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RICHARD BUFFINGTON b. ca. 1654 England m. **ANN WILLIAM BUFFINGTON**, b. ca. 1687, Chester, PA m. unknown **JOHN BUFFINGTON** b. ca. 1712 m. **SARAH YOUNG PHEBE BUFFINGTON**, b. ca. 1768 m. **JAMES** Sheward

From the HISTORY OF CHESTER COUNTY, PA, by Futhey and **COPE**, 1881, the following was learned regarding **RICHARD BUFFINGTON**, the immigrant, "**RICHARD BOBBINGTON** was among the list of tydables at Upland in 1677. In 1679, **RICHARD BUFFINGTON** and **JOHN GRUBB** purchased a tract of land west of Chester Creek, above Chester, which they called "Hopewell of Kent."

"**RICHARD BUFFINGTON** had a wife, **ANN**, living in 1695; a wife, **FRANCES** (widow of **JOHN GRUBB**), living in 1712; and his widow, **ALICE** (Palmer), survived him. He purchased land in East Bradford (in conjunction with **WILLIAM VESTALL**) in 1696, and removed to that neighborhood within a few years after. Feb. 25, 1720-1, he conveyed his lands to two of his sons, **THOMAS** and **WILLIAM**, reserving a life interest therein, and this was probably on the eve of his last marriage. He appears to have settled at a later period on 200 acres immediately in the forks of Brandywine, but never owned the land, which, however, his son **JOSEPH** afterwards purchased from the heirs of **ISAAC NORRIS**, of Philadelphia. **RICHARD** died in January or February, 1747-8, probably about ninety-four years of age. View his will here.

"The Pennsylvania Gazette" for June 28 to July 5, 1739, contains the following: 'Philadelphia. --On the 30th of May past the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of **RICHARD BUFFINGTON**, Senior, to the number of one hundred and fifteen, met together at his house in Chester County, as also his nine sons-and daughters-in-law, and twelve great-grandchildren-in-law. The old man is from Great Marle, upon the Thames, in Buckinghamshire, in Old England, aged about 85, and is still hearty, active and of perfect memory. His eldest son, now in the sixtieth year of his age, was the first-born of English descent in this province."

The children of **RICHARD BUFFINGTON**, the immigrant were:

ANN BUFFINGTON m. **BENJAMIN** Hickman at Concord MM on 4/9/1701. They settled on his farm in Westown and had **MARY**, **ELIZABETH**, **JOHN** Francis, **BENJAMIN**, **ANN** and **HANNAH**.

RUTH BUFFINGTON m. **EZEKIEL HARLAN** at Concord MM 3/13/1706. They had children: **EZEKIEL**, **ELIZABETH**, **MARY**, **JOSEPH**, **RUTH** and **BENJAMIN**. **EZEKIEL HARLAN** Jr. was married at Concord MM 10/23/1724 to **HANNAH OBORN**

RICHARD BUFFINGTON Jr. d. 1741, m. **PHEBE GRUBB**, d/o **JOHN** and **FRANCES GRUBB**, and settled in West Bradford. **PHEBE** was a minister among Friends, and after his death, she married **SIMON HADLY** by 1761, and lived in the edge of New Castle County. She died 3, 4, 1769, and was buried at Bradford Meeting on the 6th. The children of **RICHARD** and **PHEBE** were **JOHN** (m. **ELIZABETH** Way 1738 at Kennett MM, and 2nd **JANE THATCHER**), **FRANCES** (m. to **SAMUEL OSBOURNE**), **PHEBE** (m. 1740 **JOHN WALL**), **RICHARD** b. 1715-6 m. **MARY BATES** and **ANN (PYLE) WOODWARD**, **SAMUEL** (d. unmarried), **HENRY** (possibly m. **CATHARINE**), **CATHARINE**, **PETER** (m. **HANNAH WAITE**, 1750), **NATHANIEL**, **JEREMIAH**, **ISAAC** and **JOSEPH BUFFINGTON** (m. **CONTENT BABB** and **MARY** Few). Of these, **RICHARD BUFFINGTON** (3) had **CURTIS**, **MARY** and **PHEBE**, by his first wife and **RICHARD**, **JESSE**, **ANN** and **ESTHER**

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by his second. **JOHN BUFFINGTON**, son of **RICHARD** and **PHEBE** died 1774. His sons were **ROBERT**, **RICHARD**, **JACOB** and **JOSHUA**. **PETER** and **JOSEPH BUFFINGTON**, sons of **RICHARD** and **PHEBE**, left for North Carolina in the 1760s. There is no evidence that **NATHANIEL**, **JEREMIAH** or **ISAAC** married.

THOMAS BUFFINGTON, d. December, 1739, m. **RUTH COPE** and **ANN MATTHEWS**. He aquired his first land in 1702. In Concord MM is the record of **ANN BUFFINGTON**, a widow, received into membership, 8/4/1742. On 9/10/1742 **ANN** married at Concord MM, **MOSES GILPIN** s/o **JOSEPH & HANNAH** of Chester County. **THOMAS BUFFINGTON**'s son, **WILLIAM**, by his wife, **RUTH**, was a schoolboy in 1739 at his father's death. In Hampshire County, West Virginia there exists the will of **WILLIAM BUFFINGTON** s/o **THOMAS** dated 8-10-1781, wife **MARY**, and children: **THOMAS** (m. **ANN CLINE**), **WILLIAM** (1765-1824), **JOEL** (m. **ELIZABETH LOGAN**), **DAVID** (m. **MARGARET**), **JONATHAN**, **RICHARD**, **RUTH** (m. **THOMAS COLLINS**), **SUSANNA** (m. **WILLIAM** Sullivan) and **MARY** Black. Inventory was taken 7-11-1784. I have a note that his wife was **MAGDALENA FERREE**. Mr. **GENTZLER** has a genealogy web page that outlines the descendants of **WILLIAM BUFFINGTON**, s/o **THOMAS**. **RUTH BUFFINGTON**, d/o **THOMAS** of Chester County married 4/16/1736, **JOHN FEREE** of Lancaster County, Pa. at Kennett MM. The **FERREE** family is then granted a certificate to New Garden MM. In Goshen MM is the mention of the family of **EVAN JONES**. **EVAN JONES** went to Bradford MM. to marry **SUSANNA BUFFINGTON**, d/o **THOMAS & RUTH** in 1744. **EVAN JONES** was the son of **CADWALADER & ELENOR JONES**. Their children were **AGNES**, **REBECCA**, **RUTH**, **MARY**, **HANNAH** and **AQUILLA**. **THOMAS BUFFINGTON**, Jr. was born about 1704, his first wife is unknown. In 1740, **THOMAS BUFFINGTON** Jr. married for his second wife, **MARY HARLAN**, his cousin, the d/o **EZEKIEL HARLAN**, Jr. and **HANNAH OBORN**. On 4/27/1754 **MARY BUFFINGTON** (formerly **HARLAN**) was disowned for marrying out of unity at Concord MM. The children of **THOMAS BUFFINGTON** Jr. and **MARY** were **EZEKIEL**, **OBORN**, **THOMAS III**, and **JONATHAN**. **THOMAS BUFFINGTON** Jr. died in April 1768 on Turkey Creek, Edgefield County, South Carolina. **MARY HARLAN BUFFINGTON** married **JAMES GREER** prior to the final estate settlement in 1770. **THOMAS BUFFINGTON** had a son, **RICHARD BUFFINGTON**, who began paying taxes in 1734 in East Caln Township, and married **ANN MORGAN**. Other children include: **REBECCA BUFFINGTON**, married **SAMUEL JAMES**, **BETTY BUFFINGTON**, **RACHEL BUFFINGTON** and **ANN BUFFINGTON**, who married **SAMUEL JAMES**.

WILLIAM BUFFINGTON was born about 1687. His father conveyed to him 185 acres of land in Est Bradford, February 25th 1720/1, which he in turn conveyed to **ROBERT JEFFERIS**, August 4, 1721. In a legal document drawn up by the father dated 1721, the water rights on a stream separating the properties of **THOMAS BUFFINGTON** and his brother, **WILLIAM**, was necessary "as their families were quarreling over use of water from this stream." This was the land that **RICHARD BUFFINGTON** Senior had given them. He appears to have owned land subsequently in West Bradford. In 1734 300 acres of land was obtained by **WILLIAM BUFFINGTON** and was still being taxed as the land of **WILLIAM BUFFINGTON** in 1785. **WILLIAM BUFFINGTON** survived his father, being given a bequest of his father's wearing apparel in 1747-8. **WILLIAM BUFFINGTON** was a tailor. It is thought that the following third generation **BUFFINGTON**'s were children of **WILLIAM** and wife, possibly **ALICE RUPP**: **WILLIAM II**, **BENJAMIN**, **JAMES**, **JONATHAN** and **JOHN**, a tailor in Washington County, PA. Of these **JAMES** removed to Louisa County, Virginia, **JOHN** went to Washington County, Pennsylvania in 1784 and **BENJAMIN** left for Lancaster County, Pennsylvania in 1771. (from the **BUFFINGTON PEDIGREE**, by **RALPH M. BUFFINGTON** of Houston, TX)

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JOHN BUFFINGTON, m. **SARAH EAVENSON**, d/o **THOMAS** and **ELIZABETH WOODWARD EAVENSON**, of Thornbury. **JOHN BUFFINGTON** died in 1736, leaving four children, **JOHN**, **THOMAS**, **MARY** and **SARAH**. His widow married **ANTHONY ARNOLD** on September 30, 1737 at Bradford MM, later **SARAH** & children were granted certificate to Concord MM. Also mentioned in the Concord minutes was **THOMAS BUFFINGTON**, who was granted a certificate to Newark MM to marry **SARAH HEALD** on 8/3/1747; **JOHN BUFFINGTON** who was granted a certificate to Bradford MM 1742. **MARY BUFFINGTON**, who married contrary to discipline a Mr. Morgan, 4/1/1741; and **SARAH BUFFINGTON**, who was disowned on 9/2/1754. These may have been the children of **JOHN BUFFINGTON** and **SARAH EAVENSON**. **ANTHONY ARNOLD** died in September 1746, in East Bradford, leaving one child, **HANNAH**, whom became the wife of Col. **ISAAC TAYLOR**. **JOHN BUFFINGTON** Jr. may have had the following children: **RICHARD**, **ROBERT**, **JOSHUA**, **JACOB** and Caleb **BUFFINGTON**.

HANNAH BUFFINGTON, m. **JEREMIAH DEAN** 5/2/1720 at Kennett MM. On 2/5/1718 **HANNAH** was received by certificate from Philadelphia MM. They had four children, **JAMES**, **NEHEMIAH**, **JOHN** and **MARY**.

MARY BUFFINGTON was married first to **WILLIAM BALDWIN**, who died in 1722. She later married **CHARLES TURNER**, of Birmingham.

ELIZABETH BUFFINGTON, d. 1748-9, m. **PETER COLLINS** and in 1734/5, she married again to **JOHN FREEMAN**

LYDIA BUFFINGTON married **GEORGE MARTIN**. They had children: **JOSEPH**, **JOHN**, **JAMES**, **RACHEL**, **LYDIA**, **MARY ELIZABETH** and **ANN**. Her husband married a second wife, **MARY NICHOLS** in 1757.

ABIGAIL BUFFINGTON, b. September 1721, d. April 1813 m. **EDWARD SEED**, of East Bradford on 1/1/1741. He died in 1754, leaving six children: **ABIGAIL**, **ADAM**, **RICHARD**, **GEORGE**, **JAMES** and **MARY**. **ABIGAIL** married a second time to **DAVID FLING**, a weaver, and by him had these children, **ALICE**, **JOHN**, **PHEBE**, **HANNAH** and **DAVID**.

JOSEPH BUFFINGTON, d. Nov. 17, 1785, unmarried, in his Will he left legacies to his brothers and sisters.

ALICE BUFFINGTON, d. July 19, 1775, married at the Old Swedes' Church Wilmington, January 3, 1745 to **ROBERT MCARTHUR**, who left one son, **JOHN**. **ALICE** married again, about 1749 to **JAMES HANCE**. By him she had children, **JOSEPH**, **MARY**, **HANNAH**, **ANN**, **JAMES**, **RICHARD** and **RUTH**. Her husband **HANCE** died 30 October 1785, aged 63 years Charlotte's Family Trees has information on the ancestry of **RICHARD BUFFINGTON** Sr. and the **BUFFINGTON-HARLAN** connection through **RICHARD**'s daughter, **RUTH**.

3rd Generation **JOHN BUFFINGTON** left Chester County, Pa, about the year 1773-1784. He settled in Pike Run Township, Washington County, PA in 1784. **JOHN BUFFINGTON** is thought to be the son of **WILLIAM BUFFINGTON**. His wife is given as **SARAH YOUNG**, supposed to be from a prominent Quaker family. I have no information on **SARAH YOUNG**, or if **YOUNG** was her name. A descendant of **SETHICA BUFFINGTON** states that family tradition is that **SARAH YOUNG** was born 1735 in Chester County, PA and died in Pike Run Township in her 90th year, 1825. Lynn Brosy submitted a copy of a page from "The Examiner, Washington County, Pa, dated Saturday, December 24, 1825. It states: "Obituary: Died, on Sunday morning last at an early hour, Mrs. **SARAH BUFFINGTON** of

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Pike Run Township, in the 90th year of her age." A **SAMUEL YOUNG** warranted a large tract of land in Pike Run Township situated only a mile or two from **JOHN** and **SARAH**'s home. This Mr. **YOUNG** conveyed his interest in this tract to a **ROBERT JACKMAN** in 1776. In 1796, **JOHN BUFFINGTON** sold land to **JAMES MILLISON**, Jr. also from Chester County, PA, and died in 1804 leaving a will. You may view the will of **JOHN BUFFINGTON** here. His children were **JOSEPH** (m. **MAHALA PETERS**); **MARY** (m. **GRIMES**); **PHEBE** (m. **JAMES SHEWARD**); **ASA** reportedly settled in Ohio, not in his father's will; **ALICE** (m. **TURNER**); **SETHECIA** b. 4/4/1777, m. **SARAH MILLISON**.

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Family documents cause us to wonder whether the assumption that **JOHN BUFFINGTON** was, as **RALPH BUFFINGTON** speculated, a son of **WILLIAM BUFFINGTON**, s/o **RICHARD**. There is an Administrator Bond recorded in Vol. 1, p. 429 of Washington County, PA. This indicates some additional relatives of **SETH BUFFINGTON**, s/o **JOHN** and **SARAH YOUNG BUFFINGTON**. Additionally, Harry M. Shaposka sent me a family history sketch written by **ANDREW J. BUFFINGTON**, grandson of **SETH**.

These are the children of **JOHN BUFFINGTON** 1732-1804

JOSEPH BUFFINGTON was born about 1763 and married **MAHALA PETERS**. In 1790 he is listed in Pike Run Twp, Washington County, PA with his father. The 1800 census finds that he has gone from that area and may have gone into Virginia. **JOSEPH BUFFINGTON** predeceased his father and his widow married **DAVID BUTLER** and came to Dearborn County, Indiana in the late 1790s or 1800s. In a history by Adam Flake, "in 1798 **EBENEZER FOOTE** (stepfather of **MAHALA BUTLER** and the **PETERSES**), **DAVID BUTLER** and stepsons **JOHN**, **JONATHAN**, and **JEHIEL BUFFINGTON**" came to the area. Of these, **JOHN BUFFINGTON** 1784-1852 married **NANCY CHEEK**; **JONATHAN BUFFINGTON** born about 1790, married **JANE MOORE**, and **JEHIEL BUFFINGTON** born about 1792, married **ELIZABETH**.

MARY BUFFINGTON was born about 1765 and married a Mr. **GRIMES**. She had at least two sons: **ISAAC GRIMES** b. 1797 who married **SARAH** and had three children, **WILLIAM**, **MARY** and **JOSHUA**. **ROBERT GRIMES** b. 1800 and married **JANE** and had a daughter **SUSANNA**.

PHEBE BUFFINGTON married **JAMES SHEWARD** and settled in Ohio, where **JAMES SHEWARD** died. Their daughter **SARAH** married **DANIEL WEESE**, and is my ancestor.

Of **ASA BUFFINGTON**, born about 1770, there is no further information.

ALICE BUFFINGTON was born about 1773 and married a Mr. **TURNON** or **TURNER**. She had at least one son, **JOSEPH**, born 1817, who married **ELEANOR** and had children, **WILLIAM**, 1842, **AMANDA**, 1844, and **JAMES**, 1846.

SETHECIA BUFFINGTON, called **SETH** was born 4 April 1777. He spent most of his life in Washington County, PA and went to Iowa due to financial difficulties. He died at Pilot Grove, Lee County, Iowa in 1851. He married **SARAH MILLISON**, daughter of **JAMES MILLISON** Jr. and **ABIGAIL HAYES**. Their children were **ORPHA BUFFINGTON** who was born about 1798 and married **ROBERT LILLY**; **JOHN BUFFINGTON**, born about 1800 and married Pauline Reynolds; Polly **BUFFINGTON** born about 1802 and married **JOHN Ashmead**; **JAMES BUFFINGTON**, b. about 1804 and married **RACHAEL JONES** (his widow **RACHEL** appears in the 1850 census for HENRY County, Iowa with three children: Caroline 18, **JOHN** 16, **SARAH** 11); **SETH BUFFINGTON** was born about 1805 and may have gone to Dearborn County, Indiana, when in 1850 he lived with wife Hester **ANN** (possibly **HESTER ANN HALLOWELL** m. 14 Nov 1847 Dearborn County) and daughter **MARTHA** in Harrison Twp; **JOSEPH BUFFINGTON**, born 2 Mar 1806 married **MARY THOMPSON**, daughter of **JOHN**, with children **JOHN** Davis, Andrew Jackson, **RUTH**, **MARY** Eliza, **SARAH FRANCES** and Emma Cecelia; **JESSE BUFFINGTON** b. 7 Apr 1811 married 1834 **MARY EVANS**, and 2nd Miss **JONES**; **WILLIAM** Bartley **BUFFINGTON**, b 1813 married **ELIZABETH GOODRICH** and lived in HENRY County, Iowa; **ROBERT BUFFINGTON**, b. 1815; **SARAH BUFFINGTON**, b. about 1818 married **JOSEPH WRIGHT**; **ABBIE BUFFINGTON**, b. about 1821 married **JOHN DEEMS** and lived in Missouri in 1890.