

George Haworth

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"Dear Friend:

"It was with much pleasure, the intelligence of thee through our much valued Friend Elizabeth Robson, who has been visiting the churches of your Land. From her account I am inclined to think thou art a descendant of my Grandfather's Uncle George Haworth, who emigrated to America in 1699, and respecting whose descendants Our Family has heard nothing since 1745; a letter from his nephew, John Myers, of that date addressed to my Great Grand Father, James Haworth, contains the following account:

" 'Uncle George's children are all living. I heard from them all last Spring by their uncle John Scarbro; three of them, to-wit, Stephanus, Absalom and James, are removed into Virginia to a place called Opeckon; the two first are married amongst Friends, the other three, named John, Mary and George live in Bucks County amongst their friends, and their mother is married to one Hall.' From this thou wilt be able to judge whether thou art related to our Family or not.

"I shall be glad to find this to be the case, and if so I suppose thou wilt be a Grandson of George Haworth above mentioned who emigrated to America. We have several letters from him, from 1699 to 1722, and after his death the correspondence was continued by his sister Mary Myers and her son John to 1745.

"In one letter George mentions his cousin James Haworth and wife who lived near him in Bucks County and that they had a daughter. I purpose sending thee a copy of these letters at a future time as they contain many interesting particulars to George's passage, settlement and family. [A transcript of these letters follows the list of children.]

"He had a sister who emigrated before himself and whose descendants are some of them resident in and about Philadelphia, and one who resides in England. Samuel Bowland Fisher of Philadelphia the late Myers Fisher, of the same place, and the late Joshua Bowland, who is mentioned in Robert Sutcliffe's Travels in America, are amongst the number of her descendants, but I have not yet got sufficient information to connect the present generation with the preceding. They are, therefore, left out of the Pedigree sent thee herewith, which is only a rough sketch, but sufficient for the present purposes, as I can furnish thee with a letter hereafter.

"From it thou wilt see that we have several near relatives in and about Philadelphia and with whom we are in correspondence. I don't know how thou spells thy name but, from George Haworth's letters I find that he used to spell his name sometimes Haworth, sometimes Howarth, and at others Hayworth. The first, I believe, is the correct mode; the last two are corruptions.

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