

The Third Generation

FAMILY IV.

ISRAEL³ [11], (*Israel² James¹*) *b.* probably Aquebogue, Suffolk Co., N. Y., about 1708-12; *m.* 16 Nov., 1732, Bethia Case.*

Children:

- 20 I. James⁴ *b.* about 1733-5. FAM. VII.
- 21 II. Israel⁴ *b.* 6 Oct., 1736.† FAM. VIII.
- 22 III. Phineas.*^a
- 23 IV. Benjamin⁴ *b.* 12 Sept., 1744.‡ FAM. IX.
- 24 V. Jesse.⁴
- 25 VI. Delilah⁴§ *m.* ———Terry. *Issue:*

i. Deliverance⁵ (Terry) *m.* Israel Parshall (see FAM. XVII.) Probably others.

- 26 VII. Bethiah⁴ *m.* 1 Mch., 1749-50, David Wells.*
- 27 VIII. Jemima⁴ *m.* 1750, James Webb.*
- 28 IX. Joanna⁴ *m.* 1751-2, Joshua Wells.*
- 29 X. A child⁴ *d.* 17 Nov., 1748.*
- 30 XI. A son⁴ *d.* 18 Dec., 1751.*

a. Phineas Parshall was a soldier of the Revolution, serving in the 3d

* Salmon Record.

† Grave at Chemung, N. Y.

‡ Bible Rec. pos. Dr. Geo. H. Parshall.

§ Griswold Rec. pos. Asa Parshall, Chemung, N. Y.

The existing records of Israel Parshall are of the most meager description. It is clear, however, that he remained for about twenty years after his marriage a resident of the town of Southold. On 6 Apl., 1749, he sold to Jonathan Youngs, for a consideration of £400, "a certain parcel of land situate in the first division of Aquebogue lands, at the place called Long Swamp, bounded N. by the Sound, S. by the Kings highway called the North Rhoad, E. by Christopher Youngs, and W. by Christopher Youngs, Jun.²"* This being probably all the realty then held by him, and after the death of his son, 18 Dec., 1751,† he probably removed to Orange Co., N. Y., where many of his neighbors, friends and relatives had preceded him. He may have been the Israel Parshall, who, 14 Feby., 1756, witnessed the will of Samuel Gale, of Goshen,‡ and he probably was the one who at the Census of Slaves, 1755, was returned under "The Number of all the Negro that's belonging Vnder Captain John Wessnor, of floriday"§ as the owner of one male negro slave. This would seem to indicate that he was then a resident of the Precinct of Florida, in that County. He probably *d.* or removed from the county before the breaking out of the Revolutionary War, as his name does not appear in any of the records of that period. No will, purporting to be his, has been discovered, so that there exists no positive evidence as to his children. The names, however, of James and Israel, were hereditary in his line and the impossibility of their being sons of any one else makes it altogether probable that they were his. A record in possession of the

Regt. Orange Co. Militia.** He was a resident of Orange Co., N. Y., at the breaking out of the war and signed the Association to support Congress.†† He afterwards removed to Cherry Valley, Otsego Co., N. Y., where he made his home and died there in the early part of the 19th Century. Whether he married and left issue, I have no means of knowing; I have been unable to gain the slightest information regarding him beyond that disclosed by the Revolutionary records.

* II. S'old Town Rec. 455.

† Salmon Record.

‡ Calendar of Wills, 1626-1833, 159.

§ III. Doc. Hist. of N. Y. 550.

** N. Y. in The Rev., 255.

†† I. Col. of N. Y. Hist. Mss. 11.

descendants of Israel⁴ states that he (Israel⁴) "had brothers James, Phineas, Benjamin and Jesse."* It seems to me that the evidence on this point, though slight, is not the less conclusive. The evidence, however, as to the daughters is less strong. The record referred to above states that "he (Israel⁴) had a sister Delilah." As to the others, their ages, approximated from the dates of their marriage makes it impossible that they could have been daughters of David,² David³ or Jonathan.³ There appears to be little room for doubt on the subject.

FAMILY V.

DAVID³ [14], (*David² James¹*) *b.* probably at Aquebogue; *d.* about Jany., 1760^o; *m.* — Dec., 1736, Sibyl, *dau.* Capt. Ephriam and Sarah (Herrick) White,† (*b.* about 1716; *d.* Patchogue, Suffolk Co., N. Y., 8 July, 1812, age 96 years).‡
[Aquebogue, N. Y.]

Children:§

- 31 I. David⁴ *b.* about 1737-8. FAM. X.
- 32 II. Desire⁴ *m.* 19 Jany., 1755, Daniel Downs.**
- 33 III. Elias⁴ *b.* about 1746. FAM. XI.
- 34 IV. Sibyl.^{4b}
- 35 V. George⁴ *d.* 29 July, 1755, ("drowned").**

a. The Will of David³ bears date 11 Mch., 1759; proved 28 Feby., 1760. He must have *d.* between these dates. Probably about Jany., 1760. All his children are mentioned by name in the Will, except George, who had died some years previously. It will be noted that the line of descent from James† through David² and David³ is proven by Wills and other documents of unimpeachable authenticity.

b. "Seles" Parshall *m.* 12 Nov., 1764, Joshua Howell.** This may have been Sibyl.‡

* Griswold Rec. pos. Asa Parshall, Chemung, N. Y.

† Salmon Record: Howell's Hist. of Southampton, 460.

‡ Grave at Patchogue, N. Y.

§ Will of David Parshall, N. Y. Wills, Lib. 22, p. 150 (old p. 135).

** Salmon Record.

36 VI. Mehitabel⁴ *b.* 27 Oct., 1750; *d.* 4 Apl., 1837; *m.* Phineas, *s.* David and Deborah (Wells) Corwin (*b.* 11 Sept., 1749; *d.* 24 Dec., 1828),* Issue.*

- i. George⁵ (Corwin) *b.* 10 Nov., 1768.
- ii. James⁵ (Corwin) *b.* 25 May, 1773.
- iii. Sibyl⁵ (Corwin) *b.* 25 May, 1773.
- iv. Mehitabel⁵ (Corwin) *b.* 29 May, 1777.
- v. Sarah⁵ (Corwin) *b.* 29 July, 1779.
- vi. Bethia⁵ (Corwin) *b.* 27 May, 1782.
- vii. Phineas⁵ (Corwin) *b.* 22 Aug., 1788.
- viii. Desire⁵ (Corwin) *b.* 6 Apl., 1788.
- ix. Fanny⁵ (Corwin) *b.* —May, 1791.

37 VII. James⁴ *b.* —Sept., 1754. FAM. XII.

38 VIII. John⁴ *b.* 5 May, 1757. FAM. XIII.

To fix, even approximately, the date of David's birth, is a matter of considerable difficulty. From the circumstance that his father, David,² speaks in his will of his youngest son, Jonathan, being "under age," we are led to infer that at the time the will was drawn (Jany., 1726) David was of age, or very nearly so, which would make the date of his birth not later than 1705. But he married Dec., 1736, at which time he would necessarily have been 31 years of age, which, for the time, seems almost incredible. Marriages then were usually contracted very early in life, men marrying at from eighteen to twenty-two years of age. Moreover his wife was born in 1716, and such a discrepancy was also unusual. On the whole, however, the former date seems to me the more probable.

His will,[†] dated 11 Mch., 1759, proved 28 Feby., 1760, mentions all his children by name. I insert an epitome of the will in this place:

* Corwin Gen. 180

† Will of David Parshall, N. Y. Wills, Lib. 22, p. 150 (old p. 135).

I, David Parshall, of the town of Southold, . . . Yeoman . . . to my oldest son David Parshall all land Northward of the New Road & Meadow at Sawmill Brook—To my second son Elias Parshall all my lands which lyeth between the North Rode & the South Rode where I now live, with all the buildings upon the same & also all that West Meadow—upon the North side of Peconek River (allows his wife the improvements of it until he shall come of age)—To 3d son James Parshall land Southward of the South Rode and the Meadow adjoining to the said land & all the buildings which stand upon it. Land bounded upon the East by the lands of Nathan Perry; South by Samuel Wells, West by Isaiah Tuthill & North by Kings Rode allowing his mother my now wife the improvement until he come of age. To youngest son John Parshall £100, when he shall come of age. To my daughter Desire Downes £5. To my daughter Sebil Parshall £30, to my dau. Mehitabel £30 when eighteen or day of marriage. To my wife Sebil Parshall—?

Ears. Wife Sebil & Son David.

Dated 11 Mch. 1759 *Proved* 28 Feby. 1760.

His widow, Sibyl, subsequently *m.* ———— Havens, and after his death made her home with her son Elias, at Patchogue, N. Y., where she *d.* at the extreme age of 96 years.

A silver snuff box, which belonged to David³ is now in possession of Mr. Oliver A. Dutcher, of Cobleskill, N. Y., a great-grandson.

FAMILY VI.

JONATHAN³ [18], (*David² James¹*) younger son of David² stated in his father's will* (dated, 24 Jany., 1726) to be under 21 years of age; *m.* 4 Oct., 1739, Elizabeth Booth.†

Children:‡

39 I. Jonathan⁴ *b.* 9 Nov., 1740. FAM. XIV.

40 II. David.⁴ FAM. XV.

Perhaps also

* N. Y. Wills; Lib. 10, p. 157 (old p. 161).

† Salmon Record.

‡ Rutenber & Clark's Hist. of Orange Co., N. Y., pp. 240-1.

- 41 III. Charles (Dr.)^{4a}
 42 IV. Caleb.^{4a}
 43 V. Thomas.^{4a}

It appears that Jonathan left Long Island and went to Orange County, N. Y., where, in 1737, he purchased an estate of 607 acres of land in the Township of New Windsor. Returning to Long Island in 1739, he married and returned with his wife to his estate. Here she died and he deeded his estate to his sons, Jonathan and David, and went to Pittsburg, Pa., where he died.*^b

His homestead was located in that part of the town known as "Little Britain," which was large and of indefinite extent, reaching one way from the Village of New Windsor to the town line of Montgomery, and in the other from Washingtonville to south line of Newburgh and Montgomery.† He lived on the old public highway leading from Neelytown to New Windsor, which ran centrally through the whole town‡

As an illustration of the loose manner in which much so-called history is written, I quote the following:

a. Dr. Charles Parshall was born probably in Orange County, N. Y., and is said to have located in Harrisburg, Pa. I have been unable to find any other trace of him. Caleb and Thomas Parshall were living in Pennsylvania and were taxpayers there. Thomas in Turbett Tp., Northumberland Co.,§ and Caleb in Derry Tp., Cumberland Co., from 1778 to 1786.**

b. Jonathan Parshall was living in Derry Tp., Cumberland Co., Pa., 1779-1782.†† On 12 Nov., 1770, he also "obtained a warrant for a survey of 110 acres, 153 perches" of land in Cumberland Co., Pa.‡‡ In all human probability this was Jonathan.³ Whether or not he finally went to Pittsburg, there is no authority beyond Ruttenber and Clark History cited. It would appear from this that his wife must have died and he have left Orange Co., N. Y., prior to 1770.

* Ruttenber & Clark's Hist. of Orange Co., N. Y., pp. 240-1.

† Eager's Hist. Orange Co., N. Y., p. 630.

‡ Id. 620.

§ XX. Pa. Archives (3d. Series) 145, 679.

** XXIV. Id. 744.

†† XIX. Pa. Archives (3d. Series) 676.

‡‡ XX. Id. 145, 679; XXIV. Id. 745.

"Parshall was one of the oldest families in New Windsor."

"Israel Parshall, the ancestor in Orange Co., was driven from France with the Huguenots after the Edict of Nantes, located on the east end of Long Island at Black River where he lived and died. Jonathan, his son, bought 607 acres of land belonging to the Markham tract, in 1737, occupied it for a while but after death of his wife went to Pittsburgh, Pa., where he died. He deeded his New Windsor estate to his 2 sons, Jonathan & David, both of whom passed their lives on the property. Jonathan married Jemima Terry & had 4 sons & a dau. of whom Moses was the third child. He also lived and died on the old homestead."*

The revocation of the Edict of Nantes occurred 18 Oct., 1685, at which time Israel² was about five years of age. That he was born, lived and died in this country is beyond a doubt. He is named in his father's Will[†] and his father was here several years certainly *before* the revocation of the Edict. Moreover, James Parshall *was not* a Frenchman nor a Huguenot. In all probability Israel³ lived at some time in Orange Co., and left descendants there. This history being written a century or more later, the two families were confounded. That Jonathan³ was the son of David² is proven by the Will of the latter,[‡] in which he is distinctly named. The tradition of Huguenot ancestry has always prevailed in this branch of the family and in this one only. I can only account for it on the theory that they intermarried with some of the Huguenot families, who had settled in this country. The Terrys, I believe, were of French and probably Huguenot descent, and the wife of Jonathan,⁴ according to this history, was a Terry, though another authority states that she was a Knapp.

* Ruttender & Clark's Hist. of Orange Co., N. Y., pp. 240-1.

† Early L. I. Wills, 226.

‡ N. Y. Wills; Lib. 10, p. 157 (old p. 161).