

THE CHILDREN OF MR. WILLIAM CLARKE OF SALEM, MASS.:

A STATEMENT

An article with this title was published during the editorship of Mr. Donald Lines Jacobus in TAG 39 (1963) 100-112 over the signatures of Frances Davis McTeer and Frederick C. Warner. In 1978 Mr. Warner received a letter from Mrs. Alice Clark Haubrich of Claremont, New Hampshire, addressed to both compilers of the previous article, sharply critical of their conclusions and demanding retraction. Having given this letter careful consideration, Mrs. McTeer and Mr. Warner have asked that the following statement be printed:

A recent communication from Mrs. Alice Clark Haubrich of Claremont, N.H., calls attention to a statement in Charles T. Libby, Sybil Noyes and Walter G. Davis's *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* (1939, reprinted 1972), which lists Elizabeth Clark, wife of Sgt William Furber of Newington, as a daughter of Lt. William Clarke of Salem, with John Clark of Clark's Island as her "possible" brother. If these statements regarding the parentage of Elizabeth (Clark) Furber and her putative brother are true, they make untenable some of the hypotheses of the TAG article.

Evidence for the identifications made in *GDM&NH* seems to be from Essex Co., Mass., Deeds, Bk 2, page 58, where on 17 March 1661 one William Furber laid claim to 12 acres in Ipswich "in behalf of John Clark son of William Clark late of Salem." A photocopy of this record shows no 1661 residence for either William Furber or John Clark, and we have been unable to obtain from Essex Co. any later grantor deed for the property claimed. There were several Clark families living in Ipswich at this time.

Thus, in view of the very large number of Clark families in colonial Massachusetts and considering some of the chronological discrepancies involved with the New Hampshire data, additional research seems called for, particularly a more comprehensive and thorough study of the Clarks of Ipswich, more detailed information regarding the history of the 12 acres in Ipswich, both before and after Furber's claim, and further examination of the basis of *GDM&NH*'s statements regarding Elizabeth Furber's parentage.

Finally, since we are at present unable to carry out these additional researches, any decision regarding the hypotheses developed in the TAG article of 1963 will have to be deferred to other hands.

QUERIES

KLINE-GEBHARD-VAN BUSKIRK: Godfrey Cline/Kline, b. PA or NJ, Aug. 1778, d. near Orangeville, Columbia Co., PA, 21 Feb. 1855; m. 1803-4, Mary, b. PA or NJ, 19 April 1787, d. Williamsport PA, 24 March 1867, possibly dau. of Daniel & Maria (Van Buskirk) Gebhard/Kephart. Wish ancestry of both.

SEIPLE: George Ludwig Seiple, b. near Tohickon, Bucks Co. PA, 22

June 1791, son of George and Catherine (Scheib) Seiple, d. when, where?
Caroline Seiple, b. PA 5 Oct. 1827, d. Williamsport PA 25 Dec. 1866,
dau. of George Ludwig and Margaret (Werkheiser) Seiple. Where was she
born?

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