

Hands Across the Sea

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN CARLETONS IN IRELAND
AND AMERICA, 1752 TO 1791.

By favour of Miss Margaret Ferrier Young, of Dublin, we are able to print, from typed copies of the originals, a series of letters which passed between Thomas Carleton (1699-1792), of Kennet, Chester Co., Pa., and some of his relatives in Ireland. We have not seen the originals.

It is interesting to notice that in addition to the Gospel messages carried to and fro across the Atlantic by visiting Ministers, these Friends were able to arouse and maintain interest by personal and epistolary communication, between families in the Old World and the New.

Thomas Carleton (1699-1792) was a son of Mark Carleton (1670-1711) and Susanna Watson, who left Mountmellick, in 1711, for Pennsylvania, crossing on the ship *Cofar*. Mark died on the voyage "of a bloody flux." Thomas Carleton married, in 1730, at Kennet, Pa., Hannah Roberts (1689-1758), widow of Robert Roberts, and daughter of William and Mary Howell, of Haverford, Pa. For Hannah Roberts, see *The Friend* (Phila.), vol. 32, p. 388.

Thomas and Hannah were Ministers and the former was appointed Clerk of Newark M.M. in 1748, and was constantly occupied with the work of the Society, until, after many years' service, old age demanded relaxation and retirement. In 1788, Elisha Kirk reports the good old man "green in the Truth, though memory much failed" (Comly, *Friends' Miscellany*, vi. 63), and next year William Blakey visited him and refers to him as "an ancient Friend, my father's shipmate" (*ibid.* iv. 100). Both Friends were Pennsylvanians. Hugh Judge attended a meeting at his house in 1788—"the old man being unable to get out, Friends appointed a meeting at his house, to be held once a month" (*Memoirs*, 1841, p. 146). The letters reveal a man of deep religious feelings and one taking much interest in the welfare of his own family and of his kinsfolk across the sea.

We are indebted for information to *The Barringtons*, by Amy Barrington, 1917; *Bicentennial of Old Kennet*

Meeting House, 1911; Immigration of Irish Quakers to Pennsylvania, by A. C. Myers, 1902; Rancocas John Woolman, 1922; and many other books and pamphlets.

America

Philadelphia, Penn.

The 17th of the 3rd month,

1752.

My friend and cousin

Elizabeth Carleton.¹

Being at Philadelphia at our general Spring meeting, went to our esteemed friend Elizabeth Hudson,² who was returned from paying you a religious visit, and in our little conversations she told me she had at times much converse with thee, with whom she signified, there was an intimate nearness of friendship begotten, which account was very pleasing and satisfactory to me. Now, dear cousin, having this opportunity (which I heard of but this afternoon) was willing to use it to let thee and thy dear Mother know, that when I left home four days ago, my family was well, hoping these lines may find you in the same enjoyment, and it would be very pleasing to me to hear from thee, thy sister,³ or Mother,¹ by a line, of your health, and how many children my Uncle Joshua left, and where settled, and also of my Uncle Caleb's family, and Aunt Deborah Chandlee's¹⁰ Children, as either of you have an opportunity.

And if ye Almighty favour with health and ability? I hope to be more particular concerning my father's children in America, that we may hear from one another sometimes, and not seem any longer as strangers one to another, for it is always pleasing for me to hear of my relations and kindred's welfare, and much more so to hear of their walking in the truth and that thee and you all, with my poor self, may be careful to walk therein, is the desire of thy friend and cousin,

THOMAS CARLETON.

Friend Hudson desired when I wrote to thee, to signify her love and respects to thee. If either of you incline to write, please to direct for Thomas Carleton, Living at Kennett, to be left with Michael Lightfoot in Philadelphia.

Ireland

Dublin,
27th of 4th month,
1752.

Dear cousin,

Thomas Carleton.

I received thy acceptable lines and was glad to hear of thine and family's welfare, and well pleased thou has begun to correspond with us, that we may become a little acquainted as we are so nearly related by blood, and not only so, but I hope we are in the nearest relationship, as children of the one Father, who are desiring to please him in all our actions, words and thoughts, and if so, I believe we shall have true unity in spirit one with another, though we are far separated in body ; that we may come to this happy situation, is the fervent desire of my soul for us all.

Our dear friend William Brown⁴ informed us of his acquaintance with thee, and I thought over and over of writing thee a few lines by him, but as thy letter came in the interim, intend to send this sooner ; he has almost completed his journey through this Nation to the comfort of sensible friends, and I hope peace of his mind. His companion who (I suppose) left home with him, F. [J.] Churchman⁴, is expected here daily, and there is landed here a few days ago a worthy friend from England, Samuel Spavold.⁵ May we, who are thus highly favoured live so as in some degree to merit it.

I am glad to hear of the welfare of my dear friend, E. Hudson, we have had some account of her being married, should be glad to know by thee, the truth of it, and to whom. Please to give my Mother's, sister's, and my dear love to her. . . .

By this thou may know that when my father died, he left my sister and me, and one brother⁶ who lived but a short time after him. My sister has been much afflicted with illness, and is at present in a poor state of health. My Mother and I, through mercy, are pretty well. We three live together in my Grandfather's house,⁷ were with him before he died (he being ancient) which was about a year ago. My uncle Caleb⁸ left four children, three sons, one

daughter. His eldest son still unmarried, keeps a shop and had his sister to keep house for him, till a few months ago she died of a fever, being 28 years old, and a great loss to him. His younger brother, Johnathan, was with him. The second son, Samuel, is wed to a daughter of Paul Johnson's,⁹ keeps a shop and has one son. Aunt Chandlee¹⁰ left two daughters who are married to two brothers, Joseph and John Thompson and one son Thomas³⁸ who follows the chandlery business, lives in this city, is married and has two sons. Now having given thee a full account of what thou desirest, hope thou wilt be particular in telling of thy father's children. . . .

I much desire the prosperity of us all in the blessed truth, and that we may first seek the Kingdom of Heaven and the Righteousness thereof, and no doubt that all things necessary for us will be added.

With dear love to thee and family, thy loving friend and cousin,

ELIZ. CARLETON.

America

*Kennett in Chester County,
Pennsylvania,*

8th of 11th month,

1752.

My dear Cousin, Elizabeth Carleton.

I have been at our yearly meeting at Burlington, on my return home was presented with thy acceptable lines, and can truly say they were very welcome to me, being pleased to hear of your welfare, except Cousin Deborah, who I understand by thee is but poorly of late, but I hope better by this time. Yet, dear Cousin, let us all submit to ye will of our Heavenly Father and learn to be rightly acquainted with his Fear, and then whether riches or poverty, sickness or health, or what circumstances of life soever He may suffer us to fall into, we shall certainly have Him to be our Friend that will be nearer to us than a brother, for where His fear takes place in the Heart, the Lust of ye flesh, the lust of ye eye, or ye Pride of Life, can have no room but must be subdued. . . .

I don't write thus, as tho' thee, thy Mother, and sister were not acquainted with this Holy Fear of God, but by way of encouragement, that as I hope you have begun well, so you may hold out to the end, for we understand 'tis the end crowns all, and that you, with us, and we with you, may so run that in the end we may receive a Crown of Righteousness.

This also may inform you that my family are at this time favoured with health, as are all my brothers and sisters for what I know, being all eleven in number (viz) one brother and four sisters of my own, being the children my mother had by my father, and four sons and one daughter she had by Father Parke, her second husband who died about 20 years ago.¹¹ My Mother married again, lived with her third husband¹¹ near 10 years and died seven years ago. My eldest sister Elizabeth with her husband and family (they having 7 children when they left these parts) are removed to North Carolina, a country that is settling pretty fast, where they say land is cheap. I had a letter from her last spring, they were then well. My second sister, Sarah, lives in Philadelphia, never has married. But I think behaves well. My brother John lives about 30 miles from me, I hear has lately married. My sisters Mary and Phoebe both married and have several children, I believe eight or ten each, and myself have been married 22 years and have two children named Susanna³⁵ and Thomas,³⁴ both grown up but neither of them married.

I suppose thou hast heard that my father died at sea, on his voyage to this country about 41 years ago, and left my mother and us six children who arrived in a strange land, knew not one face therein, but He that was the preserver of Joseph, when in a strange land, has been so to some of us in preserving of us in some degree near unto Himself, for which He is worthy of our praise forever.

I saw friend Elizabeth Hudson (that was) at our yearly Meeting was then well. She inquired if I had an account from thee. I had not then received thy letter. . . . She was married the latter end of fourth or beginning of fifth month last, to our Friend Anthony Morris. Lives in Philadelphia. I hope is well married. . . .

Thus, dear Cousin, I think I have answered thy request concerning My Father's Children, and I must now conclude

with desires that we may all more and more learn the fear of God, for it is this only that keeps the heart clean. . . .

My love, thy assured friend and cousin,

THOMAS CARLETON.

[This letter is re-addressed to Richard Shackleton's care, Ballitore, near Kilcullen-bridge.]

Kennet,

19th of the 6th month, 1763.

Loving Cousin, Elizabeth Shackleton.

Having this opportunity by a young man going to Dublin, make use of it, to renew our former little acquaintance by such paper messengers as to inform thee of my health, which, through mercy, is continued to me now in my decline of life, having seen upwards of sixty-three years. . . .

My beloved companion left me upwards of five years ago, and my children (being two) and I live mostly together, my lot being often cast abroad among Friends, as I apprehend, in my great Master's service.

'Tis likely you in that nation may be visited soon by two men friends from our country, William Horn¹² and Thomas Goodwin,¹³ whose labour in the ministry will be, I doubt not, acceptable to the sincere honest-hearted among you. If thou seest them, mind my love to them; please to let them know their families were well last week, being the time of Concord Quarterly Meeting at which I was. . . . I have two children, a daughter and a son. My son married has four children. . . .

I should be pleased with a line from thee. I understand thou art married, and by all accounts it is to an agreeable companion.¹⁴ Where that is the case, and both concerned as true Yokefellows for the Honour and Reputation of Truth, they will have the assurance of solid peace, in ye end, and tho' sometimes they may meet with afflicting and distressing occurrences, my desires are that Ye Great Preserving Hand may be ever near to support His faithful persevering children, in ye various exercises they may have to engage in.

From thy affectionate friend and kinsman, tho' unknown by face,

THOMAS CARLETON.

My respects to Susanna Hatton¹⁵ when sees her.

*Kennett in Chester County,
ye 26, 11th month, 1764.*

Dear Cousin [Elizabeth Shackleton].

I received the acceptable letters from thee, one dated the 11th month, 1763, and the other the 4th month last, which were both very welcome to me, they giving an account of thine and family health, except the loss of thy beloved son, who thou mention was called after thy grandfather George Rooke.¹⁶ . . . Thou signified I might have heard of thy grandfather, by this know, I have seen him and I think heard him in the ministry when I was young, and am secretly thankful at times there is some of the old stock that bears the right mark of Christ's sheep, and are desirous to be of his flock and family. May they keep their ranks in righteousness and walk in humility before Him. . . .

May likewise know, that our friends Thomas Lightfoot and his wife Susanna¹⁵ landed at Philadelphia at ye time of our Yearly Meeting in ye 9th month last, I saw them the day after they landed, and also at Quarterly Meeting this day two weeks. . . .

I was at West River yearly meeting for Maryland, this summer and on my way at a friend's house saw a young woman, who said she was the daughter of Thomas Fennell, brother to Joshua Fennell of Kilcomman in County Tipperary. Being in Cork, she took ship for Patapsco in Maryland, and had like to have been sent into the country among the Planters, but friends bought her time, I think for 4 years.¹⁷ In conversation with her she informed me the circumstances she was under and thought her friends knew not where she was, and at last consented I should inform them, which I hope thou wilt be assistant in. I think her name is Deborah Fennell, and if she behaves well, she is in a very good place. . . .

With kind and sincere affection to thee and love to thy husband tho' unknown.

I remain thy cousin and kinsman,

THOMAS CARLETON.

Deborah Fennell lived with one William Moore, in Baltimore town, near Patapasco River in Maryland.

*Kennett in Chester County,
Pennsylvania.*

23 4th mo. 1768.

Dear Friend and Kinsman, Thomas Carleton.¹⁸

By this ye may know I received thy letter dated ye 8mo last which was considerable satisfaction to me and the more so that it bears the name of one of the old stock of Friends, who thought nothing too near or too dear to sacrifice on the altar of Self denial, in order to win the prize to their never dying souls, which I hope dear Cousin is thy particular care, and as thou may have an increasing family as thou art thus concerned, thou wilt prove an example of piety and virtue to them, that they with thee may be meek and modest and have an eye to the recompense of reward when time here may terminate with us.

As to the circumstances of my family, when about thirty years of age I married an honest friend, we had two children, a daughter and a son who both married. I, at present live with my son, he having my plantation on rent of me. Thus near ten years since my beloved companion and I were parted by death, having lived together near twenty eight years, in a good degree of gospel fellowship, and I doubt not but my loss is her lasting gain. . . . I am now in my 69th year of my age, yet may say, through the Mercy of My heavenly Father, having my health as well as most of my years, which I many times am secretly thankful for them.

May also inform you that this comes by a friend¹⁹ who proposes a religious visit to thy Nation, and when thee sees him he can inform thee something concerning me, being intimately acquainted with him. He is, I think a true hearted friend, and I doubt not that his Service will be acceptable to the upright hearted in your Nation. My desires to the Almighty are, that he may be preserved through the service required of him, and that if it be the Divine Will he may return with the answer of peace to his Family and friends.

I seem not to have much more to write, and only signify that Susanna Lightfoot and her husband desired to have their love remembered to thee. Accept of a large share thereof, both to thy Father and Spouse tho' unknown.

I am thy affectionate friend and kinsman,

THOMAS CARLETON.

P.S. My family and relations here are in a good degree of health for what I know at present, my relations and I living remote from each other in this Country. My son,³⁴ of the same name with thou and I, has five children, two sons, Mark and Samuel, and three daughters, Hannah, Dinah and Martha. My daughter³⁵ married about two years ago and has no child living. I hope she will prove a serviceable woman, there is great need of such in this day, when sin and iniquity so much abound, and love to ye Truth was cold even among the professors thereof.

Your assured friend T.C.

Ireland

Ballitore,

13 of 3d mo, 1769.

Dear Friend and Cousin,
Thomas Carleton.

I received thy very acceptable letter by an ancient worthy Friend, Thomas Goodwin, whose company we had the favour of enjoying more of than, of some other friends, as my father-in-law was his companion for some time. It was a goodly sight to see two such venerable ancients, travelling in so good a service. Thomas had the esteem (I believe) of sensible friends through the Nation, and I hope his labour of love will not be all in vain, his doctrine was sound and his conduct very exemplary and pleasing. . . .

I am thankful that I have been brought into thy remembrance, and desire it may continue to be so, for, dear cousin, many are the troubles and various the dispensations to be met with in this land of uncertainties and the state of the unthinking part of our Society, not the least painful. . . . I hope some of the youth of this land, who have been renewedly visited of late years, will give up wholly to be formed according to the will of the great Potter, and there may be useful vessels raised up amongst us fit for his house. This prospect is pleasant, and in order that such a work may not be frustrated it seems necessary to some further advanced in age, to walk wisely before them.

I thought this little account would be pleasing to thee, as thou wishes the prosperity of Zion, and that her excellency

may become the praise of the whole earth, but the poor travellers, who have been amongst us find hard work in many places, notwithstanding some seem willing to join the offers of love, for great are the numbers who remain in a state of too great insensibility and deafness, tho' powerfully called. We have had several acceptable visits of that kind of late years, the last was our worthy friend Thomas Gawthorp,²⁰ and we hear two women friends are shortly expected from England ;²¹ which some of us think a favour meriting thankfulness. I am glad to hear thy health is continued, and that thou art agreeably situated as to thy dwelling, and think it much better when that is the case, than for a single person to keep house, as thou mayest be more at liberty to do the remaining part of thy day's work, which I sincerely desire may be done, so that thou may have to say with the faithful servant of old, " I have fought the good fight I have finished my course," etc. . . .

My dear Mother died two years ago, she was I suppose in the 79th year of her age, and I hope after many trials, was fitted for her change. My husband's first wife's mother²² died some weeks before, and near two years ago an ancient aunt of his, and one year ago his Mother,²³ each of them about 80 years of age. We hope their days work was done. . . . I have two weakly little girls of my own.²⁴ We have three hopeful children pretty well grown, of my husband's. My truly affectionate husband and help meet in the best sense, who has been more like an own son and brother to my mother and sister, desires to have his dear love given to thee. . . .

Thy affectionate friend and cousin

ELIZABETH SHACKLETON.

P.S. I desire to know if thou knows Mary Eddy wife to James Eddy²⁵ from Ireland, thou mayst give my kind love to her and let her know I would be glad to hear from her, or of her welfare.

America

Kennett,

ye 19th of 6mo 1772.

Dear Friend and Cousin, Elizabeth Shackleton.

I think the last letter I received from thee came by friend Thos. Goodwin, which I was much pleased with.

I expect this to go by our worthy friend Samuel Neale,²⁶ who I suppose has nearly gone through what seemed before him on our Continent. His service has been well received by faithful friends, though I have not much of his company, yet I may say my spirit was nearly united to him when our lots have happened together at Meeting. My situation is much as thou hast had an account of. My daughter²⁷ is married to an agreeable Husband, and they live several miles from me. . . . I live with my son, who allows me an interest to live upon, out of my estate, which I think to keep in my hands as long as I have need of it. I buried my second sister named Sarah, in ye 1st mo 1771. She had lived most of her time in Philadelphia.

Mary Eddy's husband, James Eddy, died 18 months ago, and she, with some of her children, follows the business he did. I saw her when last in Philadelphia. She seems as cheerful, I believe as she can be under the stripping, trying dispensation. I hope she will be preserved to the end in a state of true watchfulness, no state safer for poor mortals. . . . I expect before this time Robert Willis²⁸ and Wm. Hunt²⁹ have been on a visit to your Nation, and three other friends left us lately on the same account, viz., Sarah Morris,³⁰ John Woolman,³¹ Samuel Emlin,³² whose service amongst faithful upright-hearted friends, I doubt not will be acceptable tho' some may think there may appear something of singularity³³ in some of them, yett wisdom is justified of her children.

From thy friend and Kinsman
THOMAS CARLETON.

[The next letter, in rather shaky handwriting, is dated from Philadelphia the 2nd of the 6th month, 1775.]

Loving Friend and Cousin, Elizabeth Shackleton.

Being here at this time on a journey to Yearly Meeting held at Egg Harbour on the sea coast in New Jersey, and hearing of a opportunity to inform thee of my health and that I left my family well yesterday, hoping this may find thee and thine in the same enjoyment, which I take as a great mercy from our great benefactor. Dear cousin, this time is a time of close trial and deep exercise to the honest-hearted, our land, that was a land of peace, most of the time, since the

settlement thereof, there is now seeing little but the alarums of War in our border, and mostly through the Colonies in North America, and what makes it most afflicting is that too many of the professors of Truth among us joins with them in their military appearances, so that it looks to me there is a time of sifting coming on when the chaff will be separated from ye wheat.

I may also inform that my ancient friend and companion Thomas Goodwin who visited your Island a few years ago, departed this life some weeks since, in the 82nd year of his age. I believe in peace with God, and in unity with faithful friends. I was at his funeral, where there was a large meeting. I think to good satisfaction. My son and I still live together as formerly. He hath six children, viz., Hannah, Dinah, Martha, Mark, Samuel and Lydia Carleton.³⁴

My daughter hath three children, viz., Hannah, Sarah and Mary Harlan.³⁵ Her husband, Michael Harlan, bears the name of an honest man among his neighbours. I mentioned above, a time of sifting coming on, which may be suffered by us, that the Church may be purged of its useless and fruitless members. . . .

I saw Susanna Lightfoot; she is well. Mary Eddy lives in this City, a widow. She bears a pretty reputable character amongst Friends, and would be glad to hear from thee.

With love to thy beloved companion,
Your affectionate cousin,
THOMAS CARLETON.

[This letter is addressed
To Elizabeth Shackleton,
at Ballitore
To the care of Samuel Neal
near Cork in Ireland.]

Ireland

Ballitore,
8th 9th mo 1775.

Dear Cousin, Thos. Carleton.

The receipt of thy kind letter of the 2nd of the 6mo. [1775] was very pleasing to us, as it informed of thy being able in such an advanced age to perform the duty of attending

General Meetings, for the worship and service of the Great Creator of Mankind. . . . I take it very kind of thee, to make us acquainted with thy children and their's, and in return I let thee know, that my husband and I live pretty much in the same way as when I wrote to thee before : too much in the hurries of life, having a very large family of boarders, but cannot well get out of it, till my husband's son, a fine well behaved young man, is settled, and can take the business upon him.³⁶ I believe I informed thee long since that my dear Mother was removed by death, and that my sister and some of our daughters live together. My husband's worthy father lived with her for some years, and also died with her. Now thy cousin Saml. Carleton³⁷ lodges with her, he being left alone without wife or child, and has been infirm at times.

Thy cousin Hannah Thompson¹⁰ is left a widow. She has three daughters all well settled and intends to make her home with one and sometimes with another. Thy relative Thomas Chandlee³⁸ has lately broke up house, and with his eldest son has left the city of Dublin, and now lives with his youngest son, in a town about 30 miles in the country. He is an ancient man and has been infirm of late years.

Your affectionate and loving cousin,

ELIZABETH SHACKLETON.

Ballitore,

4th mo. 9th 1778.

Dear Friend and Cousin,
Thomas Carleton.

I received thy acceptable letter of the 19th of 6th month, 1772, which I suppose was sent by our Friend S. N., whose service I doubt not was acceptable in your land as it is at home, his doctrine being adorned with a life and conversation suitable.

It was pleasing to me and thy other relations here to find thou enjoyed a tolerable state of health of body considering thy age, and thy (which is much to be preferred) desire to be preserved in a watchful state to the end : this health of mind, is a great mercy and a good example to those who are younger, to see the aged lively and spirited in religion in advanced years, and an encouragement for those also, to press forward toward the prize of the high calling in

Christ. Our dear and worthy friends W. Hunt and companion,³⁹ visited this nation very acceptably to sensible friends, but thou hast heard before this, that William laid down his natural life, in England in the noble cause of Religion, as did another dear friend whom we had not the pleasure of seeing here.³¹

In a religious meeting in a Friend's family in this nation I heard William speak of his own death as it appeared after, in a remarkable manner. . . .

I believe it was since my last to thee that my Husband's honourable Father departed this life about 75 years of age, bright and lively to the last. The church has sustained a great loss in his removal, but I hope his loss will be in some measure made up in his son,³⁶ who is much grown up in the service of Truth, and some of his grandchildren whom we hope may be useful members of Society. . . .

Friends in America have no doubt heard of the loss the churches in general have had in the decease of that great and eminent instrument in the Lord's hands, Samuel Fothergill, to the sorrow of many to whom he was nearly united. But he, who gives life, has a just right to take it, when he pleases and who dare say "What doest Thou?"

I desire when thou seest any of our dear Friends who are acquainted with us, thou wilt give our love to them, particularly to Susanna Lightfoot whose welfare we are glad to hear of, tho' I do not write to her. Writing is rather difficult to me now. I am so hurried about worldly affairs, but hope sometime if Providence please to be a little released.

I am glad to hear of thy Sister Sarah making such a good end, and of thy children's welfare.

I am thy loving friend and Cousin

ELIZABETH SHACKLETON.

To be concluded

NOTES

¹ Elizabeth Carleton (1726-1804) was a daughter of Joshua Carleton (1684-1736/7) and Rachel Rooke (1687-1766). Her American correspondent was her first cousin. She married Richard Shackleton, of Ballitore, in 1755. See *The Shackleton Letters*, in *Journal of County Kildare Archæ. Soc.*, Jan. 1918.

² Elizabeth Hudson (1721-1783) came from Philadelphia. She was in Ireland with Jane Hoskins in 1748 and in Scotland in 1749. In 1752 she married Anthony Morris, Junr., of Philadelphia.

³ Deborah Carleton (1713-1778). In a letter from Richard Shackleton to his daughter Grubb, dated 27 vii. 1778, he writes :

"Our loss, to be sure, is great, in thy beloved aunt, Deborah Carleton, as she was both a sensible and sincere woman. She was watchful over our interests and over the interest and welfare of our children, with an anxious, tender, affectionate solicitude." (*R. and E. Shackleton*, 1849, p. 111.)

⁴ William Brown (-1786), of Philadelphia, was in Europe several years from 1750. At a meeting in Ireland early in 1752, "Will^m laid open the Hireling Priests and their corrupt practices, as Pride, Covetousness, and Oppression with great authority. . . ." (*Jnl.* x. 253.) In 1728, William Brown married Susanna Churchman (1701-1790); both were Ministers. In 1770, Samuel Neale met him in America and remarked that "he looked as well and almost as young, as when he was in Ireland." (*R. and E. Shackleton*, 1849, p. 65.)

John Churchman (1705-1775) accompanied William Brown and was no doubt the F. Churchman of this letter.

⁵ For Samuel Spavold (c. 1708-1795), see *Jnl.* x. 129.

⁶ Thomas Carleton (1720-1737) died of consumption.

⁷ George Rooke (1652-1742) was a very prominent Friend in Ireland and England. He was born in Cumberland and joined Friends about 1672. "When not engaged in religious services, he was diligently employed at his trade." In 1686, he married, in Limerick, Joan Clark (d. 1737) and settled there. In 1693 they removed to Earl Street, Dublin. "From the time of his wife's death, his only daughter, Rachel Carleton, a widow, lived with him until his death on 7 December, 1742." (*The Barringtons*, p. 243, where there is a portrait of G. Rooke.) There are many references to this Friend in *D.*

The words "about a year ago" must be a mis-statement or mis-transcription.

⁸ Caleb Carleton (1682-*ante* 1752).

⁹ Paul Johnson (1682-1746) was a son of John and Sarah Johnson, of Chappel Izzard, near Dublin. He became a prominent Friend in Dublin. His grandfather, James Johnson, had immigrated from Lancashire. He married, in 1704, at Charleville, Co. Cork, Elizabeth, daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth Harris. There were twelve children, nine of whom died in childhood.

He visited America in 1731 being liberated by the "Mens Meeting held in Dublin, the 6th of the 2nd mo: 1731."

Information from Edith Webb, Dublin.

¹⁰ Deborah Carleton (1677-1718), an elder sister of Joshua, married John Chandlee.

Of one of the sons-in-law, R. Shackleton wrote, 20 iv. 1774 :

"Last Second-day morning, our dear friend and Kinsman, Joseph Thompson, died in his bed, having been the night preceding (to all appearance) in good health and spirits. It is supposed that he died in his sleep, as his wife who lay with him, did not perceive it till she arose" (*R. and E. Shackleton*, 1849, p. 94).

¹¹ Mark Carleton's widow married Richard Parks in 1713 and John Fincher in 1735. She died *circa* 1745.

¹² William Horne (1714-1772), of Philadelphia and Darby, Pa., was of the Horne family of Sussex, England. He married Elizabeth Davis in 1737. He was a Minister for twenty-five years.

The Sharpless Family, 1887, p. 305; *My Ancestors*, by Norman Penney, 1920.

¹³ Thomas Goodwin (1694-1775) was born in Wales and emigrated, with his parents, to Pennsylvania in 1708. He visited Europe in 1763 and again in 1768-9.

¹⁴ This was Richard Shackleton (1726-1792), the son of Abraham Shackleton (1697-1771), founder, in 1726, of the celebrated school at Ballitore, Co. Kildare. Elizabeth Carleton married him, as his second wife, in 1755, and took charge of his three children, and, after the death of her father-in-law, shared with her husband the care of the school, until his son, Abraham (1752-1818), took it over and liberated R. and E. Shackleton to visit Friends in their various Meetings.

Love-letters of R. S. and E. C. are printed in "The Shackleton Letters" (*Jnl. Co. Kildare Archæ. Soc.*, Jan. 1918), with comment by Margaret Ferrier Young, of Dublin.

Memoirs and Letters of R. and E. Shackleton, 1822 and 1849.

R. Shackleton's first wife was Elizabeth Fuller, d. 1754.

¹⁵ Susannah Hudson, afterwards Hatton and Lightfoot (1719/20-1781), visited America as Hudson in 1737 and as Hatton in 1760. In 1763 she married Thomas Lightfoot, who had met her in America and had come over to propose to her (Leadbeater, *Biog. Notices of Friends in Ireland*, 1823) and about a year later she embarked with her husband and family in order to settle in Pennsylvania (*Piety Promoted*).

T. Lightfoot died in 1793 (*Journal of Elizabeth Drinker*, 1889).

¹⁶ George Rooke Shackleton, born 1761, died 11 March, 1764.

¹⁷ She was an indentured servant or "redemptioner"—"it was a frequent occurrence for poor emigrants to sell themselves into temporary servitude, usually for a term of four years, in order to defray the cost of their transportation to Pennsylvania. . . . Many Friends, particularly from Ireland, arrived in this manner" (Myers, *Immigration of Irish Quakers into Pa.*, p. 99, quoted, with other illustrative matter, in *Jnl.* vii. 142).

¹⁸ Thomas Carleton (d. c. 1768). Probably the only son of Samuel Carleton (note 37). He married early in 1767, and died in about a year's time. See *R. and E. Shackleton*, 1849, pp. 41ff.

¹⁹ This was, probably, Thomas Goodwin (see note 13). He was in Ireland in 1768 (*Jnl.* xv. 18).

²⁰ For an account of Thomas Gawthrop (1709-1780), of Kendal, see *Friends' Quarterly Examiner*, 1903; Rancocas *John Woolman*, 1922, p. 577.

²¹ According to a "Record of Friends travelling in Ireland," printed in *Jnl.* xv., Sarah Taylor, of Manchester and Alice Rigge, of Kendal, were travelling in that country in 1768. This may be a reference to these Friends.

²² Richard Shackleton's first wife (m. 1749) was Elizabeth Fuller (d. 1754), daughter of Henry Fuller, of Fuller's Court, Ballitore and Deborah Barcroft. By Elizabeth Fuller he had four children—Deborah, Margaret, Abraham and Henry (d. yg.), Deborah (b. 1749) married Thomas Chandlee (1748-1816), of Athy, in 1780, and Margaret (b. 1751) married Samuel Grubb (1750-1815), of Clonmel, in 1776.

²³ Margaret, wife of Abraham Shackleton, 1st (1696-1771), was a daughter of Richard Wilkinson, of Knowlbank in Craven, Co. York, and Margaret Hall, aunt of David Hall, the Minister-schoolmaster, of Skipton.

Pedigree of Shackleton, 1811, in D.

²⁴ Mary and Sarah. Mary Shackleton (1758-1826) married, in 1791, William Leadbeater and became the writer and historian of the family. Sarah Shackleton died unmarried.

²⁵ James Eddy (1712-c. 1770), of Belfast, and Mary Darragh (c. 1724-), his wife (married c. 1742), were Presbyterians who joined Friends. They emigrated to America, c. 1753. They had sixteen children, all of whom were dead save Thomas and Mary (Hosack), when Thomas wrote his reminiscences towards the end of the century.

Thomas Eddy (1758-1827) was a merchant and philanthropist, of New York. He was styled "the Howard of America."

Life, by Samuel L. Knapp, New York, 1834, with portrait.

²⁶ Samuel Neale (1729-1792) was born in Dublin. In 1757 he married Mary Peisley (1717-1757), who died a few days after her marriage. S. Neale was in America 1770-72. He lived at Spring Mount, near Cork. "His dwelling is neat and elegant and commands a delightful prospect. He became possessed of this place by his wife, a pleasing sensible religious Friend [presumably a second wife]" (*R. and E. Shackleton*, 1849, p. 120).

²⁷ Susannah Carleton married Michael Harlan. See note 35.

²⁸ Robert Willis (? 1713-1791) was of New Jersey. James Jenkins, who met him in Ireland states that "he was a man of extremely wild and rustic appearance. In his address to Friends at our week-day meeting, he told them bluntly that they were 'an idle company and an indolent company'" (*Records and Recollections*, p. 96). He was brought up to the trade of a carpenter, but owing to poor health "he supported himself by making nets, which he knitted and knotted as he travelled about on his preaching tours" (*Rancocas John Woolman*, 1922, p. 372).

²⁹ William Hunt (1733-1772) was of Guilford County, North Carolina. James Jenkins writes of him as "a cheerful, indeed very agreeable fellow-traveller to Robert Dudley and myself for many miles" (*Records*, p. 96). He was a great preacher. His cousin, John Hunt (c. 1740-1824), wrote of him in his *Journal*: "At Woodbury [N.J.] meeting he spoke a considerable time. Dined at Mark Miller's. Cousin William appeared in prayer at the table; he began to speak again soon after dinner and continued till near sun-down. Went to David Cooper's to lodge. Cousin William began to speak soon after supper and continued till almost bedtime"! (*Comly, Miscellany*, x. 219). Richard Jordan, of the same State, described Hunt as "the greatest man that Carolina ever held." He died of smallpox at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Memoirs, 1858; there is a valuable note on William Hunt in the *Rancocas John Woolman*, 1922, pp. 517-520.

³⁰ Sarah Morris (1703-1775) was a Philadelphian, and a Minister for over thirty years. Accompanied by her niece, Deborah Morris (1724-1793), she crossed the Atlantic in 1772, at the age of seventy, returning in 1773 with her companion and three Friends from Great Britain bound on religious service in the New World.

³¹ John Woolman (1720-1772), of Mount Holly, N.J., whose *Journal* has become a classic and whose life has recently received abundant illumination from the researches of Amelia Mott Gummere, published in the Rancocas edition of his works, 1922, edited by this able historian.

³² Samuel Emlen (1730-1799), only child of Joshua Emlen (not son of Samuel Emlen, as some records state), of Philadelphia, and Deborah Powel, his wife, was a man of considerable wealth and spent much of his life in religious work. He paid seven visits to Europe and resided some time in England, c. 1764-7.

In 1756 he crossed the Atlantic in the *Charming Polly* with Samuel Fothergill, Catharine Payton and Mary Peisley (homeward bound) and perhaps with Abraham Farrington (outward). Two young men Friends were also aboard. In 1758 he returned in company with John Storer (outward) and Mordecai Yarnall (homeward).

In 1772 John Woolman and S. Emlen came to Europe on board the *Mary and Elizabeth* (James Sparks, master), on which also were James Reynolds, Dr. John Till Adams, Sarah Logan and maid and John Bispham. [For notes respecting these Friends, see Rancocas *John Woolman*.]

In 1784 the goodship *Commerce* brought over S. Emlen and his son Samuel, Thomas Ross, George and Sarah Dillwyn, Rebecca Jones, and Mehetabel Jenkins, all on religious service. S. E. returned the next year.

In 1792 S. Emlen and Sarah Harrison were outward bound and Mary Ridgway and Jane Watson homeward bound (the name of the vessel not found). S. E. returned in 1794 on the *Barclay*, with John Wigham and Martha Routh (outward) and William Rotch and family (homeward)—fourteen Friends in all.

In 1796 he crossed on the *Sussex* with Deborah Darby and Rebecca Young (homeward) and William Savery, Phebe Speakman and Sarah Talbot (outward), returning in 1797.

"He spoke the modern languages fluently and was an accomplished Greek and Latin scholar, once addressing a learned audience in the Latin tongue" (Rancocas *John Woolman*, p. 515).

³³ The "wild and rustic appearance" of Robert Willis (see note 28) and the unusual style of dress adopted by John Woolman, would give rise to the "something of singularity" mentioned by Thomas Carleton. Judging from the picture in the Rancocas *John Woolman*, the personal appearance was not attractive. See also Rancocas *John Woolman*, p. 123, as to Woolman's personal appearance.

³⁴ Thomas Carleton, the Younger (1732-1803), married Lydia Gregg. Of these children—Hannah became Passmore and Lydia became Mendenhall. There are references to this family in *Bi-centennial of Old Kennet*, 1911, p. 48, and Myers's *Immigration*, 1902.

³⁵ Susanna Carleton (1731-) married, in 1766, Michael Harlan (1724-1806). Of the children Hannah (1768-1839) became Baker, Sarah became Bonsall, Mary (1772-1815) became Skelton, and Susanna, born later, and died about 1810, became Walton (*Old Kennet; Baily Genealogy*, 1912).

³⁶ Abraham Shackleton, the younger (1752-1818). In 1779 he married Lydia Mellor. In later life he fell under reproof by his Monthly Meeting of Carlow and became "the leading spirit in the movement of reaction against the growing orthodox tendencies of Friends" (Jones, *Later Periods*, p. 293). James Jenkins is not so charitable as R. M. Jones. He writes :

“ I knew him when a steady young man—the serviceable member and ornament of the Society in those parts, but this was long before he sunk his reputation and changed his character into that of a New Light Chief. . . . What a pity that he, learned, wise, and useful, should have become a dupe and the tool of the Irish New-lights and afterwards the willing disciple of Hannah Barnard ” (Records and Recollections, pp. 84, 955, 964).

See also Rathbone, *Narrative of Events in Ireland*, 1804, pp. 39, 50ff, 162ff, 216, 221, App. 16.

³⁷ The sad family losses sustained by Samuel Carleton (c. 1714-1780) are set forth in full in *The Leadbeater Papers*, 2nd ed. 1862, p. 185: “ He had lately retired from business in Dublin and come to reside with my Aunt [Deborah] Carleton. He had, several years before this time, buried his wife and all his children except one son.” This young man, Thomas Carleton, married and there was a prospect of a grandchild to cheer the old man, but alas! there was a premature birth and death, followed by the death of both son and daughter-in-law. See *R. and E. Shackleton*, 1849, pp. 82, 126.

³⁸ Thomas Chandlee (1701-1776).

John Chandlee = Deborah, dau. of Thomas and Isabel Carleton.
(note 10)

Thomas = Jane Robinson.
1701-1776
(note 38)

Thomas = Deborah, dau. of Richard and Elizabeth (Fuller) Shackleton.
1748-1816
(note 22)

Thomas = Eliza Taylor.

Elizabeth Emily = Thomas Henry Webb.

Information from Thomas H. Webb, of Dublin.

³⁹ Thomas Thornbrough, Junr. (-1787), of North Carolina, was William Hunt’s nephew and travelling companion. He “died of smallpox while in Pennsylvania on his return from a second religious visit to Europe, before reaching his home” (Rancocas *John Woolman*, p. 562).

BAPTISM. St. George the Martyr, Queen’s Square.

1722. Dec. 27. Joseph Taylor, an adult of about 17 or 18 years of age. His father a Quaker.