family Metedeconk Homestead

*1788 to Present*



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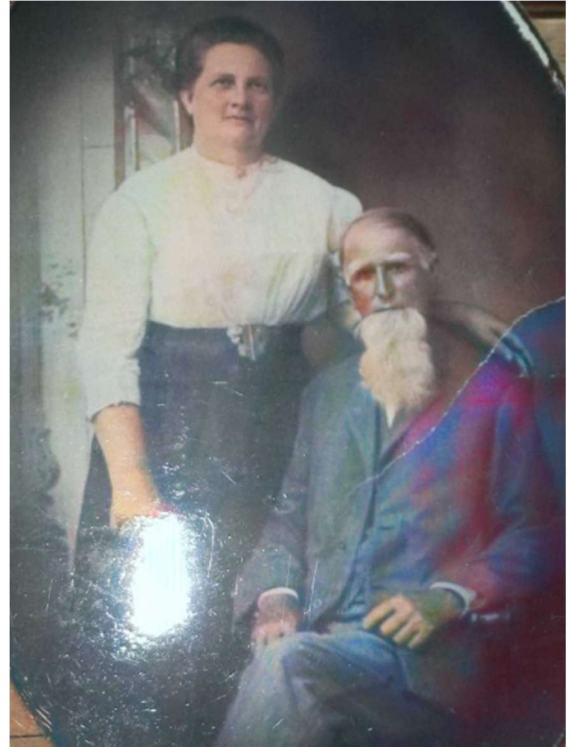
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*Daniel David Williams &  
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*William Henry Harrison Williams &  
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## **Introduction:**

In post-Revolutionary War America, the Williams Family of Shrewsbury and Deal migrated further southwest, leaping into the pinelands of lower Shrewsbury, now known as Howell Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey. They established a family homestead that would serve several generations of the family. This is an analysis of the family and the land, and how both evolved until an extraordinary series of tragedies effectively froze the estate in time, leaving much of it essentially the same as it was over a hundred and sixty years ago.

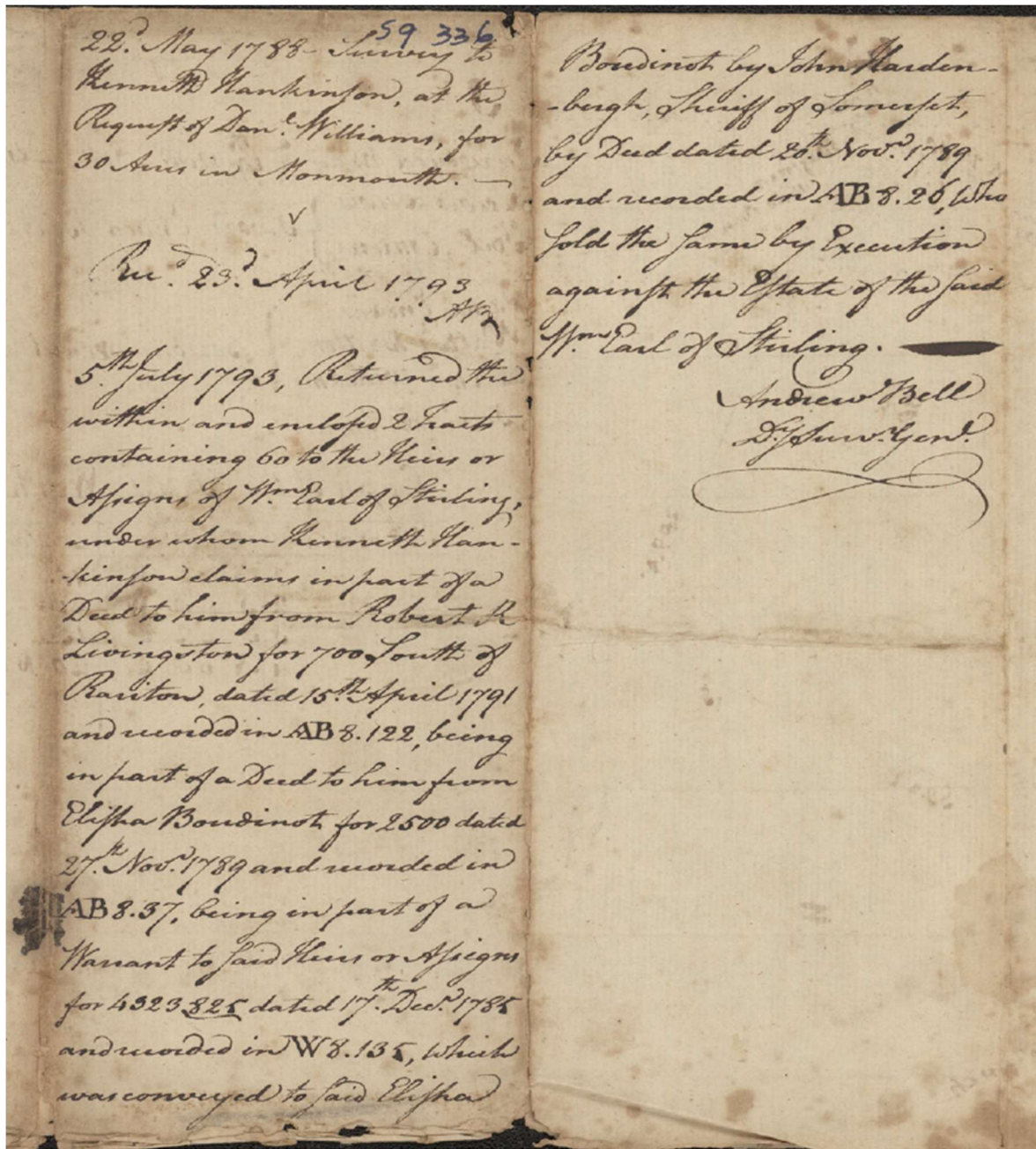
## **Revolutionary War Period – The 1788 Land Acquisition:**

In 1788, Daniel Williams (abt. 1737-1795) requested the survey of 30 acres on the north side of the North Branch of the Metedeconk River in Shrewsbury, Monmouth County. He was actively constructing a new house on the property that he was having surveyed (see Land Survey, Figure 3b). Daniel was the son of John Williams, the cordwainer (1705-1776) of Shrewsbury (see Will of John Williams, Figure C-4). He began paying tax on the 30 acres in 1794 as shown in the tax ratables of Shrewsbury, NJ when his improved land increased from 30 to 60 acres (see Shrewsbury Tax Ratables, Figure B-1). It is most likely that it was this older Daniel and not his son Daniel, just turning 21 at the time, who initiated the transaction for the 30 acres. The deal included major political and land real estate players and could probably only have been initiated by an older and established man who was well connected to the proprietors of Monmouth County, as elder Daniel was likely to be as the great-grandson of Monmouth settler John Williams (1640-1719) (see Will of John Williams, Figure C-1, Will of Daniel Williams, Figure C-2 and Hornor Excerpt, Figure C-3; Will of John Williams, Figure C-4).

The 1788 transaction is significant for a number of reasons. Unlike several Williams family contemporaries dealing with loss from their loyalist activities during the Revolutionary War, this land transaction appears to be a different story and shows the family's footprint growing. First, the warrants, or rights to claim land, were repossessed from William Alexander, Lord Stirling, a NJ Surveyor General who died heavily in debt near the end

of the war. The administrator of William Alexander's estate and prime lender, Robert R. Livingston, reclaimed and sold these and other land warrants to satisfy debts and to assist his then-bankrupt cousin, Sarah Livingston, the widowed Lady Stirling. In addition to his role as Surveyor General, William Alexander was a Major General under George Washington. Robert R. Livingston, along with Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin and Roger Sherman served on the Committee of Five that drafted the Declaration of Independence. A few months following this 1788 land transaction, Livingston swore into office the first President of the United States, George Washington. This was patriot land (see Survey Return, Figure 1; Valentine, *Lord Stirling*, 1969).

The survey of the land was conducted by Anthony Dennis on behalf of Kenneth Hankinson and at the request of Daniel Williams d.1795.



**Figure 1:** Page 1 of the Original Survey Return and Chain of Title from S9-336 (Recorded July 5, 1793). Signed by Surveyor General Andrew Bell, this document traces the land ownership from Lord Stirling's estate to Daniel Williams. Courtesy of the New Jersey State Archives, Early Land Records.

Transcribed text:

*S9 336 22d. May 1788 Survey to Kenneth Hankinson, at the Request of Danl. Williams, for 30 Acres in Monmouth.*

*Recd [Received] 23d. April 1793 AB [Andrew Bell]*

*5th July 1793, Returned the within and enclosed 2 Tracts containing 60 to the Heirs or Assigns of Wm Earl of Stirling, under whom Kenneth Hankinson claims in part of a Deed to him from Robert R Livingston for 700 South of Raritan, dated 15th April 1791 and recorded in AB 8. 122, being in part of a Deed to him from Elisha Boudinot for 2500 dated 27th Novr 1789 and recorded in AB 8. 37, being in part of a Warrant to said Heirs or Assigns for 4323 325 [sic] dated 17th Decr 1785 and recorded in W 8. 135, Which was conveyed to said Elisha Boudinot by John Harden-bergh, Sheriff of Somerset, by Deed dated 20th Novr 1789 and recorded in AB 8. 26, Who Sold the same by Execution against the Estate of the said Wm Earl of Stirling. —*

*Andrew Bell Dy Surv Genl [Deputy Surveyor General]*

This document outlines a complex chain of ownership of the land warrants involving several prominent historical figures. It confirms that the land surveyed for Daniel Williams originated from the estate of William Alexander, Lord Stirling.

The path of ownership is as follows (East Jersey Proprietary Records, S9-336):

- 1) William Earl of Stirling (Estate) until Nov. 20, 1789 (Original Owner)
- 2) John Hardenbergh on Nov. 20, 1789 (Sheriff of Somerset, sold land by execution/force to pay debts)
- 3) Elisha Boudinot from Nov. 20 until Nov. 27, 1789 (Bought the land from the Sheriff in 1789)
- 4) Robert R. Livingston from Nov. 27, 1789 to April 15, 1791 (A Founding Father, bought it from Boudinot)
- 5) Kenneth Hankinson (Acquired it from Livingston, surveyed it for Daniel Williams)
- 6) Daniel Williams from April 15, 1793 (However he had full use of the land as of the 1788 survey, and had already been constructing a home there)

The record summary on the NJ Early Land Records website states the others named in the document which include: Nathaniel Britton (Present at survey); Anthony Dennis (Deputy Surveyor) (Signatory); James Emans (Present at survey); Joel Emans (Chain Bearer); John Hardenbergh (late Sheriff of Somerset) (Former owner of land); Lewis Lewis (Chain Bearer); John Rutherford (Surveyor General).

Select	Name	Descriptions and Location	Date	Reference
	Williams, Daniel (On a right of location; Also owner of adjoining land and house) (Grantee)	TO: William Earl of Stirling (Heirs and Assigns of; Sold by Sheriff); Kenneth Hankinson (at the request of Daniel Williams); Daniel Williams (On a right of location; Also owner of adjoining land and house) FROM: Robert R. Livingston SURVEY AND MAP. 30 acres. On the Southeast side of Miery Branch where it vents into the North branch of the Metetecunk River; Shrewsbury Township; Monmouth County. One of two tracts; surveyed together for 60 acres; containing 30 acres. (See also: S9, 336). OTHERS NAMED: Andrew Bell (Deputy Surveyor General); Elisha Boudinot (Former owner of land); Nathaniel Britton (Present at survey); Anthony Dennis (Deputy Surveyor) (Signatory); James Emans (Present at survey); Joel Emans (Chain Bearer); John Hardenbergh (late Sheriff of Somerset) (Former owner of land); Lewis Lewis (Chain Bearer); John Rutherford (Surveyor General) LOCATIONS: East Jersey; Monmouth; Shrewsbury Township; Metedeconk River; Miery Run; Houses, Buildings, Structures, Cabins; Roads, Streets, Highways, Paths	22 May 1788	EJ Loose Records : S9-336 [1 of 2] (65269) (PEASJ003)  <a href="#">View PDF</a>

**Figure 2:** Database entry for East Jersey Proprietary Record S9-336 (May 22, 1788). Courtesy of the New Jersey State Archives, Early Land Records.

Sir

I Have Survey'd for Kenneth Hankinson at the Request of Daniel Williams, on a Right of Location of Pine Land, All the Tract of unappropriated Land, Situated on the South East Side of Miery branch, which Vents into the North Side of the North branch of Metetecunk river, About a Mile to<sup>the</sup> Southward; in the Township of Shrewsbury, in the County of Monmouth, and Eastern Division of New Jersey: Begining at the End of Eight Chains & Forty Links on a So<sup>uth</sup> Twenty Seven degree East Course, from the South East Corner, of Said Da[niel] Williams's New House, (not yet finished) at a White Oak Saplin about [?] inches through marked on four Sides and one notch under Each bla[ze] Standing about Six foot Northward of a Road, Thence (1) North twenty Degrees West Fifteen chains, Thence (2) South Sixty Eight degrees Wes[t] Twenty chains, Thence (3) South twenty two degrees East Fifteen cha[ins] Thence (4) North Sixty Eight degrees East twenty Chains to the Beginin[g] Containing thirty Acres Strict Measured, A Map of which Survey, Computation of its Contents, A Copy of the Field work, And the names [of] the Chain Bearers and other persons present, Are here with Deliver[e]d you, Dated this Twenty Second day of May, one thousand Seven Hu[n]dred And Eighty Eight.

Anthony Dennis Depu<sup>t</sup> Sur[veyor]

**Figure 3a:** Page 3 of the Original Survey Return S9-336 (May 22, 1788). Written by Deputy Surveyor Anthony Dennis describing the metes and bounds of the 30-acre tract. Courtesy of the New Jersey State Archives, Early Land Records

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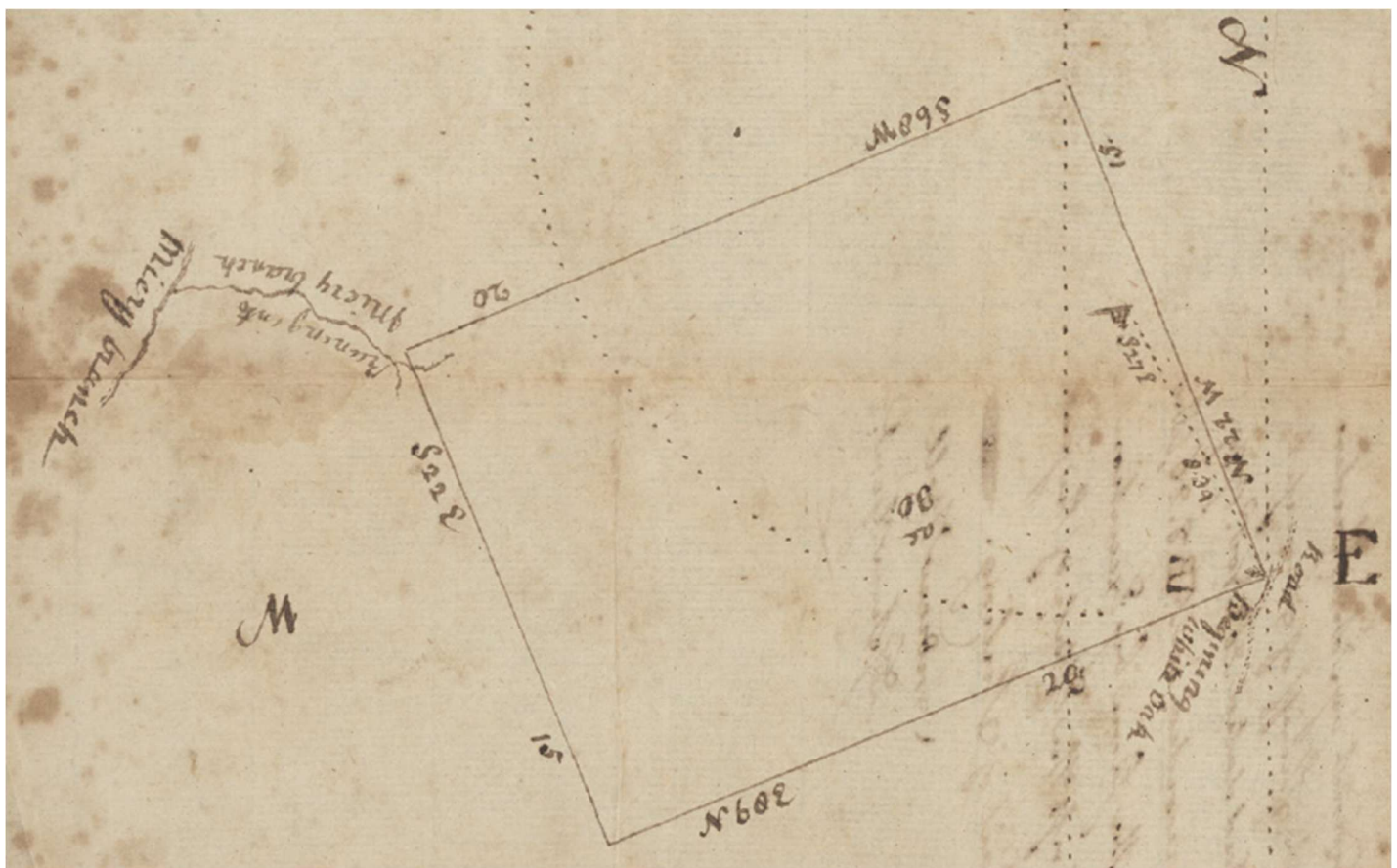
Date: May 22, 1788

People: Kenneth Hankinson, Daniel Williams, Anthony Dennis (Surveyor)

Location: Shrewsbury Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey (near the North branch of the Metetecunk/Metedeconk River)

A note on the land survey process and accuracy of the time: It is historically consistent for there to be noticeable differences between recorded and actual metes and bounds from this period. Heavily wooded and partially swampy tracts such as this one were difficult to measure with the chains of the time. In this case, it's estimated that the actual tract may have been closer to 40 acres than the 30 acres recorded (Author's estimation based on 1930s Aerial and NJDEP GIS tax map overlays).

Included in the survey was the drawn plot of land with metes and bounds, as well as geographic descriptions used to locate the land.

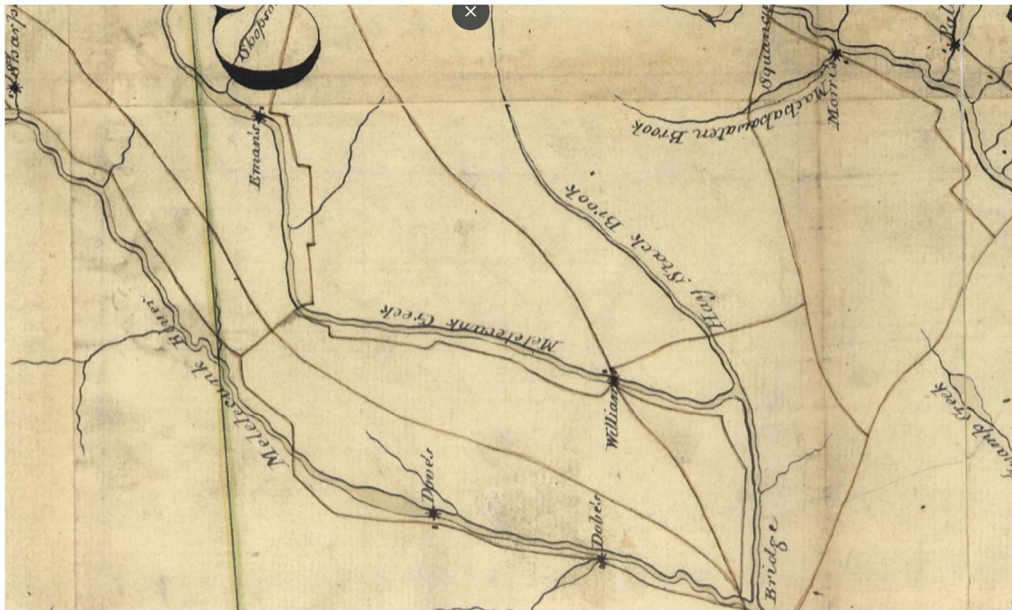


**Figure 3b:** Page 3 of Original Survey Return S9-336 (May 22, 1788). Hand-drawn survey sketch illustrating the geometry of the 30-acre tract. Courtesy of the New Jersey State Archives, Early Land Records.

In isolation, the 1788 survey for Daniel Williams tells us the following about the location of the land:

- 1) It was located on the north side of the North Branch of the Metedeconk River in Shrewsbury, NJ
- 2) It was in the form of a partially rotated rectangle with an area of approximately 30 acres
- 3) At the southeast corner of the property, there was a road running generally north-south
- 4) At the northwest corner there was a muddy stream, or "miery branch" that ran for about a mile before draining into the north side of the North Branch of the Metedeconk River (see Land Survey, Figure 3b)

Although this area was not yet well settled, it was familiar to the Williams Family. When Daniel Williams d.1795 was a young man, his father John's first cousin, John Williams (1719-1768), was very active in this exact area. He and his business partners owned vast tracts of pine land here and operated two mills right down the road (see Map Details, Figure 4a and 4b; Wills, George Williams, 1743, Figure C-38, Wills, John Williams, 1768, Figure C-39; Land Records, Figure A-5 and A-6). The first mill was located where modern-day Route 9 spans over the North Branch of the Metedeconk River, as illustrated by the British in their 1781 map. The second was located where modern-day Lanes Pond Road crosses the eastern edge of Lake Louise, on the Haystack Brook tributary of the North Branch of the Metedeconk River (see Monmouth County Map, 1781, Figure 4a, Monmouth County Map, 1851, Figure 4b; Hornor 1932, 116; Nelson 1901, 530–31; Stillwell 1903, 1:267).



**Figure 4a:** Detail from "Map of Monmouth County" (1781) by Hills, Morgan and Dennis. "To His Excellency Sir Henry Clinton, K.B., general and commander of His Majestys [sic] Forces, &c &c &c in North America. This map is most humbly dedicated by His Excellencys [sic] most obedient humble servant, John Hills, asst. engineer."



**Figure 4b:** The "New Williams Saw Mill" from the 1761 land survey (Figure A-6) is now labeled as the "Old Saw Mill" in the 1851 map. The John Williams saw mill cited in Figure A-5 at the intersection of Route 9 and the North Branch of the Metedeconk River no longer exists.

This cousin, John Williams, died in 1768, just before the war. Many of his land and mill investments in this area do not seem to appear in his will and are presumed to either have been sold to his partners, the Throckmortons, before his death, or confiscated from his heirs, who were riddled with British Loyalists during the Revolutionary War (see Wills, John Williams 1768, Figure C-39; Publications, Loyalists, Figure C-40). Twenty years after the death of this John Williams, the family returned to the North Branch.

## **Antebellum Period – The Growth of the Homestead & the Loss of the Patriarch**

Having just arrived to the area, Daniel Williams died in 1795, only two years after he started paying taxes on the 30-acre tract (see Will of Daniel Williams, Figure C-5, Tax Ratables, Figures B-1 and B-2). His son, Daniel Williams (abt. 1767-1832) continued the operation and expanded the farm, adding an additional 30 acres for a total of 60 acres, which were split amongst his children at his death in 1832 (see Partition Notices, Figures C-6 and C-7). Two of the four shares were left to son Daniel Williams (1802-1843), who appears to have proceeded to buy out his sibling, nephew and nieces and further expanded the farm by an additional 40 acres. The 30-acre original 1788 homestead was now 100 acres, which contained an apple orchard, oak and pine forests and most likely additional cleared farming plots (see Estate Sale Notices, Figures C-9 and C-10).

The third Daniel Williams to live and farm the homestead took his own life in 1843. In the report about his death, it was said that “not having the fear of God before his eyes but being seduced by the Devil” he hanged himself “in a certain wood” from “a certain oak tree near to Joseph Reynolds” (see Coroner's Inquest, Figure C-11). He died young at the age of 41. Several of his children were minors who continued to live on the property in the “newer house” until the remarriage of Daniel’s widow, Elizabeth Layton, to Gilbert L. Layton. By 1850, Elizabeth and five younger Williams children had moved into the household of Gilbert Layton (see Estate Sale Notice, Figure C-10; U.S. Federal Census, 1850, Howell Township, Monmouth County, Household of Gilbert Layton).

In 1849, Daniel and Elizabeth’s oldest child, Mary Williams, and her husband, Israel West Reynolds, who lived directly south of the Williams Homestead, requested the division of the land for the nine heirs (see Abstract of Division, Figure C-8; Application for Division, Figure C-9). Since the land could not be properly divided, it was sold for cash proceeds. Interested parties were instructed to see Israel Reynolds, who ultimately purchased the entire 1788 Williams tract from the estate (see Estate Sale Notice, Figure C-10).

The extraordinary chain of events that followed confirms that the homestead was indeed purchased by Reynolds. First, Israel and Mary Reynolds appear to have arranged for the “newer house” that Daniel Williams d.1843 had constructed just before his death to be utilized as the new neighborhood school, labeled as a district school on the 1851 Monmouth County Map (see Detail of *Map of Monmouth County*, 1851, Figure 4c). There is no record of the construction of a new school house in the area until 1870, supporting the theory that the school house was a preexisting residential structure.

The 1851 map shows Gilbert Layton with new wife, Elizabeth Layton and Williams children, including sons Daniel David Williams and William H. H. Williams, living to the south of the school. J Reynolds to the east of them on the map is Joseph Miller Reynolds, who is the father of Mary Williams’ husband Israel West Reynolds, the new owner of the land and the apparent reason for the new D School designation on the map (see 1851 Map Detail, Figure 4c).



Figure 4c: Detail from "Map of Monmouth County, New Jersey" (1851) by Lightfoot & Geil.

### Civil War Period – Tragedy & Survival:

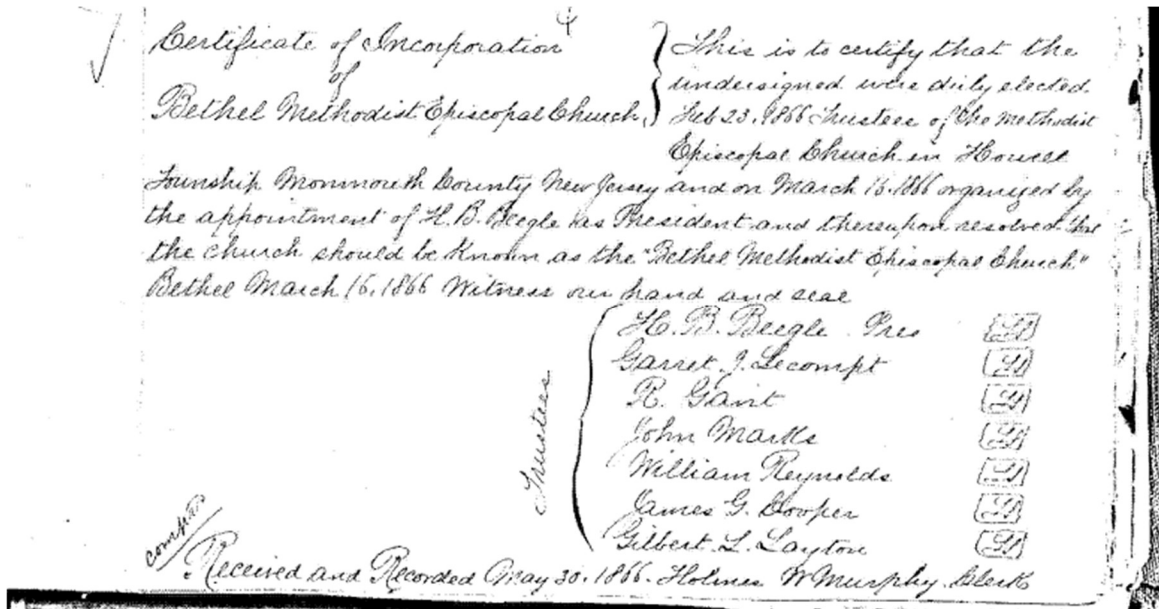
This appears to have been the status quo until the American Civil War, as young men from the community volunteered to serve the Union. Many enlisted in the Monmouth County-sourced Company K of the 29<sup>th</sup> NJ Volunteer Infantry, including Daniel D. Williams, no longer a boy, his oldest brother, Thomas Edward Williams and his brother-in-law, Stewart Newman (Muster Rolls, Monmouth County Clerk's Office, 1862). Company K mustered on September 20, 1862. They were mustered out on June 30, 1863 (Stryker, *Record of Officers and Men of New Jersey in the Civil War, Vol. II*). Their campaign ended without Thomas E. Williams. He died most likely from disease, which was common to this company, on April 23, 1863 and was buried at home in southern Howell on the old Williams family plot by his brother-in-law, Israel West Reynolds, sister, Mary Williams Reynolds, Williams family and friends (see Thomas E. Williams Headstone, Figure D-4; Raser, *New Jersey Graveyard Locators*, "Southard ME Churchyard").

Four months later, on August 3, 1863, Mary Williams Reynolds died. She was also buried on the old family plot, immediately next to her brother Thomas, by husband, Israel West Reynolds, Williams family and friends. The following year, on April 4, 1864, their sister Rebecca Williams White died. The following year, on December 26, 1865, their sister Catherine Williams died. Two years later on September 27, 1867, their sister Ann Williams died. The following month, on October 9, 1867, their sister Lucinda Williams died. In a span of just four years, six Williams siblings had perished (see Contemporary Image Collection, Appendix D; Raser, *New Jersey Graveyard Locators*, "Southard ME Churchyard"; Find a Grave, Memorials #3988698, #3988673, #3988686, #3988681, #3988678, #3988683).

In 1864, in the midst of catastrophic loss, Israel West Reynolds donated land for the construction of a new Methodist Episcopal Church. He carved the one-acre church and burial ground parcel out of the larger homestead, which was sold on April 1, 1864, eight months after the death of his wife Mary (see Certificate of Incorporation, Figure 5; Raser, *New Jersey Graveyard Locators*, "Southard Methodist Episcopal Churchyard"). He sold the northern portion of the homestead to his brother, Charles Reynolds and wife Hannah, as they soon appear in the location (see *Atlas of Monmouth County*, 1873, Figure 12; U.S. Federal Census, 1910, Howell Township, NJ, Household of William H. H. Williams).

When the church was completed and incorporated in 1866, and then dedicated in 1867, the graves of Williams siblings Thomas, Mary, Rebecca, Catherine, Ann and Lucinda rested in a row, ending just feet from its entrance

in the new Southard Churchyard. The only children of Daniel and Elizabeth to survive were son Daniel David Williams, his sister Josephine Williams Newman and youngest brother William Henry Harrison Williams. All the others passed before the age of 37 (U.S. Federal Census, 1860, 1870). The church and churchyard are essentially the same today as they were 160 years ago, located at 2 Church Road, near Kent Road in the heart of the Southard section of Howell (Raser, *New Jersey Graveyard Locators*; Digital imagery available via *Google Maps*).



**Figure 5:** Certificate of Incorporation of Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church, Howell Township, NJ. Original document recorded May 30, 1866, by Holmes W. Murphy, Clerk. Image provided courtesy of the Monmouth County Archives.

Transcribed text:

*Certificate of Incorporation of Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church*

*This is to certify that the undersigned were duly elected Feb 23, 1866 Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Howell Township Monmouth County New Jersey and on March 16. 1866 organized by the appointment of H. B. Beegle as President and thereupon resolved that the church should be known as the "Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church"*

*Bethel March 16, 1866 Witness our hand and seal*

*Trustees:*

*H. B. Beegle Pres [L.S.], Garret J. Lecompt [L.S.], R. Gant [L.S.], John Marlle [L.S.], William Reynolds [L.S.], James G. Cooper [L.S.], Gilbert L. Layton [L.S.]*

*Received and Recorded May 30. 1866. Holmes W. Murphy Clerk*

**Analysis – Locating the Land:**

The distinctive rectangular shape of the 30-acre 1788-surveyed homestead tract, in connection with the story of the Williams’ & Reynolds Family loss and recovery makes it possible to physically locate the land.

Revisiting the dimensions and orientation described in the survey, there is one clear fit in the modern-day map: Block 77 in Howell Township, New Jersey (Howell Township Tax Map).



**Figure 6:** Modern satellite imagery of Block 77, Howell Township, NJ. Digital imagery available via Google Earth.

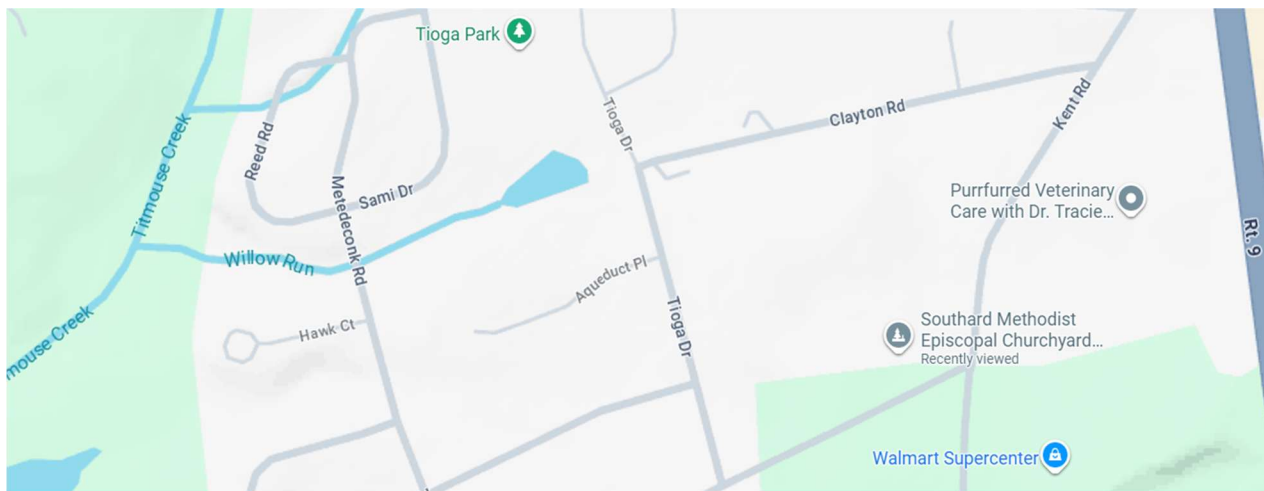


**Figure 7:** 1930s Aerial Photography overlaid onto modern satellite imagery. Digital imagery available via NJDEP "NJ Time Machine" and Google Earth.



**Figure 8:** 1788 Survey Sketch (S9-336) overlaid onto modern satellite imagery. *Composite image utilizing document courtesy of the New Jersey State Archives and base imagery via Google Earth.*

Below is the modern terrain view of Block 77, at a slightly higher elevation. It shows “A Road”, today known as Route 9, at the southeast corner and “Miery Branch”, today known as Willow Run, at the northwest corner of the 30-acre tract on the north side of the North Branch of the Metedeconk River, precisely as described in the 1788 survey:



**Figure 9:** Modern street and terrain map of the Southard area, Howell Township, NJ. *Digital imagery available via Google Maps.*

With the exact boundaries of the 1788 tract confirmed on the modern landscape, we can now track its physical evolution through the successive maps of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

**Analysis - Map and Aerial Collection 1851-1930:**



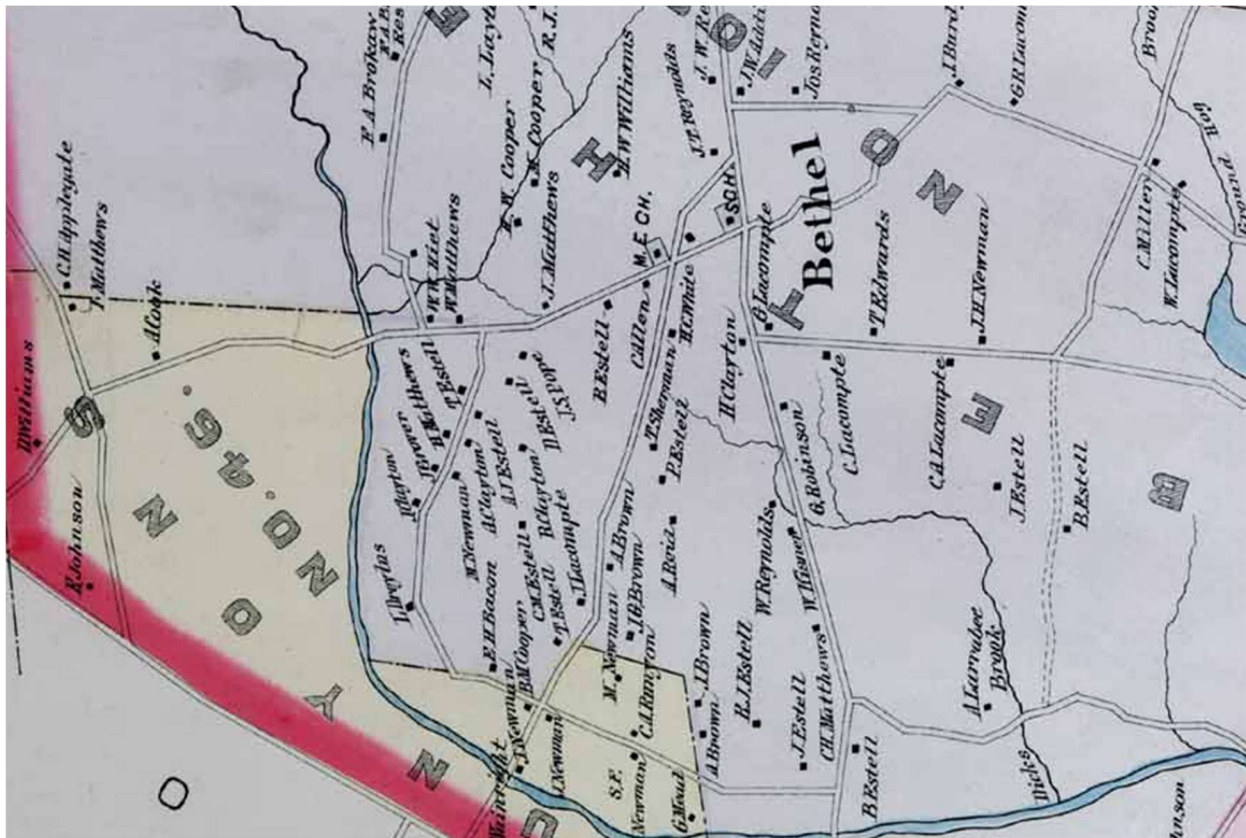
**Figure 10:** Detail from "Map of Monmouth County, New Jersey" (1851) by Lightfoot & Geil. Shows the "D School" (District School) located on the Williams homestead



**Figure 11:** Detail from "Map of Monmouth County, New Jersey" (1861) by S.N. & F.W. Beers. Shows the property labeled as "School No. 8" and the surrounding Reynolds and Layton properties.



**Figure 12:** Detail from "Atlas of Monmouth County, New Jersey" (1873) by Beers, Comstock & Cline. Illustrates the location of the new "M.E.C.H." (Methodist Church), "S.H. No. 108" (School House), "W.H. Williams Store" and Mrs. H. Reynolds, William H. H. Williams' mother-in-law, residing on the 1788 homestead.



**Figure 13:** Detail from "Atlas of Monmouth County, New Jersey" (1889) by Wolverton & Chester. Identifies the "H.W. Williams" residence on the northern portion of the original tract. A new school appears next to the highway. The school still exists and houses the Southard Grange. Note: Map printed with North on the right.



**Figure 14:** Detail from "1930s Aerial Photography of New Jersey." Illustrates the landscape of the Williams homestead prior to modern subdivision. *Courtesy of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the New Jersey Office of Information Technology, Office of GIS (NJOGIS).*

### **Analysis - The History and Ownership of the Land:**

Compiling all of the facts and imagery enables the following conclusions for the history of the 1788 homestead:

- 1) The land warrants were first acquired by William Alexander in the 1760s. He was Surveyor General in the area at the time.
- 2) William Alexander died in debt in 1783 and the warrants were ultimately purchased by his widow's cousin, and one of his leading creditors, Robert R Livingston, in 1789. Livingston was a Founding Father.
- 3) Daniel Williams d.1795 acquired the warrant rights from Robert R Livingston, via Kenneth Hankinson, and requested the survey of the 30 acres in May of 1788, the paperwork was finalized and he began paying tax on the land in 1793. Daniel Williams was the first owner of this land.
- 4) Daniel Williams d.1832 inherited the 30-acre homestead from his father in 1795. He added 30 additional acres to the main homestead tract.
- 5) Daniel Williams d.1843 inherited half of the 60-acre tract, appeared to buy out the other shares and added an additional 40 acres, bringing the total land to 100 acres until he took his own life in 1843.
- 6) Israel Reynolds, along with his wife, Mary Williams Reynolds who was the oldest child of Daniel Williams d.1843, managed the estate sale and purchased the land themselves in 1850.
- 7) Israel West Reynolds appeared to allow the "newer house" to serve as the new school by 1851, as it appears in the 1851 Monmouth County map, and then in the 1861 map labeled as School House 8.

- 8) In 1863, Israel W and Mary Williams Reynolds built a new house on the Williams family tract in what the series of maps illustrate to be the same location as the 1840 home and schoolhouse. (Monmouth County Board of Taxation, Property Record Card, 37 Clayton Rd; Realtor.com, Property Details, accessed 2026).
- 9) In August 1863, wife Mary died and was buried on the homestead. In 1864, Israel Reynolds donated the land for a church, including the burial ground. He sold the northern portion to his brother Charles and wife Hannah, and they occupied the home. The church and burial ground become frozen in time.
- 10) In 1873, the youngest child of Daniel Williams' d.1843 and brother of Daniel D Williams, William Henry Harrison Williams, opened a store on the southeast corner of the 30-acre 1788 Williams homestead next to the church (see *Atlas of Monmouth County*, 1873, Figure 12; U.S. Federal Census, 1870; Donahay, Alma. *History of Howell*).



**Figure 15:** General Store sign located in the Southard Grange. KLVW-TV Leisure Village West. (2025, February 1). *25-02-01 The Ghostly History of the Southard Grange* (Video screenshot).

- 11) In 1873, the Allaire family leased the land next to the Williams store to build a new schoolhouse, labeled as number "SCH" on the 1889 map (see *Atlas of Monmouth County*, 1889, Figure 13; Franklin Ellis, *History of Monmouth County, New Jersey* (Philadelphia: R. T. Peck & Co., 1885), 653; Deeds, Monmouth County Clerk's Office, 1873).
- 12) In 1876, William H. H. Williams, better known as Henry Williams, married Cornelia "Colby" Reynolds, the daughter of the 1788 Williams homestead owners, Charles and Hannah Reynolds, setting the stage for his reacquisition of the land (U.S. Federal Census, 1860, 1870, Howell Township, Household of Charles Reynolds; New Jersey State Archives, Marriage Records, 1876).
- 13) By the late 1870s, Henry Williams reclaimed the northern two-thirds of the original 1788 family tract as shown in the 1889 map. His brother Daniel D. Williams also returned to the ancestral home and moved on or adjacent to the property by 1900 (see *Atlas of Monmouth County*, 1889, Figure 13, Figure 15, Figure 17; U.S. Federal Census, 1910; U.S. Federal Census, 1900; New Jersey State Census, 1905; Southard Clipping, Figure C-19).

### **Analysis - The New Southard School:**

When Daniel Williams d.1795 first surveyed and acquired his 30-acre tract in May of 1788, there were no adjoining land owners named in the survey, indicating he was among the first to look to settle there. (see Survey, Figure 3a). Family names such as Emmons, Reynolds, Cooper, and Layton quickly filled the surrounding tracts. John West was amongst the West family present in the area and by 1832, he secured the sliver of land between the Williams property and the main road to Freehold (see Partition Notice, Figure C-6). The 1788 survey explained that only the southeast corner of the Williams tract sat adjacent to "The Road". This land was shortly

thereafter sold in 1835 by West to James and Gurtrude Parker (Miscellaneous Records Book F: 56–57, Monmouth County Archives). By 1850, when the Williams tract was advertised for sale, this land, and vast tracts on the east side of the road, belonged to James P. Allaire (1785-1858) (see Partition Notice, Figure C-7).

Around this time, Southard was growing and changing. From the new Methodist Church, to the W.H.H. Williams General Store to the reoccupation of the Williams family home by Hannah and Charles Reynolds, the 1873 map shows a number of changes to the neighborhood. The 1889 map marks another significant change with the appearance of a new school, now in line with the Methodist Church and the hardware store on Church Road (see Map Detail Collection, Figure 16).



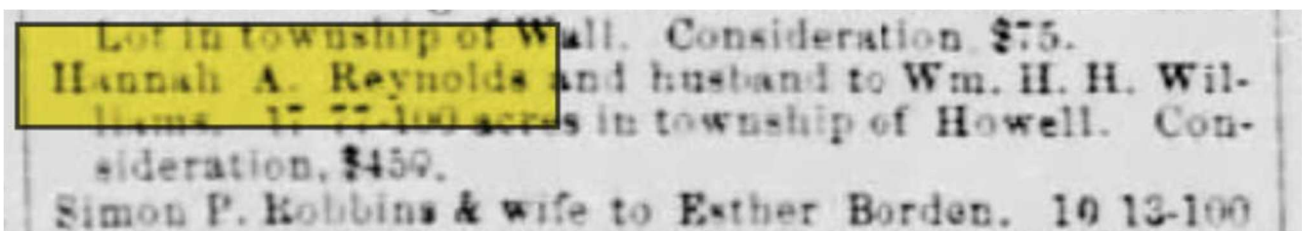
**Figure 16:** Focused view of the heart of Southard from the 1851, 1861, 1873 and 1889 maps.

In 1873, Calicia A. T. Allaire, the widow of industrialist James P. Allaire, leased one acre to the Southard public school trustees, namely Joseph Lane, John I. Reynolds and Gilbert Layton (Miscellaneous Records Book, F:56-57, Monmouth County Archives). The community erected and quickly filled a new schoolhouse here on this wedge of land. The 1873 map shows the school to be located across the road and further south by the LeCompte property. It may have been a mapping error. It also may have been similar to the Israel West Reynolds scenario where the LeCompte’s were allowing classes in an unused structure on their property while another was built.

About twenty years later in 1894, per the local newspapers, the school board decided the school had to be expanded, and so in the summer of that year, an addition was built in order to house the kids of the growing community (see Clippings, Figure C-36).

## The Return Home and the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

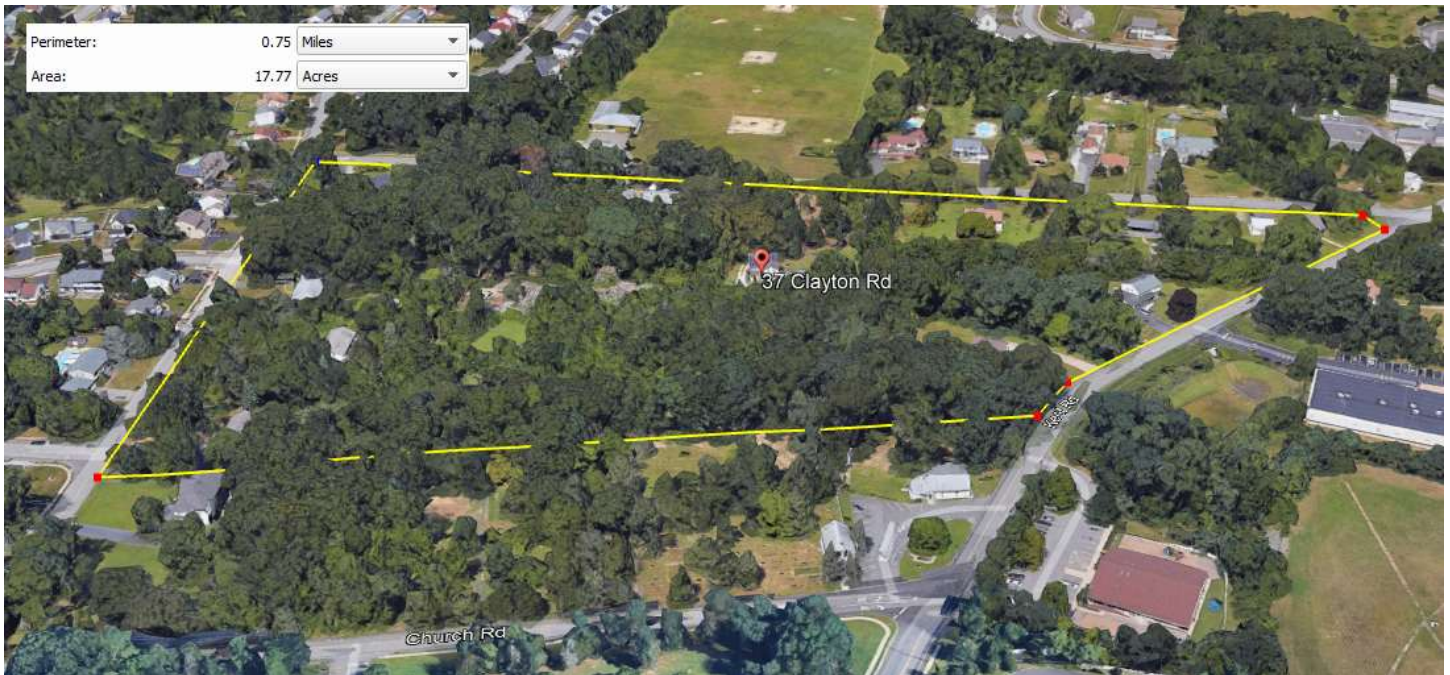
In 1878, Henry Williams purchased the northern two-thirds of the 1788-surveyed farm from his wife Cornelia’s parents, Charles and Hannah A. Reynolds. It was just six days shy of the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of when his great-grandfather, Daniel Williams d.1795, was building the first house and called for the survey of the land. It was just ten days shy of the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his father’s tragic death, the event that ultimately caused the family’s flight from the ancestral plot. Henry Williams was eight years old then, but on May 16, 1878, at the age of thirty-six, he returned home (see Clipping, Real Estate Transfers, Figure 17).



**Figure 17:** Detail from the "Real Estate Transfers" section of the *Monmouth Democrat* (Freehold, NJ), published Thursday, May 16, 1878. This entry documents the conveyance of land from "Hannah A. Reynolds and husband to Wm. H. H. Williams," consisting of "17 77-100 acres in township of Howell" for a consideration of \$450.

Henry Williams and his wife, Cornelia, raised their family in the large, 3-story farmhouse set in the center of the property.

When Henry Williams made the purchase, the sale was listed in the newspaper. Unlike the 1788 survey, a rough approximation using antiquated means, the 1878 survey was accurately recorded to be 17 77-100 acres (see Real Estate Transfer, Figure 17). When highlighting the property boundaries of the homestead from 1878 on a modern map, the acreage equals exactly 17 77-100 acres (see Google Earth Image, Figure 18).



**Figure 18:** A Google Earth satellite image illustrating the property boundaries defined by the historical road alignments surrounding the homestead. The software calculates the enclosed area to be exactly 17.77 acres (see also Modern Parcel Map, Figure 33).

In the 1890s, the two Williams brothers seemed to move around more than ever, whether simply to experience shore life for a summer, as both brothers did; or try new business ventures, such as Henry Williams' store in Asbury Park. According to reports, the Williams store was known for high-grade saddles and riding gear (see Brief Business Bits W.H. Williams, Figure C-18). In the end, the Williams brothers always seemed to find their way back home (see Williams move home to Southard, Figure C-17, Southard News, Figure C-36).

In the summer of 1894, when Henry Williams was busy with his new store in Asbury Park, his nephew and Daniel D. Williams' oldest son, Thomas Edward Williams, farmed the 18-acre Williams tracts for the season (see Southard News, Figure C-36). A couple of years later, in 1898, Thomas E., named after the brother Daniel lost during the Civil War, purchased the Cook farm just east of his father's property at the western edge of Church Road in Southard (see Newspaper Clipping, Figure C-20; Detail from *Atlas of Monmouth County, New Jersey*, 1889, Figure 13). Together, father and son farmed the land. After a couple of years, however, Thomas E. Williams decided to move away from the farm, leaving behind the agricultural life his family had lived for generations. As times changed, Daniel D. Williams also moved back eastward down Church Road (Snippet from "Southard", Figure C-19; U.S. Federal Census, 1900, 1910, 1920, Howell and Lakewood, NJ, Thomas Edward Williams Household).

By 1900, Daniel David Williams, along with his wife Catherine Louisa Newman, rejoined his brother Henry Williams and his wife Cornelia Reynolds at the 1788-surveyed family homestead; the place where both brothers were born (see U.S. Federal Census, 1910, Figure 19, 1900, 1840, 1850; N.J. 1905 Census; Southard Clipping, Figure C-19). For nearly two decades, the brothers and their families lived and farmed their ancestral land, moving about the Monmouth and Ocean County areas visiting family, including their sister Josephine Williams Newman, who lived just down Kent Road. They both remained active with family, farming, retail and real estate through these years.

Year	Name	Relationship	Sex	Age	Birth	Death	Marriage	Parents	Occupation	Notes
1791	William D	Head	M	45	1745	1810		New Jersey	Farmer	General farm
	Louisa	Wife	F	48	1791	1878	1810	New Jersey	None	
1801	Henry	Head	M	15	1785	1850		New Jersey	Farmer	General farm
	Anna	Wife	F	12	1788	1852	1810	New Jersey	None	
1811	Henry	Head	M	52	1758	1810		New Jersey	Farmer	General farm
	Ida	Daughter	F	29	1810	1880	1830	New Jersey	None	
	William H	Son	M	24	1810	1880	1830	New Jersey	None	
	Charles	Son	M	18	1810	1880	1830	New Jersey	None	
	Ella	Daughter	F	12	1810	1880	1830	New Jersey	None	
1821	Charles	Head	M	63	1758	1821		New Jersey	Farmer	General farm

**Figure 19:** Detail from the 1910 U.S. Federal Census, Howell Township, Monmouth County, NJ. Showing the households of brothers Daniel D. Williams and William H.H. Williams living side-by-side on the ancestral tract. (Courtesy of Ancestry.com)

The Williams siblings' later years in Southard, Howell, were seemingly everything they had envisioned, and strikingly different from the tougher times they survived in the past. As evidenced by local paper clippings and some of the first family photos, they spent their final years at home and traveling around locally to enjoy the finer places of the area, embraced by their expanding families. (see Clippings, Figures 21, 22, 23; Photos, Figures 20, 24).



**Figure 20:** Colorized family image around 1900 showing Henry Williams and Cornelia Reynolds, with younger members of the family, out for a day at the beach during Big Sea Day. (Courtesy of Ancestry.com user clamhusker).

**SOUTHARD**

Mrs. Josephine Newman entertained at a quilting party Friday Mrs. Jack Cooper, Mrs. William H. H. Williams, Mrs. Charles Williams, Miss Ida Williams and Mrs. Eila Addison.

Matthews.  
Mrs. Daniel D. Williams has been entertaining her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Grant of Lakewood.  
Preaching Sunday morning at 10.30.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Williams and daughter spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William H. H. Williams.

Figure 21, 22 and 23: Selected clippings from the *Freehold Transcript's* "Southard" column illustrating the tight-knit social circle of the aging Williams siblings. **Top:** Friday, March 24, 1916. **Left:** Friday, October 17, 1913. **Right:** Friday, April 8, 1898.



Figure 24: Colorized family image around 1900 showing Daniel D. Williams and Catherine Louisa Newman, with younger members of the family, out for a day at the beach. (Courtesy of Ancestry.com user clamhusker).

In early 1917, William Henry Harrison Williams and his sister Josephine Williams Newman died. Josephine passed in January at her home in Southard (see Obituaries, Figure C-14). Henry passed in March at his home, the home that his sister, Mary, and her husband, Israel West Reynolds, had built over 50 years prior on the Williams tract (see Obituaries, Figure C-13). Daniel D. Williams's wife, Catherine Louisa Newman, died a few years later in 1920, also at home on Kent Road in Southard (see Obituaries, Figure C-12). All nine siblings rest together on the family plot and ancestral land, buried in the Southard Churchyard (see Detail from 1889 Map, Figure 13; Contemporary Image Collection, Appendix D; Raser, *New Jersey Graveyard Locators*). Daniel David Williams joined them nearly 20 years later, in 1937 (see Obituaries, Figure C-15).

On April 5, 1919, Cornelia's father, Charles Reynolds, died while living with his recently-widowed daughter (see Obituaries, Figure C-21). In one of the final documented Williams & Reynolds family events to occur on the ancestral plot, of which there were many, Charles Reynolds' funeral ceremony was held at the 1863 farmhouse (see Obituaries, Figure C-25). He was then carried a few hundred feet south to the Southard Graveyard, where he was buried. After her father's death, Cornelia moved from the 18-acre Williams farm onto Squankum Road as seen in the 1920 census. She then lived in Middletown, where she died in 1944 (see Obituaries, Figure C-22; Federal Census 1920, Monmouth County, NJ, Cornelia Reynolds; W.H.H. Williams Will, Figure C-16).

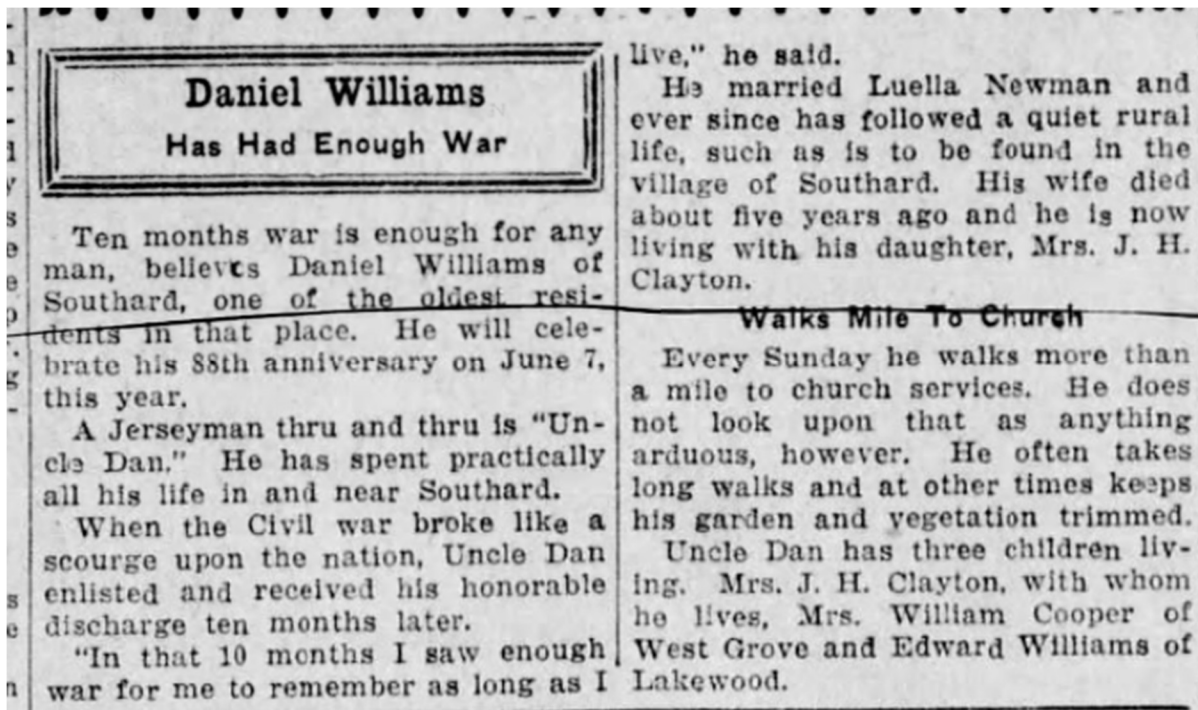
The 1920 census and the death of Catherine Louisa Newman Williams marked the end of four successive generations of men named Daniel Williams living on and farming this ancestral Monmouth County land. They did so during twenty-eight U.S. presidencies, from George Washington to Woodrow Wilson. Daniel D. Williams' final appearance in the census records would occur in 1930 when he lived about two miles south in Lakewood, NJ, with his son, Thomas E. Williams. He was living there, the eldest among four generations of the Williams lineage, foreshadowing the family's next move eight miles east to a growing young town named Point Pleasant, where the next chapters in this Williams family history would be written (see U.S. Federal Census 1930, Figure 25; 1940, Point Pleasant, Ocean County, NJ, Thomas E. Williams Household).

325	330	337	Williams, Thomas E. Head	O 2000	R	No	M	24	66	7	18	8	New Jersey	New Jersey	Austria	Austria	
			Mary A. Wife	H.		v	F	24	63	7	15		New Jersey	United States	Delaware		
			Samuel D. Father			v	M	24	98	7	18		New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey		
			Mitzyler, Joseph C. Son-in-law			v	M	24	32	7	28		New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey		
			Charlotte Daughter			v	F	24	25	7	21		New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey		
			Williams, Louise Daughter			v	F	24	17	8			New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey		
321	331	338	Williams, Harry F. Head	O 3000	R	No	M	24	29	7	23		New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey		
			Ruth Wife	H.		v	F	24	30	7	24		Massachusetts	Sweden	New Jersey		
			Mavis Daughter			v	F	24	5	5			New Jersey	New Jersey	Massachusetts		
			Amada Daughter			v	F	24	3	5			New Jersey	New Jersey	Massachusetts		
320	322	326	Paul R. Head	O 4500	R	No	M	24	40	7	24		New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey		

**Figure 25:** Detail from the 1930 U.S. Federal Census, Lakewood Township, Ocean County, NJ. Showing Daniel D. Williams (age 92, incorrectly listed as 98) living in the household of his son, Thomas E. Williams, with his son Harry with wife Ruth and their children, Mavis and Amada living next door. (Courtesy of Ancestry.com).

Ultimately, Daniel David Williams stood as a defining figure in the history of the Williams family Metedeconk Homestead. More than just a farmer and Civil War veteran, his life provides a comprehensive record of the family's deepest tragedies and its eventual restoration in Howell Township. From his early displacement from the property to the devastating loss of his brother Thomas and five sisters during the 1860s, Daniel's quiet return to the ancestral homestead underscores the physical resilience of the lineage. Known to the Southard community as "Uncle Dan," his final decades were spent walking the exact boundaries his great-grandfather had surveyed in 1788. His nearly century-long life bridged the Revolutionary-era origins of his forebears with the modern twentieth century, anchoring the verified historical record of the Williams family firmly within the Monmouth County landscape.

Having lived to 1937 and well into his 99<sup>th</sup> year, this man not only had the opportunity to witness extraordinary change in the Country and world around him, but also had the opportunity to impress those experiences onto others and inspire future generations with his legacy. These generations may now be gone as well, but the legacy remains, intact and well prepared to inspire.



**Figure 26:** "Daniel Williams Has Had Enough War." Article detailing Daniel D. Williams' Civil War service and 88th birthday. *Asbury Park Press* (Asbury Park, NJ), July 6, 1926, p. 3.

Daniel David Williams' obituary following his death on March 1, 1937, one-hundred and fifty years after his great-grandfather, Daniel Williams secured his "Pine Land" along the North Branch of the Metedeconk River (see Obituaries, Daniel D. Williams, Figure C-15):

***Daniel Williams, Pioneer, Succumbs***

*Daniel D. Williams, 99-year-old Civil war veteran, died yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William A. Cooper, 1315 Seventh avenue, Neptune, where he has been living some years. Mr. Williams was a lifelong resident of Monmouth County, having been born at Southard. He was a farmer in the vicinity of Southard thruout his active life. In the Civil war, he served in Company K, 29th regiment, New Jersey infantry. He was one of the county's oldest residents and one of the few remaining Civil war veterans.*

*Services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow at the C. H. T. Clayton funeral home, Adelphia. The Rev. A. C. Polhemus, pastor of the Freehold M. E. church, will officiate at the services and interment will be made in Southard cemetery. Mr. Williams is survived by a son, Thomas E. Williams, Point Pleasant, besides his daughter. There are 15 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.*

*Mr. Williams was affectionately known at Southard as "Uncle Dan" It was there that he formerly lived a quiet rural life. If he had lived thru June 7 this year he would have rounded out a century of life in that place. After his retirement from farming, Mr. Williams lived in Southard with his late daughter Mrs. J. H. Clayton, where he occupied his time with long walks and cultivation of his garden. Every Sunday he used to walk more than a mile to church services and was a familiar figure to the townspeople. In 1921 when Mr. Williams was 83, his wife, Mrs. Luella Newman Williams died.*

Although a significant era had ended on the land in Southard, Howell Township, New Jersey, the 1788 30-acre Williams family tract would forever remain home to the Civil War Generation of this Williams Family.



**Figure 27:** Southard Churchyard located at 2 Church Road, Howell, New Jersey. The nine Williams sibling burials spanned nearly three-quarters of a century and are highlighted in **bold**. The headstones from left to right are: Israel West Reynolds, daughter Mary E. Reynolds, wife **Mary Williams Reynolds**, **Thomas E. Williams** (U.S. flag), **Lucinda Williams**, **Catherine Williams**, **Rebecca Williams**, **Ann Williams**, **William H. H. Williams** and wife Cornelia Reynolds Williams (*Note: their headstone is slightly forward; with Josephine Williams Newman and husband Corporal Stewart Newman resting just ahead and out of view*). Finally, **Daniel D. Williams** and wife Catherine Louisa Newman at the very end immediately next to the 1866 Church (Photograph by author, 2026).

### **The Final Departure - The End of the Williams Homestead:**

While Daniel lived to see 1937, the fate of the physical homestead had already been decided decades earlier. Following the death of his brother, Henry, in 1917, the ancestral land passed to a new generation with different ambitions. In Henry Williams' will, he left the Williams farm to his son, William Henry Harrison Williams Jr. and another 20-acre farm, located down Kent Road in Southard, to his son Charles T. Williams (see Will, William H. H. Williams, Figure C-16). In 1920, despite having just inherited the family ancestral land, William H. H. Williams Jr. appears in Hamilton, Mercer County, where he and his wife, Lilda, raise three daughters. (U.S. Federal Census 1920, 1930, 1940, 1950, Hamilton Mercer County, NJ, William H. H. Williams household). He died in 1966 and was buried there (Find a Grave, memorial #49565849).

William H. H. Williams Jr., having the ambitions of his father to be a store keeper, but not the interest to operate a farm, sold the ancestral tract to his sister, Edna (Deed Book 1072, Page 78, Monmouth County Archives). Edna

Williams Sharp, married to William Sharp, also had her father's ambitions, having opened her own store in Asbury Park, where she would live and spend her life, dying in December of 1970 (see Obituaries, Figure C-26). On March 22, 1921, one hundred and thirty-three years after her 2<sup>nd</sup> great-grandfather surveyed the unsettled land, Edna sold the family home and ancestral tract to Robert J & Isabelle Mitchell (Deed Book 1461, Page 245, Monmouth County Archives)

Around this time, most of the children of brothers Henry and Daniel seemed to scatter, moving east or west. However, Henry's younger son, Charles T. Williams, remained in Southard at 285 Kent Road. He spent the rest of his life on the 20-acre homestead that he inherited from his father. With his wife, Minnie, he raised his family and eventually died there in 1963 (see Obituaries, Figure C-33). This would be just about the end for this Williams line farming these Southard lands. Charles' son William H. H. Williams entered the dental field as a technician and his other son Charles T. Williams was killed in action in Italy in WWII in 1944 (see Application for Marker, Figure C-23; U.S. Federal Census, 1950, Howell, NJ, Charles T. Williams homestead, Figure 28).

2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20a	20b	20c
392	Yes		141	Williams, Charles T	Head	w	M	58	Mar	N.J.			wk					Farmer	Farm	0
				_____	Minnie	wife	w	F	56	Mar	N.J.		H	No	No	No				
				_____	William H.	Son	w	M	29	Nov	N.J.		wk				40	Dental Technician	Dental Lab	P
				_____	Gloria C.	Daughter	w	F	18	Nov	N.J.		ot	No	No	No				
				Sparks, Samuel	w. South Law	H	w	M	32	Mar	N.J.		wk				40	carpenter	Building Contr	P
				_____	Alice J.	Daughter	w	F	21	Mar	N.J.		H	No	No	No				

Figure 28: 1950 US Census, Howell, Monmouth County, New Jersey showing the family of Charles T Williams.

As the Williams footprint held its ground around the corner on Kent Road well into the 1960s, the 18-acre Williams farm changed hands a number of times during those years. Taking up where the ownership list ended with Henry Williams, below is the chain of custody from 1914 to 1947. There are almost as many owners of the property from 1914 – 1947 (33 years) as there were from 1788 to 1914 (126 years).

- 1) William H. H. Williams to William H. H. Williams Jr. – September 1, 1914 – 18 acres
- 2) William H. H. Williams Jr. to Edna Williams Sharp – November 19, 1918 – 18 acres
- 3) Edna Williams Sharp & William S. to Robert J & Isabelle Mitchell – March 22, 1921 – 18 acres
- 4) Isabelle E. Mitchell to Louis & Natalie Lewinger – June 15, 1945 – 18 acres
- 5) Louis & Natalie Lewinger to Miriam Small – September 4, 1947 – 18 acres

**Ownership List:** Chain of custody list for the 18-acre Williams farm, detailing transactions between 1914 and 1947. The list includes grantors, grantees, and dates, corresponding to the Monmouth County Deed Books (Lewinger, Deed Book 2007, Page 97; Small, Deed Book 2134, Page 157). Documents provided courtesy of the Monmouth County Clerk's Office, Archives Division.

The 1950 census is the first time Clayton Road is used to locate households in rural Howell Township. The census taker that year noted the location of the dwellings as he walked the route. He started his day headed north from Church Road and finished at Route 9 and noted three main dwelling types along this portion of the route: a farm, a house with acres, or a house. Of the four farm or house with acres households listed on Clayton Road, there was only one house listed on the right, and it was occupied by Henry Small from New York. In fact, there was not a single adult born in NJ living on a farm on Clayton Road by 1950 (see NJ Time Machine image and Detail from U.S. Federal Census 1950, Figure 29). About 40 years after this 1950 census, the north-south section of Clayton Road was renamed Tioga Road, as it appears today (see Township of Howell Ordinance, Figure C-35)

Beyond providing additional clarity on the Williams farm property lines, the 1950 Census taker's route provides a fascinating final snapshot of the Clayton Road neighborhood right up to the modern suburban era.



Street Name	House or Dwelling Apartment Number	Farm Acres	Question	Name	Relationship	Code A	Race	Gender	Age	Marital Status	Birth Place	Code B	Citize	Occupation Category	Worked Last Week	Seekr Work	Empl Status	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry	
Clayton Road	322	Yes	101	Kaplan, Samuel	Head		w	M	61	Mar.	Russia	020	Yes	wk				25	Farmer	Poultry Farm	
				Kaplan, Laura	wife		w	F	51	Mar.	Russia	020	Yes	H				25	farm helper	Poultry Farm	
				Kaplan, Norman	son		w	M	26	Neu.	New York	021		wk				20	Farm helper	Poultry Farm	
				Kaplan, Talma	Daughter		w	F	26	Neu.	New York	021		ot	No	No	No				
				Ketcham, Maud	Head		w	F	74	W.D.	N.J.			ot	No	No	No				
				No One AT Home	Sec Sheet					27		Line 16									
				103	Small, Henry	Head		w	M	32	Mar.	New York	021		wk				75	Farmer	Poultry Farm
					Miriam	wife		w	F	30	Mar.	New York	021		H				15	Farm helper	Poultry Farm
					Ronnie E.	son		w	M	9	Neu.	New York	021								
					Howard I.	son		w	M	6	Neu.	New York	021								
			104	Malayer, John	Head		w	M	56	Mar.	Hungary	026	Yes	wk				80	Farmer	Poultry Farm	
				Anna	wife		w	F	54	Mkr.	Hungary	026	Yes	H				15	Farm helper	Poultry Farm	
			105	Malayer, John G.	Head		w	M	35	Mar.	New York	021		wk				40	Plumber	Plumbing Contr.	
				Josephine T	wife		w	F	33	Mar.	Conn.	016		H	No	No	No				
				John	son		w	M	6	Neu.	New York	021									

HOUSEHOLD CONTINUED ON NEXT SHEET

Notes  
 1) Proceeding North on Clayton Rd From Church Rd  
 2) Proceeding South on Hwy 497 From Friendship Rd.  
 3) Proceeding South on Ford Road From Church Rd.

Figure 29: New Jersey Office of GIS. (n.d.). NJ Time Machine – 1930 and 2020 Imagery [Interactive map]. ArcGIS. Marked up by author to illustrate farm ownership on Clayton Road, Howell, NJ from the U.S. Federal 1950 Census, which is also included.

Other than Henry and Miriam Small, the occupants of the Williams Farm, the 1950 U.S. Census for Clayton Road has at least two additional interesting individuals: John Malayer and Maud Ketcham. John was a plumber from Hungary and Maud Ketcham was the widow of William Ketcham. Additionally:

- John Malayer bought his property from Ella D Cooper Clayton b. 1867, widow of Noble H Clayton b. 1863.
- Ella D's father was Joseph G Cooper b.1838, whose father was James G Cooper b.1805.
- Noble H Clayton was the son of Joel Clayton b.1832, whose father was Richard Clayton b.1795



whether attending local school and social events, or through the mention of family parties held at the old farmhouse, as were regularly reported in the papers at the time. However, one particular event cited in the newspapers appears to be the last such appearance of the Small family on the Williams farm. In 1955, Henry Small was caught up in a riot at the poultry processing plant down on Ford Road in the very southern section of Southard. He was beaten and hospitalized for a few days, but survived (see Clippings, Figure C-37). That was the last mention of the Small family of Southard in the local papers, and the end of the 18-acres as a single lot.

### **The Modern Era - The Williams Homestead Today:**

The southern-most sections of the original 30-acre Williams tract were absorbed into the properties on the south side of Church Road when the road was laid out in the mid-1860s during the construction of the church. Cedar Lawn Cemetery was opened next to the Southard Churchyard by Halsted W. Cooper and his son, Lloyd, with what has now become one residential lot west of that. The southeastern corner of the tract, where the Williams store stood, was separated by Kent Road, also built in the 1860s, and is now occupied by commercial buildings, the detention basin and northwest corner of the Walmart property (see *Atlas of Monmouth County, 1873*, Figure 12; *Google Earth Imagery, 2026*; *Howell Township Tax Map, 2026*).

Tucked in the wedge of land in the commercial cluster between the old Williams tract and Route 9 is the 1873 schoolhouse built on the land leased from the Allaire Estate. Today it is home to the Southard Grange (see Detail from "*Atlas of Monmouth County, New Jersey*", 1889, Figure 13; YouTube: "25-02-01 *The Ghostly History*").

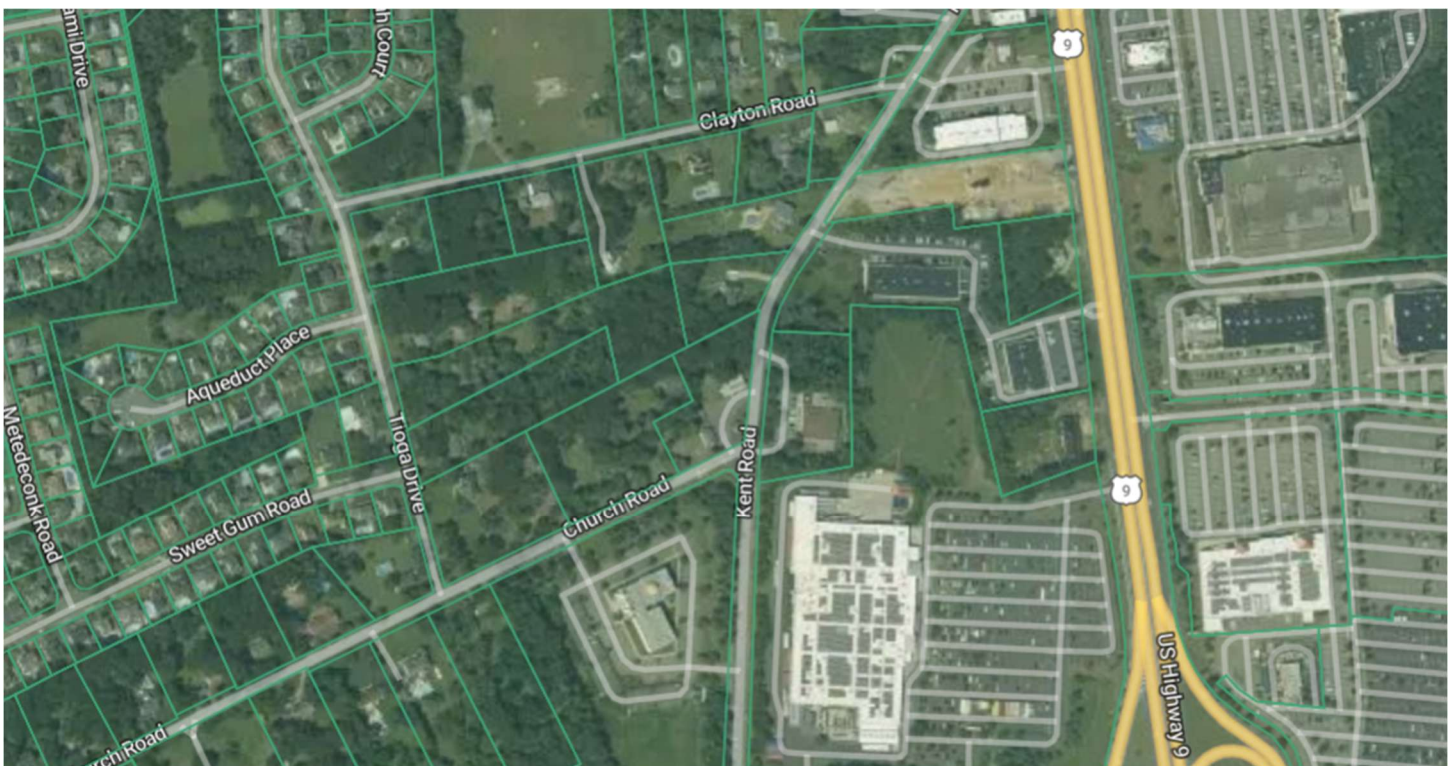


**Figure 32:** Southard Grange #218 (formerly the Southard Schoolhouse built in 1873). Located on Route 9, this two-room schoolhouse was acquired by the Grange in 1937. (Photograph by the author, 2026)

In its years serving Southard as the local school, through the turn of the century and beyond, a number of the Williams kids, including the children of brothers Daniel D. and Henry Williams attended classes there (U.S. Federal Census, Howell Township, NJ, 1870, 1880, 1900 and 1910, Daniel D. Williams and Henry Williams Households). Born in 1862, Daniel's son Thomas Edward was the oldest of this bunch. Having attended school through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, his final school years would have been in this building (U.S. Federal Census 1940, Point Pleasant, NJ, Thomas E Williams Household). Later, Thomas and his wife, Mary Wolcott Williams' kids would also attend school here, including their youngest son, Harry Franklin Williams 1900-1973 (U.S. Federal Census, Howell Township, NJ 1900, 1910 and 1920, Thomas E. Williams Household).

When the Southard Grange purchased the old schoolhouse in 1937, they did not purchase the land, which was still owned by the Allaire family. Interestingly, this was finally resolved on January 15, 1975 when descendants of Calicia and James P. Allaire signed matching deeds releasing their rights to the 1.04 acres originally leased for the 1873 schoolhouse (Monmouth County Deed Book 3949: 662, 664).

Resting just to the east, and other than the increasing number of graves within, the Southard Methodist Episcopal Church and Churchyard are also nearly the same today as they were at the end of the 1860s (see *Atlas of Monmouth County, 1873*, Figure 12; Contemporary Image Collection, Appendix D; *Google Earth Imagery, 2026*).



**Figure 33:** Modern parcel boundary map of the Southard area and Block 77, Howell Township, NJ. *Digital imagery available via Acres.com.*

Shortly after the Small family vanished in 1955, the remaining eighteen acres of the original homestead tract, bound by Tioga Drive, Clayton Road, Kent Road and Church Road in the map above were subdivided into single family lots. This started in 1958 and continued into the early 1970s. The construction years for the existing homes are as follows: 2001, 2001, 1972, 1970, 1969, 1967, 1966, 1964, 1962, 1958, and **1863** (see Parcel Map, Figure 33; Monmouth County Board of Taxation, Property Record Card, 37 Clayton Rd; Realtor.com, Property Details, accessed 2026).

This was the home of Henry Williams, raised in 1863 by his sister, Mary Williams Reynolds, built atop the vanished footprint of the 1840s “newer house” their father constructed shortly before his death. This is the ancestral soil where William, Daniel, Mary, Josephine, Catherine, Ann, Rebecca, Lucinda and Thomas Williams were all rooted, and against the odds of time, the 1863 structure has survived to help tell their tale (see *Atlas of Monmouth County*, 1889, Figure 13).



**Figure 34:** The 1863 farmhouse at 37 Clayton Road, Howell, NJ (Photograph by author, 2026).

Yet, the significance of this land extends far beyond the Civil War generation alone. This plot of land represents the final destination of a migration to Monmouth County that began in 1670 with the arrival of settler John Williams d.1719 in Shrewsbury. It represents the legacy passed from his son Daniel d.1770 to John the Cordwainer d.1776 and onto his son, Daniel the Tanner d.1795 who carved a 30-acre rectangle out of the woods and made it a home. Passed on from his father, Daniel the farmer d.1832 helped build a community around this home for his son, Daniel Williams who tragically died in 1843. Before his early death, he cleared the ground and raised the 1840 home. While that dwelling is gone, the 1863 home stands atop a hill in the same location, a surviving monument to seven-plus generations of resilience (see Wills, Appendix C; Hornor, William S. *This Old Monmouth of Ours*. Freehold, NJ).



**Figure 35:** The Driveway from the 1863 farmhouse at 37 Clayton Road, Howell, NJ (Photograph by author, 2026).

*“Chaos is order, yet undeciphered.”*  
*Jose Saramago*



**Figure 36:** Panorama view of three landmarks surviving the Civil War Era Williams Family of the Metedeconk: the **1863 farmhouse** at 37 Clayton Road, the **1866 Bethel Church** at 2 Church Road, and the **1873 Schoolhouse** at 4860 US Highway 9, Howell, New Jersey 07731 (Nearmap Image, March 2025).

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## APPENDIX:

### APPENDIX PART A: Land Transactions:

The Shrewsbury Williams family commonly utilized warrants to claim unappropriated land as can be seen in the Early Land Records of New Jersey. Similar to other sources, viewing the trends in the relevant entries can yield a significant amount of information. Specific to these Daniel Williams men, the 1788 entries and some that follow most certainly describe Daniel d.1795, and subsequent records and all records after his father's death in 1795 describe Daniel Williams d.1832 in these activities on the North Branch of the Metedeconk River.

**Figures A-1 through A-4:** Database abstracts for Williams family land transactions (1788–1837). Source: New Jersey State Archives, Early Land Records Database; Collection: East Jersey Proprietary Records; Series: Loose Records; References: S9-224, S9-336, S11-180, S11-184, S11-355, S16-93, S18-450, S22-26, S22-47, S22-89(a), and Unrecorded Loose Records (Andrew Bell, 1798 & 1832).

Select	Name	Descriptions and Location	Date	Reference
	Williams, Daniel (On a right of location; Also owner of adjoining land and house) (Grantee)	TO: William Earl of Stirling (Heirs and Assigns of; Sold by Sheriff); Kenneth Hankinson (at the request of Daniel Williams); Daniel Williams (On a right of location; Also owner of adjoining land and house) FROM: Robert R. Livingston SURVEY AND MAP. 30 acres. On the Southeast side of Miery Branch where it vents into the North branch of the Meteteconk River; Shrewsbury Township; Monmouth County. One of two tracts; surveyed together for 60 acres; containing 30 acres. (See also: S9, 336). OTHERS NAMED: Andrew Bell (Deputy Surveyor General); Elisha Boudinot (Former owner of land); Nathaniel Britton (Present at survey); Anthony Dennis (Deputy Surveyor) (Signatory); James Emans (Present at survey); Joel Emans (Chain Bearer); John Hardenbergh (late Sheriff of Somerset) (Former owner of land); Lewis Lewis (Chain Bearer); John Rutherford (Surveyor General) LOCATIONS: East Jersey; Monmouth; Shrewsbury Township; Metedeconk River; Miery Run; Houses, Buildings, Structures, Cabins; Roads, Streets, Highways, Paths	22 May 1788	EJ Loose Records : S9-336 [1 of 2] (65269) (PEASJ003)  <a href="#">View PDF</a>
<a href="#">Select</a>	Williams, Daniel (Present at survey) (Named)	TO: Elisha Boudinot (at the request of Kenneth Hankinson and Joseph Layton); Nathaniel Britton (On a right of location); William Earl of Stirling (Heirs and Assigns of; Sold by Sheriff); Kenneth Hankinson (at the request of Nathaniel Britton); Joseph Layton FROM: John Hardenbergh (late Sheriff of Somerset) SURVEY AND MAP. 30 acres. Between the Manasquan River and the North branch of the Meteteconk River; Miery Branch; Miery Bridge; Shrewsbury Township; Monmouth County. (See also: S11, 180). OTHERS NAMED: Andrew Bell (Deputy Surveyor General); Anthony Dennis (Deputy Surveyor) (Signatory); James Emans (Present at survey); Joel Emans (Chain Bearer); Thomas Emans (Owner of adjoining house); Lewis Lewis (Chain Bearer); John Rutherford (Surveyor General); Daniel Williams (Present at survey) LOCATIONS: East Jersey; Monmouth; Shrewsbury Township; Pineland; Manasquan River (or Brook); Metedeconk River; Miery Run; Bridges; Houses, Buildings, Structures, Cabins; Miery Run Bridge	23 May 1788	EJ Loose Records : S11-180 (65972) (PEASJ003)
<a href="#">Select</a>	Williams, Daniel (Witness) (Named)	TO: Kenneth Hankinson (at the request of Lewis Lewis); Lewis Lewis (on a right of location of pine land) FROM: Catherine Rutherford; Walter Rutherford SURVEY AND MAP. 30.44 acres. On the North side of the North branch of Meteteconk River, and on the East side of a Branch called Maple Swamp; Shrewsbury Township; Monmouth County. In part of a deed to Kenneth Hankinson from Walter and Catherine Rutherford, dated April 15, 1790, for 210 acres anywhere South of Raritan. (See also: S9, 224). OTHERS NAMED: Nicholas Britton (Chain Bearer); Anthony Dennis (Deputy Surveyor); Joel Emans (Chain Bearer); Thomas Emans (Witness); Lewis Lewis (Witness); John Rutherford (Surveyor General); Daniel Williams (Witness) LOCATIONS: East Jersey; Monmouth; Shrewsbury Township; Maple Swamp; Metedeconk River	26 May 1788	EJ Loose Records : S9-224 (64676) (PEASJ003)

**Figure A-1:** These are the 1788 Early Land Records of Proprietary Land that are related to his father, Daniel Williams (Source for all tables: New Jersey State Archives, *Early Land Records Database*).

<a href="#">Select</a>	Williams, Daniel (Daniel Williams' house; Owner of adjoining land) (Named)	TO: William Alexander (Heirs and Assigns of); Kenneth Hankinson (Surveyed at the request of) FROM: Robert R. Livingston SURVEY. 60 acres. South of the Raritan River; On the South side of Miry Branch which runs into the Metedeconk River; Mingomohole Brook; On both sides of the road from Shrewsbury to Squancome; Shrewsbury Township; Monmouth County. Two Tracts: 30 acres; and 30 acres. (See also: W8, 135; AB8, 26; AB8, 37; AB8, 122). OTHERS NAMED: Andrew Bell (Surveyor General) (Signatory); Anthony Dennis (Deputy Surveyor); Peter Knott (Owner of adjoining land); Daniel Williams (Daniel Williams' house; Owner of adjoining land) LOCATIONS: East Jersey; Monmouth; Shrewsbury Township; Miry Bog (Miry Bog Brook); Squankum; Metedeconk River; Mingomohole Brook; Raritan River; South Branch of Raritan River; Road from Shrewsbury to Squancom; Houses, Buildings, Structures, Cabins; Roads, Streets, Highways, Paths; Roads, Streets, Highways, Paths	5 Jul 1793	S9 (EJ Surveys) : Folio 336 (PEASJ003)
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Figure A-2: This record may refer to either Father or son Daniel.

<a href="#">Select</a>	Williams, Daniel (Present at survey) (Named)	TO: James Hankinson (On a right of location); Elizabeth Stevens ( ); John Stevens (Deceased; Executors of; At the request of James Hankinson) FROM: SURVEY AND MAP. 120.68 acres. By the North branch of the Metedeconk River; Maple Swamp; Shrewsbury Township; Monmouth County. (See also: S11, 184). OTHERS NAMED: Andrew Bell (Deputy Surveyor General); Jesse Emans (Chain Bearer); Joel Emans (Chain Bearer); John Forman (Deputy Surveyor) (Signatory); Robert Skidmore (Present at survey); Daniel Williams (Present at survey) LOCATIONS: East Jersey; Monmouth; Shrewsbury Township; Swamps and Swampland; Maple Swamp; Metedeconk River	9 Dec 1795	EJ Loose Records : S11-184 (65977) (PEASJ003)
<a href="#">Select</a>	Williams, Daniel (Witness) (Named)	TO: Andrew Bell FROM: UNRECORDED SURVEY; MAP. 253.73 acres. On the North East side of the North Branch of Meteteconk River and between the branches of Miery Run; Shrewsbury Township; Monmouth County. OTHERS NAMED: Andrew Bell (Deputy Surveyor); Kenneth Hankinson (Owner of adjoining land); Richard Herbert (Deputy Surveyor); Joseph Layten (Chain Bearer); John S. Layton, Jr. (Chain Bearer); William Layton (Witness); Anthony Sharp (Heirs of; Owners of adjoining land); Israel West ([See correspondence]); Daniel Williams (Witness) LOCATIONS: East Jersey; Monmouth; Shrewsbury Township; Metedeconk River; Miery Run	23 Mar 1798	EJ Unrecorded Loose Records : 1798 - Bell, Andrew (72111) (PEASJ003)
<a href="#">Select</a>	Williams, Daniel (Chain Bearer) (Named)	TO: Andrew Bell (at the request of James Emans and John West); James Emans; John West FROM: Euphemia Brinckerhoff (Wife of George D. Brinckerhoff); George D. Brinckerhoff (Husband of Euphemia Brinckerhoff) SURVEY AND MAP. 56.76 acres. East of Miery Branch; Adjoining James Emans's dwelling house; Shrewsbury Township; Monmouth County. (See also: S16, 93). OTHERS NAMED: Daniel Barkelow ([mention on verso]); Andrew Bell (Deputy Surveyor General); Joseph Emans (Chain Bearer); John Forman (Deputy Surveyor) (Signatory); Daniel Williams (Chain Bearer) LOCATIONS: East Jersey; Monmouth; Shrewsbury Township; Miery Run; Houses, Buildings, Structures, Cabins	7 Nov 1800	EJ Loose Records : S16-93 (68312) (PEASJ003)
<a href="#">Select</a>	Williams, Daniel (Grantee)	TO: Andrew Bell (at the request of Daniel Williams); Daniel Williams FROM: SURVEY AND MAP. 57.67 acres. Miery Run; Shrewsbury Township; Monmouth County. (See also: S11, 355). OTHERS NAMED: Andrew Bell (Deputy Surveyor General); Joel Emans (Chain Bearer) (Also owner of adjoining house); Thomas Emans (Chain Bearer); John Forman (Deputy Surveyor) (Signatory); [Kenneth] Hankinson (Captain) (Former owner of land) LOCATIONS: East Jersey; Monmouth; Shrewsbury Township; Swamps and Swampland; Miery Run; Houses, Buildings, Structures, Cabins	16 Mar 1799	EJ Loose Records : S11-355 (66238) (PEASJ003)

	Williams, Daniel (On a right of location) (Grantee)	TO: Andrew Bell (at the request of Daniel Williams); Daniel Williams (On a right of location) FROM: Nathaniel Lawrence SURVEY AND MAP. 30.25 acres. On the North branch of the Metetecunk River; Howell Township; Monmouth County. (See also: S18, 450). OTHERS NAMED: Andrew Bell (Deputy Surveyor General) (Also owner of adjoining 57 67/100 acres (S11, 355)); Annaniah Gifford (Deputy Surveyor) (Signatory); Samuel Johnston (Chain Bearer); Joseph Taylor (Former owner of land); Benjamin Tilton (Chain Bearer) LOCATIONS: East Jersey; Monmouth; Howell Township; Metedeconk River	20 Apr 1821	EJ Loose Records : S18-450 (69672) (PEASJ003)  <a href="#">View PDF</a>
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**Figure A-3:** These records refer to Daniel Williams d.1832.

<a href="#">Select</a>	Williams, Daniel (Chain Bearer) (Named)	TO: Andrew Bell (Surveyor General); John West (at the request of) FROM: UNRECORDED SURVEY; MAP. 50.65 acres. On the East side of Miry Branch; Howell Township; Monmouth County. OTHERS NAMED: James Emmans (Owner of adjoining land); John Gant (Witness); Joseph Reynolds (Chain Bearer); Anthony Sharp (Heirs of; Owners of adjoining land); Daniel Williams (Chain Bearer) LOCATIONS: East Jersey; Monmouth; Howell Township; Miery Run	21 Nov 1832	EJ Unrecorded Loose Records : 1832 - Bell, Andrew (72243) (PEASJ003)
<a href="#">Select</a>	Williams, Daniel (at the request of) (Grantee)	TO: Andrew Bell (Surveyor General); Daniel Williams (at the request of) FROM: John Rutherford SURVEY AND MAP. 64.65 acres. Howell Township; Monmouth County. (See also: S22, 47). OTHERS NAMED: Elisha Boudinot (Owner of adjoining land); Thomas Debow (Deputy Surveyor); Joseph Reynolds (Chain Bearer); Anthony Sharp (Owner of adjoining land); Daniel Williams (Chain Bearer) LOCATIONS: East Jersey; Monmouth; Howell Township	10 Nov 1835	EJ Loose Records : S22-47 (71057) (PEASJ003)
<a href="#">Select</a>	Williams, Daniel (Chain Bearer) (Named)	TO: Andrew Bell (Surveyor General); Daniel Williams (at the request of) FROM: John Rutherford SURVEY AND MAP. 64.65 acres. Howell Township; Monmouth County. (See also: S22, 47). OTHERS NAMED: Elisha Boudinot (Owner of adjoining land); Thomas Debow (Deputy Surveyor); Joseph Reynolds (Chain Bearer); Anthony Sharp (Owner of adjoining land); Daniel Williams (Chain Bearer) LOCATIONS: East Jersey; Monmouth; Howell Township	10 Nov 1835	EJ Loose Records : S22-47 (71057) (PEASJ003)
<a href="#">Select</a>	Williams, Daniel (Witness) (Named)	TO: Francis W. Brinley; John West (at the request of); John West, Jr. (at the request of) FROM: James Boggs (Deceased; Estate of); Robert Morris (Executor of Robert Hunter Morris, deceased); Robert Hunter Morris (Deceased; Estate of); William VanHook (Executor of James Boggs, deceased) SURVEY AND MAP [AND RECORDED COPY]. 50.05 acres. Howell Township; Monmouth County. (See also: S22, 26). OTHERS NAMED: Robert Atkinson (Chain Bearer); Andrew Bell (Surveyor General); Henry Cuyler (Executor of Robert Hunter Morris, deceased); Thomas Debow (Deputy Surveyor); Joseph Reynolds (Chain Bearer); John West (Witness); Daniel Williams (Witness) LOCATIONS: East Jersey; Monmouth; Howell Township	26 May 1836	EJ Loose Records : S22-26 (71027) (PEASJ003)
	Williams, Daniel (Owner of adjoining land) (Named)	TO: Francis W. Brinley (Surveyor General); Joseph Reynolds (at the request of) FROM: Archibald Russell (Attorney for Anna Watts); Anna Watts SURVEY AND MAP [AND RECORDED COPY]. 10.96 acres. Howell Township; Monmouth County. (See also: S22, 89). OTHERS NAMED: Andrew Bell (Surveyor General); Thomas Debow (Deputy Surveyor); Thomas Emmons (Owner of adjoining land); John Gant (Chain Bearer); Lewis Miller (Chain Bearer); John Watts (Deceased; Estate of); Daniel Williams (Owner of adjoining land) LOCATIONS: East Jersey; Monmouth; Howell Township	4 May 1837	EJ Loose Records : S22-89(a) (71108) (PEASJ003)  <a href="#">View PDF</a>

**Figure A-4:** These records start only six months after Daniel Williams' death in 1832 and are now referring to his son, Daniel Williams (1802-1843) living on the same land as the third generation to do so.

The consistency in the witnesses and adjoining land owners started with the first land records of 1788 continued to persist. Surrounded by the consistent surnames Emmons, Reynolds, West, Sharp and Layton, the early proprietary land records help clearly define this land and location. This main homestead property remains on the west side of modern-day Route 9 by Clayton Road in Howell, NJ.

Interestingly, In the 1795 and 1798 land survey records from East Jersey, Daniel Williams is a witness along with Robert Skidmore (whose nephew, Robert, would marry Daniel’s daughter Mary) and Thomas Layton (whose daughter, Elizabeth, would marry Daniel’s son Daniel Williams). Daniel’s daughter Catherine also married a Layton (see Wills, Appendix C; Monmouth County Marriage Records, New Jersey State Archives).

	Williams, John (Owner of adjoining land; John Williams Saw Mill) (Named)	TO: Richard Ashfield (Heirs or Assignees of) FROM: SURVEY. 30.06 acres. In Shrewsbury; on the north branch of the Mattetecunk River, near Manasquan Road; Monmouth County. [Warrant Date: 21 Oct 1749]. OTHERS NAMED: John Anderson (Deputy Surveyor); David Ketcham (Survey at the request of); John Williams (Owner of adjoining land; John Williams Saw Mill) LOCATIONS: East Jersey; Monmouth; Shrewsbury Township; Pineland; Metedeconk River; Manasquan Road; Mills; Mill Lots; Roads, Streets, Highways, Paths	3 Apr 1761	S4 (EJ Surveys): Folio 317-318 (PEASJ003)  <a href="#">View PDF</a>
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	Williams, John (John Williams Saw Mill) (Named)	TO: Anthony Sharp (Heirs or Assignees of) FROM: SURVEY. 52.76 acres. In Shrewsbury on both sides of the main branch of the Metedcunck River; west of the main road from Freehold; opposite to the Great Cove; Monmouth County. Eight Tracts: 10.3 acres; 10.37 acres; 1.64 acres; 4 acres; 2.89 acres; 2.98 acres; 11.14 acres; and 9.44 acres. [Warrant Date: 23 Aug 1750]. (See also: W3, 11). OTHERS NAMED: William Alexander (Surveyor General) (Signatory); Anthony Dennis (Deputy Surveyor); Joseph Emans (Owner of adjoining land; Joseph Emans Saw Mill); Thomas Emans (Thomas Emans New House; Owner of adjoining land); John Williams (John Williams Saw Mill) LOCATIONS: East Jersey; Monmouth; Shrewsbury Township; Meadows and Meadowlands; Pineland; Great Cove; Metedeconk River; Road from Freehold; Mills; Mill Lots; Roads, Streets, Highways, Paths	24 Oct 1761	S4 (EJ Surveys) : Folio 450-452 (PEASJ003)  <a href="#">View PDF</a>
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**Figure A-5:** April 3, 1761 Survey and October 24, 1761 Survey citing the Williams mill. Note, the October survey actually says “being on both sides of the North main branch of Metetecunk river” not on the main branch as stated in the summary. This aligns with the 1781 British map showing the location of the Williams and Emans mills on the river. It also shows Thomas Emans having a house there already.

	Williams, John (Grantee)	TO: Anthony Sharp (Heirs or Assignees of); John Williams FROM: SURVEY. 278.93 acres. Between the north and south branches of the Metedeconk Creek; Monmouth County. Seven Tracts: 139.74 acres; 45.62 acres; 16 acres; 28.6 acres; 13.49 acres; 3.5 acres; and 31.89 acres. OTHERS NAMED: LOCATIONS: East Jersey; Monmouth; Metedeconk River	23 Feb 1760	S4 (EJ Surveys) : Folio 255-257 (PEASJ003)  <a href="#">View PDF</a>
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**Figure A-6:** Survey return citing Williams’ new mill for lot 5 and reference to his old pond for lot 6. As quoted from the survey return: **Lott No. 5:** “Begining at two chesnutt trees growing from one root marked on four sides standing on the north east point of gravelly hill half a mile below Williams's new saw mill”. **Lott No. 6:** “Begining at a white oak marked on four sides standing on the edge of the bank on the south side of the north branch of Metetunk at the head of Williams's mill pond and about sixteen chaines above where Shopsunk vents into said North Branch”.

**APPENDIX PART B: Tax Ratables:**

The Shrewsbury, Monmouth County tax ratable records for 1779-1808 provide a clear illustration of this specific Williams family starting from 3 years after the death of father John the cordwainer, through the death of this Daniel Williams in 1795, and into the continuation of his son, also Daniel Williams d.1832. The following table includes the confirmed surviving members of John the cordwainer’s family, including his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Hannah Scott, daughter Hannah, son Matthew, this Daniel Williams d.1795 and his son, Daniel Williams d.1832:

Shrewsbury, Monmouth County, NJ Tax Ratables 1779-1808																		
WILLIAMS FAMILY: HANNAH, DANIEL, MATTHEW, HANNAH, SON DANIEL	ID	Year	Acres Improved		Acres Unimprove		Horse	Cattle	Hogs	\$	\$	House hold (sq)	Single man	Saw Mill	Tanyard	Covered Wagon	#Inhabitants	Notes
			\$	\$	\$	\$												
Daniel Williamson	c	1779	30	10			8		11			-						father (son of John cordwainer)
Hannah Williamson	c	1779	35	20			4	3										widow (of John cordwainer)
Daniel Williamson	c	1780	30	10			8		11			-						father
Hannah Williamson	c	1780	35	20			1	3		11	5							widow
Daniel Williamson	c	1781	30	8			6	1	8	13	1	-						father
Hannah Williamson	c	1781	32	20	30	3	1	3	2	12	1	1						widow
Matthew Williams	c	1781					2	2	1	4	15	1						brother (son of John cordwainer)
Daniel Williams Son	c	1781	30	8			6	-	8	8		-						father
Hannah Williamson	c	1781	32	20	30	3	1	3		11	11							widow
Matthew Williams	c	1781					2	2		4	10	1						brother
Daniel Williams	c	1784	30	10			6	-	9	0	1	-						5 father (wife Anstes/3 kids in house)
Hannah Williamson	c	1784	35	20	30	3	3	5		16	13	1						2 widow, last: death (sister in house)
Matthew Williams	c	1784					1					1						0 brother
Daniel Williams Jun	c	1785	30	10			10	-	13	0		-		1				father
Hannah Williamson	c	1785	17	20	30	2	2	4		10	10							sister (daughter of John cordwainer)
Matthew Williams	c	1785	18	20			1	1		5	17							brother
Daniel Williams Jun	c	1786	30	10			7	-	10	0		-		1				father
Hannah Williamson	c	1786	17	20	30	2	1	3		8	5							sister
Matthew Williams	c	1786	18	20			1	1		5	17							brother
Daniel Williams	c	1789	30	10			9	-	12	0								father
Daniel Williams Jun	C	1789						-				1		1				son (son of Daniel Williams)
Hannah Williamson	c	1789					2	4		6	10	1						sister
Matthew Williams	c	1789						8	lot	2								brother, last: death
Daniel Williams	c	1794	60	10	10	2		8	-	6	4							father
Daniel Williams Jun	C	1794			50	3	2		-	1	10							son
Daniel Williams	c	1795	60	10	50	2	2	7	-	7	0				1			father, last: death
Daniel Williams Jun	C	1795						-				1						son
Daniel Williams	C	1796	30	12	50	3	2	5	-	5								son
Daniel Williams	C	1797	30	12	50	3	3	4	-	5	0							son, last: to Howell Township

**Figure B-1:** Detail of Daniel Williams (father), his mother Hannah Williams (widow), his sister Hannah Williams (sister), brother Matthew Williams (brother) and son Daniel Williams (son) entries in the Shrewsbury Township Tax Ratables (1779–1808). *Source: New Jersey State Archives, Record Group: New Jersey General Assembly, Series: Tax Ratables [Duplicates], 1768-1846, Series #SAS00001.*

Daniel Williams d.1795 possesses 30 acres in 1779 and maintains that level and about 8 cattle until the purchase of the 30 acres from the 1788 surveyed land, which was finally recorded and taxed starting in 1793, or 1794 in the table above since there are no records from 1793. The increase in unimproved land is also consistent with the move into the timber trades in the Metedeconk River area. The taxation of his Tanyard begins in 1785, but had most likely been in operation long before that given the stable acreage and cattle count. Tax laws grew tougher as the State needed money during the war. Daniel’s son, Daniel is listed as a single man for the first time

in 1789. Critically, the younger Daniel is also listed as owning and paying tax on the Tanyard that year and not his father Daniel. This solidifies the relationship between the two men. It also further solidifies the relationship between father Daniel Williams and a witness of his will, Thomas Little, as Little was one of the men who visited each home in the township and completed the tax ratables (see Will of Daniel Williams, 1795, Figure C-5).

At the elder Daniel's death in 1795, son Daniel gains half of the improved land, almost all of the unimproved land and most of the cattle and horses. The last mention of younger Daniel in the Shrewsbury tax ratables is in 1797. He is not listed in the Shrewsbury 1808 collection, as Howell had formed and separated in 1801, relocating Daniel and his young family to a new Township where they will later re-emerge.

Here is a targeted summary of the tax ratables for only father and son Daniel Williams:

Shrewsbury, Monmouth County, NJ Tax Ratables 1779-1808																		
RELEVANT DANIELS ONLY FATHER & SON	ID	Year	Acres Improved		Acres Unimprove		Horse	Cattle	Hogs	S	S	House holder(s)	Single man	Saw Mill	Tanyard	Covered Wagon	# Inhabitants	Notes
			S	S	S	S												
Daniel Williamson	c	1779	30	10			8		11			-						father
Daniel Williamson	c	1780	30	10			8		11			-						father
Daniel Williamson	c	1781	30	8			6	1	8	13	1	-						father
Daniel Williams Son	c	1781	30	8			6	-	8	8	-							father
Daniel Williams	c	1784	30	10			6	-	9	0	1	-						5 father
Daniel Williams Jun	c	1785	30	10			10	-	13	0	-			1				father
Daniel Williams Jun	c	1786	30	10			7	-	10	0	-			1				father
Daniel Williams	c	1789	30	10			9	-	12	0								father
Daniel Williams Jun	C	1789					-					1		1				son
Daniel Williams	c	1794	60	10	10	2	8	-	6	4								father
Daniel Williams Jun	C	1794			50	3	2	-	1	10								son
Daniel Williams	c	1795	60	10	50	2	2	7	-	7	0			1				father
Daniel Williams Jun	C	1795						-				1						son
Daniel Williams	C	1796	30	12	50	3	2	5	-	5								son
Daniel Williams	C	1797	30	12	50	3	3	4	-	5	0							son

**Figure B-2:** Detail of Tax Ratable entries for Daniel Williams d.1795 (father) and Daniel Williams d.1832 (son), 1781–1797. *Source: New Jersey State Archives, Record Group: New Jersey General Assembly, Series: Tax Ratables [Duplicates], 1768-1846, Series #SAS00001, Shrewsbury Township, 1779-1808.*

It is noteworthy that in 1789, the Tanyard is listed under son Daniel, in 1794 the unimproved land is listed under son Daniel, and then in 1795, nothing is listed under him. Following his father's death in 1795, he inherits most of his father's property, less half of the improved land and the Tanyard, which goes noticeably missing after the father's death; a Tanyard never appears at the Metedeconk land. The description of son Daniel Williams, property upon his death in 1832 paints the picture of a man who wandered from the family trades of the shoe and leather making industries towards the broader family roots of farming, timber and millwork.

In 18th-century tax records, suffixes such as "Jun" (Junior) and "Sen" (Senior) were functional labels used to distinguish between two men of the same name in the same municipality, strictly denoting age rather than a biological relationship. While "Junior" often indicated a son, it could just as easily refer to a younger nephew, cousin, or unrelated neighbor; if the older "Senior" died or moved away, the "Junior" would typically drop the suffix or become "Senior" himself. However, specific designations like "Son" (as seen in these tables) were

sometimes used when a young man first entered the tax rolls, explicitly linking him to the head of a household to differentiate him from other established adults of the same name. It's worth recognizing the initial consistent use of the designation "Son" that was consistently applied to the family members of John Williams, cordwainer. Compiling and viewing the aggregated information enables the identification of patterns and correlated events that are not evident in a snapshot view of a single year in isolation.

Daniel Wainwright	150	15	500	5			1/2	12	6	10							
Daniel Williams Son of John	70	20					3	1/2	2	15							
Daniel Williams son	30	8						6	8	8							
Daniel Woolley Junr																	1
Daniel Ellison																	1
Daniel Williams	50	12	950	5			2	2	5	8	0						1/2

**Figure B-3:** Excerpt from the 1781 Shrewsbury Township tax ratable list. There are 3 men named Daniel Williams listed: Daniel Williams – son of John, Daniel Williams Son (younger) and Daniel Williams.

Daniel Wainwright	150	18	300	2			3	10	46	15							
Daniel Williams S. Jr.	75	12					1	1	11	5	1						
Daniel Williams	30	10						6	9		1						
Daniel Williams Senr	800	3					1	2	27	5			1/2				
Daniel Clark	150	6					4	9	23		1						

**Figure B-4:** Excerpt from the 1784 Shrewsbury Township tax ratable list. The 3 same men named Daniel Williams are listed here, but they are not listed the same way. There is still a "Son of John", but the designation "Son" was dropped from Daniel Williams having 30 acres. "Sen", or senior is used to describe the senior-most Daniel Williams in the tax ratables. It is very important to track the taxable property in order to track the proper individuals.

Daniel White									1			1					
Daniel Williams	60	10	10	2					4	6	1/2						
Daniel Williams Junr			50	3				2		1	10						
Daniel Williams Squan	80	10							4	3							

**Figure B-5:** Excerpt from the 1794 Shrewsbury Township tax ratable list. There are still 3 men named Daniel Williams, but they are different men; Daniel Williams (Son) from the 1781 ratables is listed as Daniel Williams now because his prior elder – or Senior – in the community, Daniel Williams (abt. 1720-1787), brother of Loyalist John Williams from Freehold, died childless around 1787. Daniel Williams' son now appears in the ratables and is listed as Junior. The third Daniel Williams to appear on the tax list is Daniel Williams from "Squan".

The third source used to confirm the identities and connections of the Williams family members and locations was through will summaries and newspaper advertisements about the land and people.

### Will of John Williams (1640-22 Dec 1719)

Source: DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, VOLUME XXIII, CALENDAR OF NEW JERSEY WILLS, VOL. 1670-1730, EDITED, WITH AN INDUCTORY NOTE ON THE EARLY TESTAMENTARY LAWS AND CUSTOMS OF NEW JERSEY,

BY WILLIAM NELSON

PATERSON, N.J.: THE PRESS PRINTING AND PUBLISHING CO., 269 MAIN STREET. 1901

1717 2d d. 6th m. (Aug). Williams, John, Senior, of Shrosbry, Monmouth Co.; will of. Wife Mary. Children-- Dannill, John, George, Judahy, Hannah, Elizabeth, Lidya, Magrete, Constance. Real and personal estate. Executors-- the wife and son Dannill. Witnesses-- Philipp Edwards, Samuel Swain, George Corlies. Proved March 21, 1719-20. Lib. A, p. 160

1719-20 March 21. Inventory of the personal estate, 131.4.10 pounds, incl. a silver 1.16.7 pounds, 10 bushels of oats 15s, 10 do. of rye 1.5 pounds, 45 do. of corn 4.10 poundsm 32 sheep 6 pounds, 16 chatel(cattle) 32 pounds, a horse 3 pounds and a large Bible 2 pounds; made by Philip Edwards and Steven Colven. Sworn to by Daniel Williams, one of the executors. John Williams junior agrees, March 8th, to the probate of the will of John Williams senior.

**Figure C-1:** Abstract of the Will and Inventory of John Williams (1640–1719), (father of Daniel d.1770). Source: Nelson, William (ed.), *Documents Relating to the State of New Jersey, Vol. XXIII (Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Vol. I, 1670-1730)*, Paterson, NJ, 1901; citing Lib. A, p. 160.

1770, Jan. 21. Williams, Daniel, of Shrewsbury, Monmouth Co., yeoman; will of. Wife, Ann, some household goods, which are to be given to my son, George, after her death. Son, John, the land 1

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bought of John Brinley, which is in Shrewsbury, near Steven Wolley's. Grandson, Daniel Worthley, £30, and his father, Richard, is to pay him £25, which was lent to him by me. Son, George, my mortgages. A good title to be made to the mill, for the support of son, George; and he is to be put to a trade. Executor—my friends, Webley Edwards, and Peleg Slocum. Witnesses—Job Cook, Noah Taber, David Hance. Proved March 27, 1770.

1770, March 7. Inventory, made by John Brinley and James West. Lib. K, p. 196.

**Figure C-2:** Abstract of the Will of Daniel Williams (yeoman), proved 1770, (father of John Williams (cordwainer) d.1776). Source: Honeyman, A. Van Doren (ed.), *Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New Jersey, Vol. XXXIII (Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Vol. IV, 1761-1770)*, Trenton, NJ, 1928, p. 480; citing Lib. K, p. 196.

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who may have married, 1762,  
Timothy Curtis.  
DANIEL WILLIAMS (7), son of  
John (1), died in 1770. His wife was  
named Ann. His children, as named  
in his will, were: George (47); John  
(48); and a daughter (49), who  
married Richard Worthley, and had  
at least one child, Daniel Worthley  
OBADIAH WILLIAMS (12), son  
of George (2), was born in 1710 and  
died in 1748. He married Catherine,  
daughter of Humphrey Wadey, who  
took for a second husband a mem-

**Figure C-3:** Excerpt regarding Daniel Williams (d. 1770) from the "Williams Family" series, (father of John d.1776). Source: Hornor, William S., *This Old Monmouth of Ours, Freehold, NJ, 1932* (reprinted 1974).

1769, Feb. 25. Williams, John, of Shrewsbury, Monmouth Co., cordwainer; will of. Eldest son, James, £10. Wife, Hannah, use of all real and personal estate, but, if she marry, the lands to be sold, and my whole estate to be divided between my wife and 5 children, and Rachel Scott, whom I have brought up. If my wife do not marry, then, after her death, the lands are to be sold and divided between my 3 sons, Asher, Daniel and Matthew, and my 2 daughters, Hannah and Phebe, and Rachel Scott. Executors—Job Cook, of Shrewsbury, and James Grover, Jr., of Middletown. Witnesses—Edmond Lafetra, Jr., James Lafetra, Jr., Hannse Jacobs. Proved April 19, 1776. Lib. L, p. 424.

**Figure C-4:** Abstract of the Will of John Williams (cordwainer), proved 1776, (father of Daniel d.1795). Source: Honeyman, A. Van Doren (ed.), *Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New Jersey, Vol. XXXIV (Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Vol. V, 1771-1780)*, Trenton, NJ, 1931.

1795, Aug. 9. Williams, Daniel, Sr., of Shrewsbury, Monmouth Co.; will of. Wife, Anstes, use of real and personal estate while widow. Daughter, Anstes, legacy left me by my father John Williams. Sons, Daniel and James, remainder of estate (after wife's marriage or decease) to be divided between them. Wife and son

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Daniel to fulfill agreement made by Daniel and me, Mar. 20th. Executors—son, Daniel and friend, Obadiah Tilton. Witnesses—Daniel Allen, David Woodmancy and Thomas Little. Proved Sept. 16, 1795. Lib. 33, p. 510.

1795, Sept. 23. Inventory, £160.10.6; made by Benjamin Wolcott and Jediah Allen. File 7333-7340M.

**Figure C-5:** Abstract of the Will of Daniel Williams (Sr.), proved 1795, (father of Daniel d.1832). Source: Hutchinson, Elmer T. (ed.), *Documents Relating to the Colonial, Revolutionary and Post-Revolutionary History of the State of New Jersey, Vol. XXXVII (Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Vol. VIII, 1791-1795)*, Jersey City, NJ, 1942, p.399-400.

**Notice.**

By William Lloyd, William I. Bowne, and John Headen, Esquires, Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas of the county of Monmouth.

**N**OTICE is hereby given that upon application to us by Aaron Layton and Catharine his wife, late Catharine Williams, of Howell, in said county, who claim an undivided fourth part of share of all that tract of land and appurtenances situate in the township of Howell aforesaid, formerly and when he died, the property of Daniel Williams, being a House and about sixty acres of land, bounded by lands of Thomas Emmons, John West and Joseph Reynolds. We have nominated Thomas De Bow, John Gant and Lewis Miller Commissioners to divide the said tract of land with the appurtenances into four equal shares or parts, two shares of which to Daniel Williams, one share unto Aaron Layton and Catharine his wife, late Catharine Williams, and the other share unto Sarah Skidmore, Catharine Skidmore, Henry Skidmore and Emeline Skidmore, heirs at law of Mary Skidmore deceased, and unless proper objections are stated to us at the house of Benjamin Laird, inkeeper, in Freehold on Thursday the sixteenth day of August next, the said Thomas De Bow, John Gant, and Lewis Miller, will then be appointed Commissioners to make partition of the said land and premises with the appurtenances, pursuant to an act entitled "An Act for the more easy partition of lands held by coparceners, joint tenants and tenants in common," passed the 11th November, 1760. Given under our hand this 18th June, 1832.

WILLIAM LLOYD,  
WILLIAM I. BOWNE,  
JOHN HEADEN.

**NOTICE**  
Is Hereby Given,

**T**HAT the subscribers Commissioners appointed by the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Monmouth to make partition of the Real Estate of Daniel Williams, deceased late of the township of Howell, in the county aforesaid, have appointed to meet on Monday the nineteenth day of November next at the

**House of John Hyers,**  
Inkeeper, in the township of Freehold, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, for the purpose of making an allotment by ballot among those interested in the Real Estate of said deceased agreeable to an act of the Legislature of New Jersey, in such case made and provided.

THOMAS DEBOW, }  
JOHN GRANT, } Com'rs.  
LEWIS MILLER. }

Dated October 17th 1832. 172-5w.

Figures C-6 and C-7: Legal notices regarding the partition of the estate of Daniel Williams (d. 1832), (father of Daniel d.1843). Source: *The Monmouth Democrat* (Freehold, NJ); notices dated June 18, 1832 (left), and October 17, 1833 (right).

REYNOLDS –pg. 272; May 1849. Mary Reynolds, late Mary Williams, wife of Israel Reynolds, petitioned for a division of the real estate that belonged to Daniel Williams, dec'd. Daniel Williams died intestate owning land in Howell township. Heirs of Daniel Williams, dec'd., entitled to 1/9 share each: Mary Reynolds, wife of Israel Reynolds; Rebecca Williams; Thomas Williams; Catherine Williams; Josephine Williams; Lucinda Williams; Daniel Williams; Ann Williams; and William H. Williams. Only Mary Reynolds was over 21yrs. of age.

**Figure C-8:** Abstract of Petition for Division of the Estate of Daniel Williams (May 1849). *Description:* This record from the Orphans Court books details the petition by Mary Reynolds (late Mary Williams) for the division of the real estate of Daniel Williams, listing the nine heirs to the estate: Mary Reynolds, Rebecca Williams, Thomas Williams, Catherine Williams, Josephine Williams, Lucinda Williams, Daniel Williams, Ann Williams, and William H. Williams. *Source:* Cronk, Judith B. *Intestates and Others from the Orphans Court Books of Monmouth Co., N.J., 1785-1906*, p. 272.

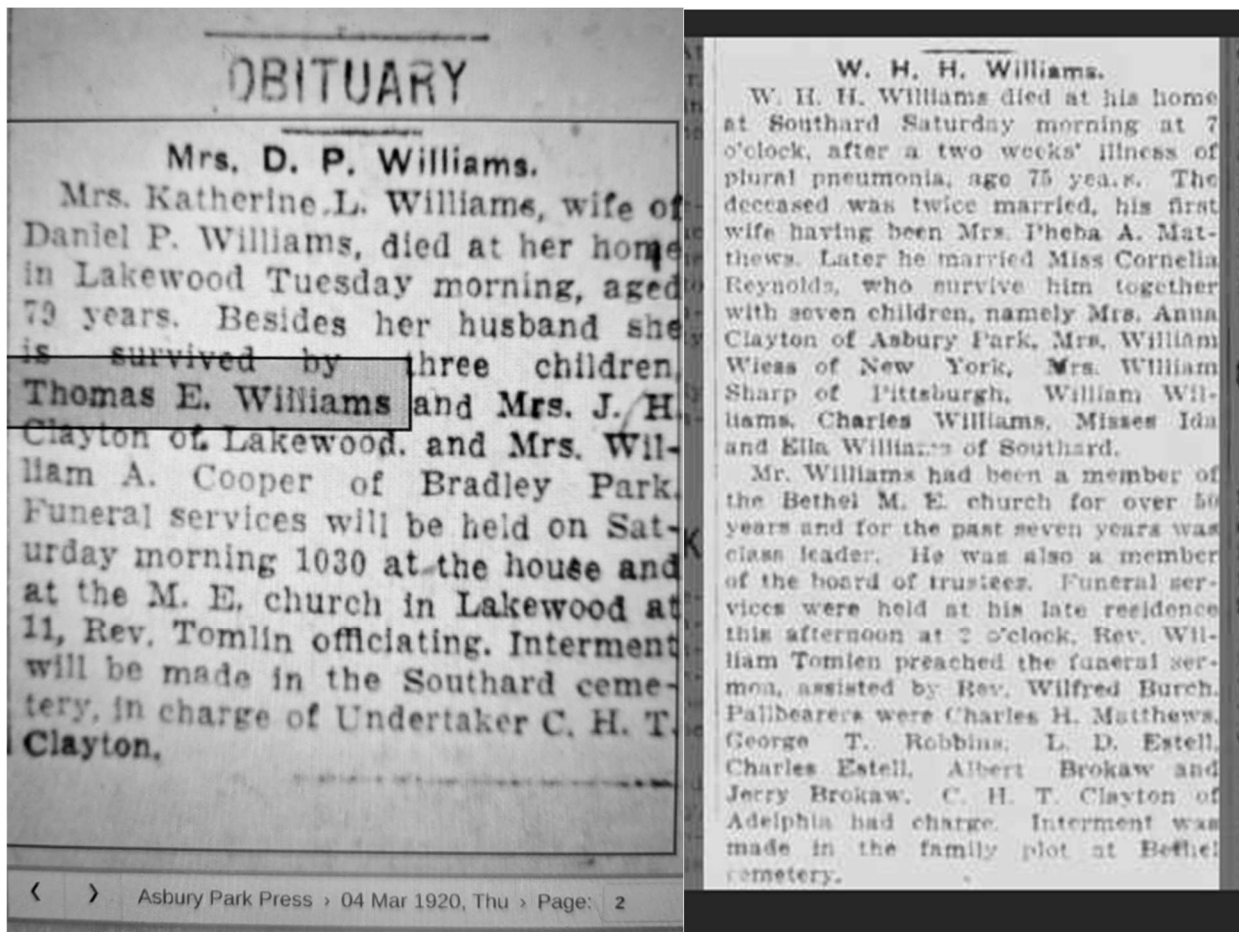
**Application for Division.**  
 To the heirs at law, and all persons interested in the lands and real estate of Daniel Williams, late of the county of Monmouth, dec. Notice is hereby given. That application will be made by the subscribers to the Judges of the Orphans' Court, of the county of Monmouth, on the 8th day of May, in the Term of May next, for the appointment of Commissioners to divide and partition the lands and real estate of the said Daniel Williams, dec., in the township of Howell, among his heirs.  
 MARY REYNOLDS,  
 [late Mary Williams]  
 ISRAEL REYNOLDS.  
 April 5, 1849. 5w

**COMMISSIONERS' SALE  
 OF REAL ESTATE**  
 BY Virtue of an Order of the Orphans' Court of the County of Monmouth, made at the February Term, 1850, there will be sold at  
**PUBLIC VENDUE,**  
 on Saturday, the 18th day of May next, between the hours of 12 and 5 o'clock, at the house of Israel Reynolds, in the township of Howell, near the premises, all the Real Estate of Daniel Williams, dec. situated on the north side of the north branch of Metedeconk river in the township of Howell, aforesaid, containing about 100 acres in four lots, on one of which there is a large and convenient  
**DWELLING HOUSE,**  
 nearly new, and other out-buildings, with a bearing Apple Orchard, about one half of which tract is cleared, and the remainder timbered with a heavy growth of Oak and Pine timber thereon, adjoining lands of Thomas Emmons, Joseph Reynolds, and James P. Alaire.  
 Any person wishing to view the premises, will be shown them by calling on Israel Reynolds, near the same.  
 Amariah Gifford,  
 Silas Newman,  
 John Runyan,  
 Commissioners  
 April 11, 1850.  
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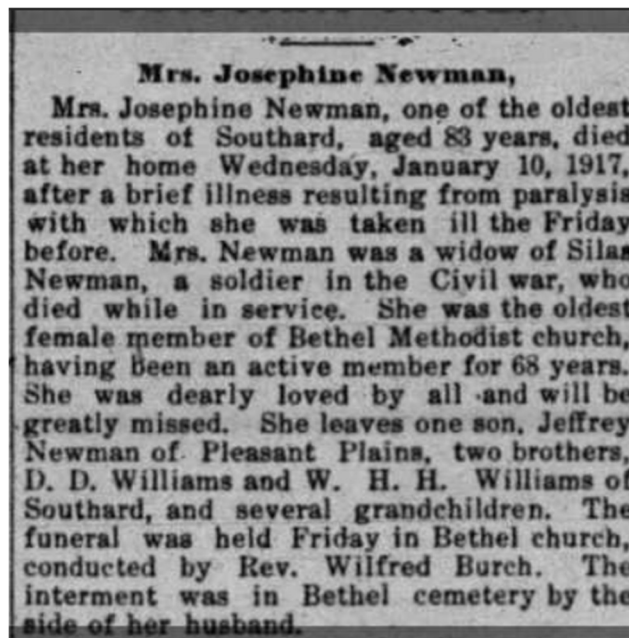
**Figures C-9 and C-10:** Legal notices regarding the estate division and sale of property of Daniel Williams (d. 1843), (father of Daniel D. d.1937 and Henry d.1917). *Source:* *The Monmouth Democrat (Freehold, NJ)*; notices dated April 5, 1849, and (left) April 25, 1850 (right).

State of New Jersey Monmouth County  
An Inquisition <sup>taken</sup> at Maxwell Township, in the County  
Aforesaid the 27 day of May 1843 - Before Me Littleton  
Herbert one of the Justices of the Peace in said  
County Aforesaid upon View of the body of Daniel  
Williams then and there lying dead upon the bath  
of Lewis Miller James Estle John Estle John Brown  
Joseph F. Johnson Hyman Truax John Sailor  
Gilbert Hues Robert Gant Joseph Reynolds  
William Estle John O'Handler Good and Caspelle  
Men of the said County of Monmouth who being  
Sworn and Charged to Enquire on the part of the  
State of New Jersey when and where how and after what  
Manner the said Daniel Williams came to his death  
do say upon their Oaths that Daniel Williams  
not having the fear of God before his Eyes but being  
Seduced and Moved by the Instigation of the Devil  
at the County Aforesaid in a certain wood in Maxwell  
Aforesaid standing and being the said Dani-  
el Williams being then and there alone with a certain  
Kempen cord of the Value of twelve cents which he then and  
there had and held in his hand the cord being doubled  
the two ends thereof he then and there put about his  
Neck and the other end thereof <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>through</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>over</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>a limb of the tree</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> tied to the body of the  
tree a certain Oak tree near to J<sup>os</sup> Reynolds in  
P<sup>o</sup> Township himself then and there with the cord afo-  
said voluntarily and feloniously and of malice aforesaid  
sought hanged and suffocated, and so the Jurors aforesaid  
upon Oath Aforesaid say that the said Daniel Williams  
then and there in Manner and Form Aforesaid as a felon of  
himself feloniously voluntarily and of his malice  
aforesaid himself killed strangled and murdered against  
the peace in Wilness Whereof as well the Aforesaid Justice  
as the Jurors Aforesaid have hereunto set their hands and

Figure C-11: Coroner's Inquest regarding the death of Daniel Williams, dated May 27, 1843. Source: Image provided courtesy of the Monmouth County Archives; Inquest Papers, 1843.



**Figures C-12 and C-13:** Obituaries for Catherine Louisa Williams (**left**) and William H. H. Williams (**right**). Source: *The Asbury Park Press* (Asbury Park, NJ); Catherine Louisa Williams notice dated March 4, 1920, p. 2. and W.H.H. Williams notice dated March 6, 1917, p.2. (Note: both Katherine L. Williams and Daniel P. Williams are spelled incorrectly. The location of Catherine Louisa's home and burial are also incorrectly shown to be in Lakewood).



**Figure C-14:** Obituary for Josephine Williams Newman (c. 1834–1917), titled "Mrs. Josephine Newman." Source: *The Freehold Transcript and The Monmouth Inquirer* (Freehold, NJ), January 19, 1917, p. 5.

**Daniel Williams,  
 Pioneer, Succumbs**

Daniel D. Williams, 99-year-old Civil war veteran, died yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William A. Cooper, 1315 Seventh avenue, Neptune, where he has been living some years.

Mr. Williams was a lifelong resident of Monmouth county, having been born at Southard. He was a farmer in the vicinity of Southard thruout his active life.

In the Civil war, he served in Company K, 29th regiment, New Jersey infantry.

He was one of the county's oldest residents and one of the few remaining Civil war veterans.

Services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow at the C. H. T. Clayton funeral home, Adelphia. The Rev. A. C. Polhemus, pastor of the Freehold M. E. church, will officiate at the services and interment will be made in Southard cemetery.

Mr. Williams is survived by a son, Thomas E. Williams, Point Pleasant, besides his daughter. There are 15 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Williams was affectionately known at Southard as "Uncle Dan." It was there that he formerly lived a quiet rural life. If he had lived thru June 7 this year he would have rounded out a century of life in that place.

After his retirement from farming, Mr. Williams lived in Southard with his late daughter Mrs. J. H. Clayton, where he occupied his time with long walks and cultivation of his garden.

Every Sunday he used to walk more than a mile to church services and was a familiar figure to the townspeople.

In 1921 when Mr. Williams was 83, his wife, Mrs. Luella Newman Williams died.

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**WILLIAM WILLIAMS DISTRIBUTES  
 ESTATE AMONG HIS WIFE AND  
 CHILDREN.—OTHER WILLS.**

The will of William H. H. Williams, Sr., of Howell township, made December 6, 1914, and just probated, bequeaths to his wife, Cornelia C. Williams, in addition to her dower right, the interest on \$2,400 so long as she lives or, remains his widow. Upon her death, or remarriage the \$2,400 is to be equally distributed among his children. To each of three daughters, Phebe A., wife of Charles D. Clayton, Mary W., wife of W. H. Weiss, and Edna W., wife of S. S. Sharp, he devised \$1,500 each. To his daughter, Ella D. Williams, he bequeathed a house and lot at East Lakewood, and all of his stock in the People's National bank. To his son, W. H. H. Williams, Jr., he bequeathed the farm known as the Hannah A. Reynolds farm of 18 acres in Howell township, and to his son, Charles T. Williams, he bequeathed the homestead farm of 20 acres, also a tract of four acres along the so-called state road. The will directs that a tract of timber land, known as the Osborn tract, near Buckshootum, remain undivided until his youngest child reaches the age of 21 years and that the land then be equally divided between his children. The widow and the son, William H. H. Williams, Jr., are appointed executors. The will was witnessed by B. M. and A. J. Cooper.

A will executed October 24, 1914, and

Figures C-15 and C-16: Left: Obituary for Daniel David Williams (1838–1937), titled "Daniel Williams, Pioneer, Succumbs." Source: *The Asbury Park Press* (Asbury Park, NJ), March 2, 1937, p. 1. Right: Article regarding the will of William Henry Harrison Williams, Sr., titled "William Williams Distributes Estate Among His Wife and Children." Source: *The Freehold Transcript and The Monmouth Inquirer* (Freehold, NJ), April 20, 1917, p. 10.

**Southard News.**

..... Silas T. Newman will farm A. S. Larrabee's farm the coming year.

..... John L. Matthews will move back to his own farm and C. M. Estel, Jr., will build on his own place.

..... F. E. Williams will move from W. H. H. Williams' farm to John H. Wagner's place near Blue Ball.

..... W. H. H. Williams will move from Asbury Park back to his old home at Southard.

..... Edgar W. Polhemus, our school teacher, is very much liked. He is keeping a good school with the assistance of Miss Josie Norcross. They have about eighty scholars each day.

..... George J. Gould shot ninety-eight pigeons on Saturday last out of 100.

general hustler, Linworth Smith), local reporter, George W. Knipe.

**BRIEF BUSINESS BITS.**

Few establishments in this vicinity run a more select and varied stock of harness, saddles, trunks, horse clothing, etc., than W. H. Williams, at 157 Main Street, Asbury Park. Mr. Williams also does an extensive trade in repairing and making harness to order. Those who intend purchasing anything in his line will do well to give Mr. Williams' stock a careful inspection.

Joseph D. Newlin, the hardware dealer at 173 Main Street, Asbury Park, has built up a large trade among hotel keepers and cottagers by his tact in keeping just what

**Figures C-17 and C-18:** Two clippings documenting William H. H. Williams's commercial venture in Asbury Park and his subsequent return to the family homestead. **Left:** *The Freehold Transcript and The Monmouth Inquirer*, March 1, 1895. **Right:** "Brief Business Bits". Source: *Asbury Park Morning Press*, August 27, 1891, p. 2.

**SOUTHARD.**

Trafford Matthews expects to move to his new farm this week.

Wesley Matthews who has been living at Lakewood for some time, will move back to his old home on Locust avenue in the near future.

The Rev. Mr. Deboice who has been ill is able to be around again.

William A. Cooper and family are spending their vacation at the home of Daniel Williams on the Kent road.

the Friday with Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Clayton. Thomas E. Williams has purchased the a Cook farm and will move the house and last make some alterations in the buildings. Mrs. Robbins who has been quite ill, is

**Figures C-19 and C-20:** Left: Snippet from the "Southard" column recording a family visit. Source: *The Freehold Transcript and The Monmouth Inquirer* (Freehold, NJ), February 15, 1907, p. 6. **Right:** A news brief reporting on real estate activity in the local area. Source: *The Freehold Transcript and The Monmouth Inquirer* (Freehold, NJ), March 18, 1898, p. 8.

**Mrs. Cornalia Colby Williams**  
 Mrs. Cornalia Colby Williams, 85, died yesterday at the Hilltop Nursing home, Middletown. She is the widow of William H. H. Williams and had been a resident of this city for 20 years. She made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Edna Lawton, 207 Sixth avenue.

In addition to the daughter with whom she lived, she is survived by four other daughters, Mrs. Anna Clayton, Ocean Grove; Mrs. Ida Keim, Lakewood; Mrs. Mary White, Coral Gables, Fla., and Mrs. Ella D. Hills, this city; by two sons, William H. Williams, Grooveville, and Charles T. Williams, Lakewood; and by several grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of the Farry Memorial home, this city.

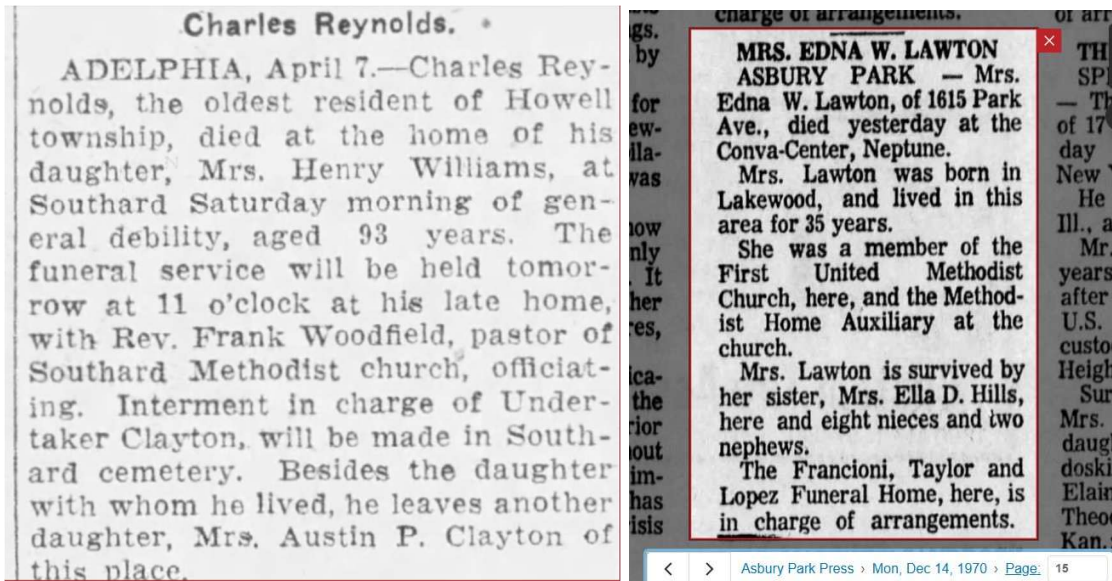
**Charles Reynolds,**  
 oldest resident of Howell township, died Saturday, April 5, 1919, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Henry Williams, at Southard, aged 93 years. Besides the daughter mentioned, he leaves another daughter, Mrs. Austin P. Clayton of Adelpia. Funeral services, conducted by Rev. Frank Woodfield, pastor of the Southard Methodist church, were held Tuesday morning, and interment was made in Southard

**Figures C-21 and C-22:** Obituaries for father and daughter, marking the passing of two generations of the family in Southard. **Left:** Obituary for Charles Reynolds (c. 1826–1919), *The Freehold Transcript and The Monmouth Inquirer*, April 11, 1919. **Right:** Obituary for "Mrs. Cornalia [Cornelia] Colby Williams" (c. 1859–1944), widow of William H. H. Williams, *Asbury Park Press*, November 29, 1944, p. 2.

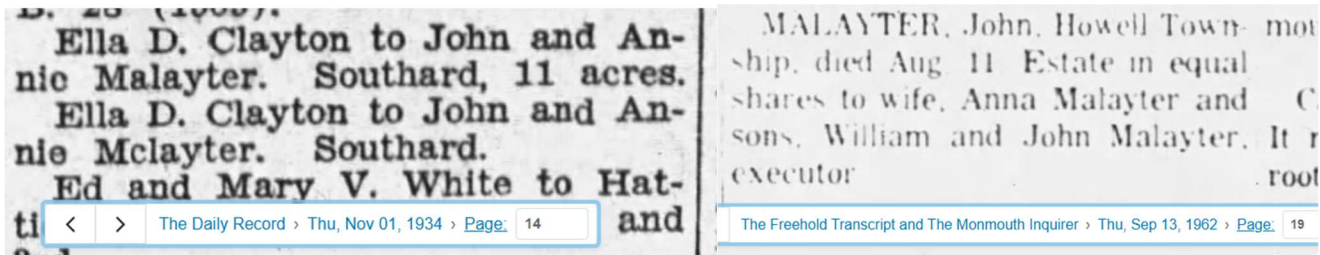
ORIGINAL			
1. NAME OF DECEASED—LAST—FIRST—MIDDLE (Print or type) <b>WILLIAMS, CHARLES THOMAS</b>		APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER (See attached instructions. Complete and submit original and duplicate)	
2. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, Day, Year) <b>4-28-43</b>		3. CHECK TYPE REQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/> UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FLAT MARBLE MARKER <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT GRANITE MARKER <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT BRONZE MARKER	
3. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, Day, Year) <b>FEB. 3 - 1944</b>		4. SERVICE NO. <b>32 758 939</b>	
4. STATE <b>N.J.</b>		5. GRADE <b>PFC</b>	
6. MEDALS <b>PURPLE HEART</b>		7. BRANCH OF SERVICE, COMPANY, REGIMENT, AND DIVISION OR SHIP <b>ARMY, CO. L, 142 INF. REGT. 36 DIV.</b>	
8. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) <b>APRIL 22-1923</b>		9. DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) <b>FEB. 3-1944</b>	
10. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Print or type) <b>Maxted Clinch</b>		11. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CEMETERY (City and State) <b>SOUTHARD CEMETERY, LAKEWOOD N.J.</b>	
12. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Print or type) <b>Maxted Clinch 41 Congress St. Lakewood N.J.</b>		13. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT <b>Maxted Clinch</b>	
14. DATE RECEIVED <b>JUN 11 1957</b>		15. DATE VERIFIED <b>JUN 14 1957</b>	
16. ORDERED BY <b>NY 5346931</b>		17. ORDERED BY <b>MONMOUTH MARSHAL CO.</b>	

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921)			
SERIAL NUMBER <b>01594</b>	1. NAME (Print) <b>William H. Williams</b>		ORDER NUMBER <b>T 11406</b>
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) <b>Howell Monmouth New Jersey</b>			
3. MAILING ADDRESS <b>R.F.D. #3 Kent Rd. Lakewood, New Jersey</b>			
4. TELEPHONE <b>None</b>	5. AGE IN YEARS <b>20</b>	6. PLACE OF BIRTH <b>Southard New Jersey</b>	
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS <b>Mr. Chas. T. Williams, R.F.D. #3 Kent Rd. Lakewood, N. J.</b>			
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS <b>American Stores</b>			
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS <b>252 Second Street Lakewood Ocean New Jersey</b>			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.			
D. S. S. FORM 1 (Revised 1-1-47)		* 19-21630-1 <b>William H. Williams</b> (Employer's Signature)	

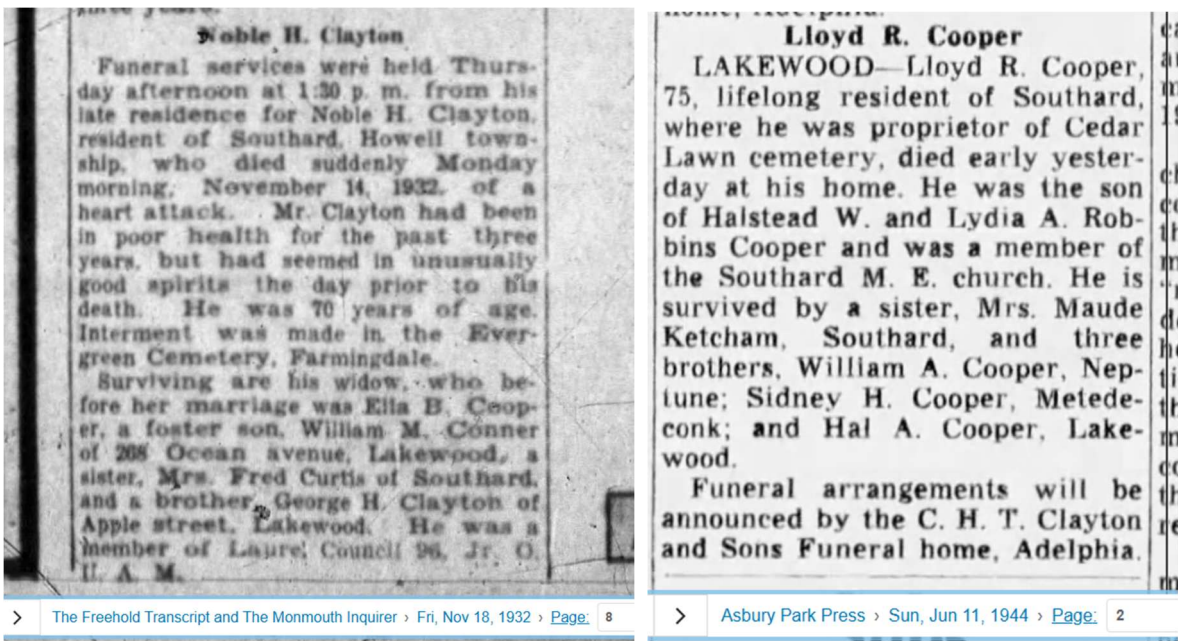
**Figures C-23 and C-24:** **Left:** "Application for Headstone or Marker" (Form QMC 646), dated 6 May 1957, for Charles Thomas Williams (PFC, Co. L, 142 Inf. Regt., 36 Div., died 3 February 1944); digital image, "U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1861-1985," *Ancestry.com*; **Right:** "U.S., World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 2026), card for William H. Williams, serial no. T-1594, order no. T-11406, Local Board, Monmouth County, New Jersey; citing Records of the Selective Service System, Record Group 147, National Archives and Records Administration.



**Figures C-25 and C-26:** Left: Obituary for Charles Reynolds, *Asbury Park Press*, April 7, 1919. Right: Obituary for Mrs. Edna W. Lawton, *Asbury Park Press*, December 14, 1970.



**Figures C-27 and C-28:** Left: Real Estate Transfers (Ella D. Clayton to John and Annie Malayter), *The Daily Record*, November 1, 1934. Right: Obituary for John Malayter, *The Freehold Transcript and The Monmouth Inquirer*, September 13, 1962



**Figures C-29 and C-30:** Left: Obituary for Noble H. Clayton, *The Freehold Transcript and The Monmouth Inquirer*, November 18, 1932. Right: Obituary for Lloyd R. Cooper, *Asbury Park Press*, June 11, 1944.

### Adelphia and West Farms Schools Go To W. C. Clayton For \$725

The nine deserted rural schools in Howell Township, which have been replaced by the new central 20-room, \$250,000 school, found new owners at a public auction at the new school Saturday afternoon, for a total purchase price of \$1,885.

Some of the buildings were sold complete with the land and others just the buildings, but in every instance the Board of Education will salvage all the equipment in the buildings. None can be used for either private or public school purposes and in cases where just the buildings were sold, the purchaser must leave the land in a leveled manner.

Two granges in the township acquired new homes in the school buildings for \$110. Before the sale began Austin Gunther, of the Southard Grange, publicly stated that the grange had gained title to the land upon which the Southard school building stands from the Bricksburg Land Improvement company of Lakewood and that he hoped competitive bidders would not be too hard as the Grange would like to have it. Gunther's bid of \$50 was the only one auctioneer John M. Evans received.

A similar situation took place in connection with the...

#### Divided Estate Among Children.

Halstead Cooper of Southard, who died a few weeks ago, divided his estate equally among his five children. The children are Lloyd R., Sidney H., William A. and Hal Cooper and Mrs. Maud Ketcham. Hal Cooper was appointed executor of the will. The witnesses were John H. and Herbert Burdge of Southard.

MRS. JESSIE H. McARTHUR, who died

**Figures C-31 and C-32:** Left: "Adelphia and West Farms Schools Go To W. C. Clayton For \$725," *The Freehold Transcript and The Monmouth Inquirer* (Freehold, NJ), April 7, 1939, 1, copy provided by the Monmouth County Archives. Right: Obituary for Halstead Cooper, *The Daily Register*, October 7, 1914.

**CHARLES T. WILLIAMS**  
**HOWELL TOWNSHIP**—Charles T. Williams, 71, of 285 Kent Rd., died unexpectedly at home yesterday morning.

Mr. Williams was a farmer. He was born here, son of the late William H. and Cornelia Reynolds Williams. He was a member of the Southard Methodist Church, and at one time had served nine years on the township Board of Education.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Minnie Curtis Williams; four daughters, Mrs. Beatrice Bradley, Akron, Ohio, and Mrs. Jean Sparks, Mrs. Gloria Reynolds, and Mrs. Elizabeth Engel, all of Lakewood; a son, William H. Williams, at home; four sisters, Mrs. P. A. Clayton, Belmar, Mrs. Mary White, Palm Beach, Fla., and Mrs. Edna Lawton, and Mrs. Ella Hills, both of Asbury Park; a brother, William H. Williams, Groveville, and 11 grandchildren.

The C. H. T. Clayton & Son Funeral Home, Adelphia, is in charge of arrangements.

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**N. B.** There is excepted from said land by the same Israel Reynolds, eight acres and sixty hundredths of an acre, on the east side, as will appear by a Deed from said Reynolds to William H. Williams, dated 14th day of September, A. D. 1863, as will appear.

Also, one acre is excepted on each side of said land for a grave yard, being the same tracts of land conveyed by Israel Reynolds to George C. Marks, by Deed dated the first day of April, A. D. 1864.

Seized as the property of George C. Marks and wife and als, taken in execution at the suit of Charles Allen, Administrator of Robert Allen, and to be sold by  
**CHARLES ALLEN, Sheriff.**

**R. ALLEN, Jr., Solicitor.**  
 Dated Sept. 23d, 1879. (\$14.40)

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Figures C-33 and C-34: Left: Obituary for Charles T. Williams, Asbury Park Press, April 13, 1963. Right: Sheriff's Sale Notice (Estate of Robert Allen), *Monmouth Democrat*, November 27, 1879.

**TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, THAT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED:  
**ORDINANCE RENAMING A PORTION OF CLAYTON ROAD TO TIOGA DRIVE** was given public hearing and adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Howell, in the County of Monmouth, and State of New Jersey, during a regular meeting held on April 22, 1991.

**Suzanne M. Veitengruber**  
 Mayor

Attest: **Bruce Davis**  
 Township Clerk

(\$14.40) **51144**

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**Southard News.**

There will be some changes here this spring. W. H. H. Williams will move to Asbury Park this spring, where he will continue in the store business; Mrs. Henry White of Jersey City, has rented one of C. R. Lecompte's houses; Arch. Patten will move into C. W. Williams house near Bethel church; Thos. E. Williams will farm W. H. H. Williams farm; John C. Brown will move back from Lakewood to his farm; Richard B. Clayton will go to Ocean Grove for the summer. It is also reported that Geo. B. Lecompt will move to Long branch to carry on the business of contractor and builder.

The trustees will build an addition to Bethel school house this summer. The present building is not large enough.

Figures C-35 and C-36: Left: Public Notice: Ordinance Renaming Clayton Road, *Asbury Park Press*, April 26, 1991. Right: "Southard News," *The Freehold Transcript and The Monmouth Inquirer*, April 6, 1894.

# 4 Hurt in Fight At Strikebound Poultry Plant

## Owner of Processing Plant, Buyer In Hospital After Free-for-All

HOWELL TOWNSHIP—Four men were injured yesterday when violence broke out at one of two of the strikebound poultry processing plants owned by Benjamin Zuck, Lakewood.

Sheriff's deputies were forced to draw guns before peace was restored.

Two of the four hurt were still at Paul Kimball Hospital, Lakewood today.

They are Mr. Zuck, who lives at 630 Seventh Street, Lakewood, and Henry Small, a poultry buyer of Clayton Road, Lakewood.

Dr. Gorman Jaffe, Lakewood, said Mr. Zuck had severe bruises of the right chest wall, two fractured ribs, multiple abrasions and contusions, and possible internal injuries.

### Suffers Bruises

The hospital reported Mr. Small suffering from chest bruises, severe bruise of the right arm, a possible concussion, and forehead cut which required eight stitches to close. He was reported in fairly good condition.

Also injured were two pickets, Michael Rosardo, New Egypt Road, Cassville, a chicken hanger, an eight-stitch forehead gash, and Juan V. Vasquez, Cassville, a laborer, bruises of the chest wall.

The fight took place in front of the poultry slaughterhouse on Ford Road, off Route 9, just north of Lakewood. Also strikebound is the

himself as a member of the joint organizing committee with Local 863, Teamsters Union, (AFL), and Local 56, Butchers Union.

He charged the fight started when Mr. Zuck's "strike-breakers" came at the "unarmed" pickets with clubs.

Mr. Zuck was attacked, he explained, when the strikers spotted him in the plant handing out iron pipes to his men.

"All hell broke loose. Small was swinging an iron pipe. We didn't know who he was and didn't care. The whole thing lasted less than 15 minutes. It was broken up by my aides, myself, and the sheriff's men.

### Says Firm to Blame

"We have been able to control things until now and it would have continued that way with a little help from the company, but none was forthcoming," Mr. Schmidt asserted.

He said between 35 and 40 employees, on strike, had been fired and replaced.

Mr. Zuck said less than 10 employees went on strike.

Figure C-37: "4 Hurt in Fight At Strikebound Poultry Plant," *Asbury Park Press*, August 4, 1955, Page 1 Right:

## New Jersey, Abstract of Wills, 1670-1817

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1743, Nov. 1. **Williams, George**, of Town of Shrewsbury, Monmouth Co., yeoman; will of. Wife, Lydia, one-third of plantation where testator lives and one-fourth of land on Goose Neck, one-third of houses, barns, etc., excepting fulling mill, tools, etc. Eldest son, Obadiah. Second son, George, land, mill, tools, etc., belonging to fulling mill, and grist mill and press, "which was Obadiah William's," and which testator bought of the auditors. Third son, Hezekiah, land bought of John Throckmorton at Squancum; land bought of Thomas Bills on Meteeteconk Neck; land on Whale Pond Brook, bought from testator's brother Judah. Fourth son, John, land bought from testator's brother, Judah, now in John's occupation. Youngest son, Elihu, plantation whereon testator lives, land on Goose Neck. "The above bequest to his mother-in-law, my wife Lydia, being excepted during her widowhood." To son, Elihu, the fulling mill with the copper press, sheers, etc. Daughter, Hannah, £100, when aged 21 or at marriage. Wife, use of one-third of silver plate. Mulatto man to be let or set free at age of 30, etc. Executors—sons George and Hezekiah. Witnesses—Emanuel Woolley, Webley Edwards, Michael Robinson, Jacob Dennis. Proved April 10, 1744. (Webley Edwards and the executors Quakers). Lib. D, p. 174.

1744, 1st mo. (Mar.), 24. Inventory (£1,386.19.8) includes mulatto man, £20, and utensils belonging to the clothers trade. Made by Ephraim Allen, Joseph Corlies, Jacob Corlies.

1768, Oct. 10. **Williams, John**, of Shrewsbury, Monmouth Co.; will of. Wife, Elizabeth, use of the land where I live. Sons, James and Daniel, the place where I live, that lies on the east side of Deal road; and the land on Goose Neck, and a salt meadow which I bought of William Cook, when they are 21. Son, George, the south part of the land that I bought of the Executors of Jedediah Allen; also my fulling mill. Son, John, the land where I dwell. Sons, Obadiah and Joseph, north part of the tract I bought of Jedidah Allen. Daughters, Elizabeth, Joannah, Hannah and Mary, £60 each, at marriage or when 21. Executors—wife, Elizabeth, my brother, Ezekiah Williams, and my sons, James and Daniel. I give my brother, Hezekiah, power to make title to Joseph Potter for ½ the grist mill and land near John Woodmansee. Witnesses—Sarah Tole, Stephen Wardell, Joseph Potter. Proved Nov. 8, 1768.

1768, Nov. 18. Inventory, made by Richard Lawrence, Benjamin Wolcott and Edmund Williams. Lib. K, p. 27.

**Figures C-38 and C-39:** Left: Will abstract for George Williams, Shrewsbury, Monmouth Co., November 1, 1743, in "New Jersey, Abstract of Wills, 1670-1817," *Volume XXX, Abstracts of Wills, 1730-1750*, database with images, *Ancestry*. Right: Will abstract for John Williams, Shrewsbury, Monmouth Co., October 10, 1768, in "New Jersey, U.S., Abstract of Wills, 1670-1817," *Volume XXXIII, Abstracts of Wills, 1761-1770*, database with images, *Ancestry*, digital image 481.

### The Loyalists of New Jersey

Their Memorials, Petitions, Claims, Etc. From English Records  
By E. Alfred Jones, M.A., F.R. Hist. Soc. 1927

#### JOSEPH WILLIAMS

He lived in Shrewsbury, New Jersey, on property left to him by his father, a Quaker, who died about 1768, and he was born in New Jersey. He bore arms in the New Jersey Volunteers and, later, in the Associated Loyalists, commanded by Captain Richard Lippincott (q. v.).

His eldest brother, James, was living in New Jersey after the War on the estate of another brother, Obadiah, a Loyalist, who is said to have died from the effects of imprisonment in

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the Freehold, N. J., jail. Another brother, John, was killed in the British lines by enemy shot. Joseph's estate in Monmouth county, N. J., was forfeited as late as 1784. He appears to have settled at Beaver Harbor, New Brunswick, and was awarded £147 from his claim of £620. (A. O. 12:16, ff. 372-6; A. O. 12:63, f. 117; A. O. 12:109; "Ontario Archives," pp. 317-8).

**Figure C-40.** Excerpt on Joseph Williams from E. Alfred Jones's *The Loyalists of New Jersey* (1927, p. 244).



**Figure D-1:** Southard Churchyard located at 2 Church Road, Howell, New Jersey. The nine Williams sibling burials spanned nearly three-quarters of a century and are highlighted in **bold**. The headstones from left to right are: Israel West Reynolds, daughter Mary E. Reynolds, wife **Mary Williams Reynolds, Thomas E. Williams** (U.S. flag), **Lucinda Williams, Catherine Williams, Rebecca Williams, Ann Williams, William H. H. Williams** and wife Cornelia Reynolds Williams (*Note: their headstone is slightly forward; with Josephine Williams Newman and husband Corporal Stewart Newman resting just ahead and out of view*). Finally, **Daniel D. Williams** and wife Catherine Louisa Newman at the very end immediately next to the 1866 Church (Photograph by author, 2026).

**Southard Churchyard Burials; Vital Statistics:**

**Israel West Reynolds** BIRTH 3 OCT 1821; DEATH 6 FEB 1908; BURIAL Southard Churchyard, 2 Church Rd, Howell, NJ

**Mary Williams** BIRTH 9 FEB 1827; DEATH 3 AUG 1863; BURIAL Southard Churchyard, 2 Church Rd, Howell, NJ

**Thomas Edward Williams** BIRTH FEB 1831; DEATH 23 APR 1863; BURIAL Southard Churchyard, 2 Church Rd, Howell, NJ

**Lucinda Williams** BIRTH 6 JUL 1836; DEATH 9 OCT 1867; BURIAL Southard Churchyard, 2 Church Rd, Howell, NJ

**Catherine Williams** BIRTH 23 NOV 1832; DEATH 26 DEC 1865; BURIAL Southard Churchyard, 2 Church Rd, Howell, NJ

**Rebecca Williams** BIRTH APR 1830; DEATH 4 APR 1864; BURIAL Southard Churchyard, 2 Church Rd, Howell, NJ

**Ann Williams** BIRTH 7 MAY 1840; DEATH 27 SEP 1867; BURIAL Southard Churchyard, 2 Church Rd, Howell, NJ

**William Henry Harrison Williams** BIRTH 28 FEB 1842; DEATH 3 MAR 1917; BURIAL Southard Churchyard, 2 Church Rd, Howell, NJ

**Cornelia Colby Reynolds** BIRTH ABT 1858; DEATH 28 NOV 1944; BURIAL Southard Churchyard, 2 Church Rd, Howell, NJ

**Josephine Williams** BIRTH 6 OCT 1834; DEATH 10 JAN 1917; BURIAL Southard Churchyard, 2 Church Rd, Howell, NJ

**Stewart Newman** BIRTH 1835; DEATH 5 MAR 1873; BURIAL Southard Churchyard, 2 Church Rd, Howell, NJ

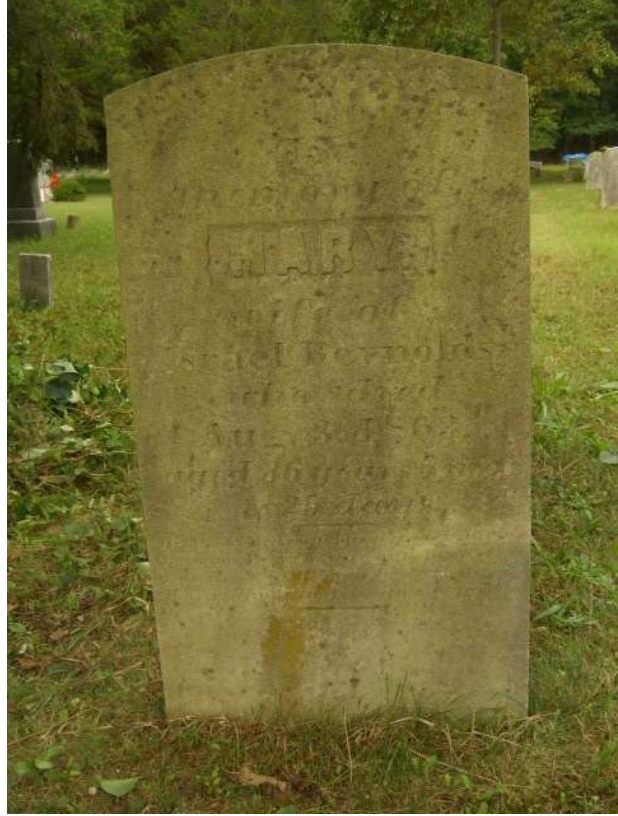
**Catherine Louisa Newman** BIRTH 26 NOV 1840; DEATH 2 MAR 1920; BURIAL Southard Churchyard, 2 Church Rd, Howell, NJ

**Daniel David Williams** BIRTH 26 JUN 1838; DEATH 1 MAR 1937; BURIAL Southard Churchyard, 2 Church Rd, Howell, NJ

**Elizabeth Layton** BIRTH 1805; DEATH 23 MAR 1881; BURIAL Southard Churchyard, 2 Church Rd, Howell, NJ

#### **Adelphia Cemetery Burials; Vital Statistics:**

**Daniel Williams** BIRTH 11 FEB 1802; DEATH 26 MAY 1843; BURIAL Adelphia Cemetery, Adelphia, NJ



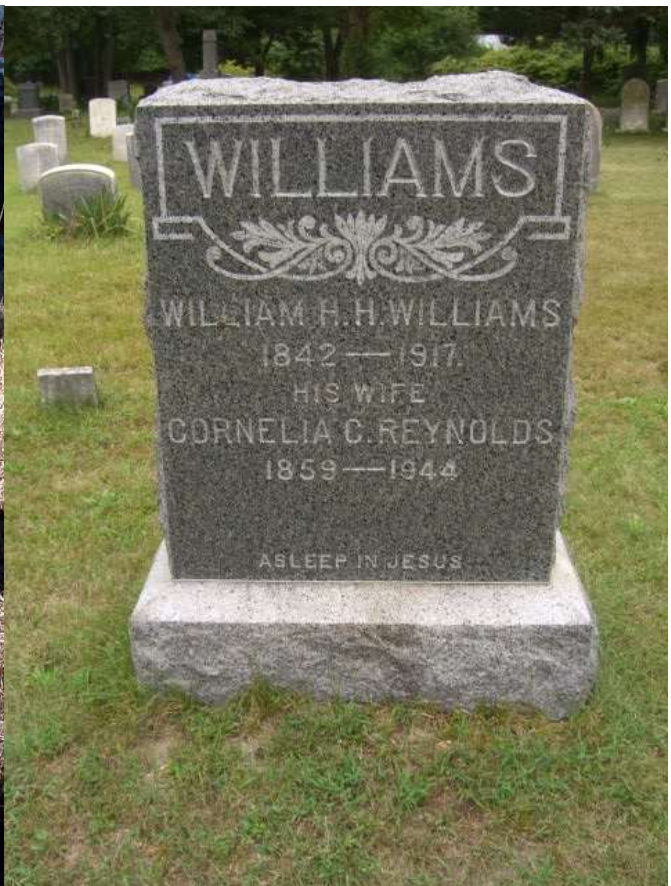
Figures D-2 and D-3: Israel West Reynolds (left) & Mary Williams Reynolds (right)



Figures D-4 and D-5: Thomas E Williams (left) and Lucinda Williams (right)



Figures D-6 and D-7: Catherine Williams (left) and Rebecca Williams (right)



Figures D-8 and D-9: Ann Williams (left) and William H.H. Williams & Cornelia Reynolds Williams (right)



Figures D-10 and D-11: Josephine Williams Newman (left) & Corporal Stewart Newman (right)



Figures D-12 and D-13: Daniel D. Williams & Catherine L. Newman Williams (left) and Elizabeth Layton (right)



**Figure D-14:** Daniel Williams

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