

## II. SECOND GENERATIONS

Edward Beeson 2. and Esther Hall settled on a tract of land in Brandywine Hundred, New Castle County, Delaware, near Old Marsh Land, now Vandever Avenue, of the 9th. Ward of the City of Wilmington, Delaware. The tract ran east taking in Big Shellpot Creek and ran north to the Philadelphia Turn Pike, taking in the old Home, a stone house, and farm on the north side of Shellpot Creek. The property is better known by the old name of Old Herring Rocks.

Children of Edward Beeson 2. and Esther Hall:

- \*8. Benjamin Beeson d. 1750 m. 1744 Elizabeth Pohlson at Swede's Church, Wilmington, Delaware.
- \*9. John Beeson b. 1mo. 25, 1710 d. 2mo. 12, 1764 m. 10mo. 13, 1732 Alice Martin dau. of Thomas and Mary Martin at Middleton Meeting, Pa.; m. 2nd Mar. 4, 1762 Mary Carter, probably the widow of Nehemiah Carter and dau. of William Clayton at Swede's Church, Wilmington, Del.
- \*10. Hannah Beeson b. 9 mo. 8, 1713 d. 8 mo. 3, 1773 m. 10 mo. 4, 1735, Joseph Gregg, son of John and Elizabeth (Cook) Gregg at Newark Meeting, Pa.

Esther Beeson, widow of Edward, m. 2nd 2 mo. 15, 1730 Peter Hunter at Newark Meeting, Pa.; m. 3rd 1733 John Hurford.

Richard Beeson 3. and wife Charity became members of the Quaker faith in early life and continued as active members becoming ministers, preaching in various meetings until shortly before their deaths. The following records trace their migration from Pennsylvania down to Frederick Co., Va., and finally to Guilford Co., N. C., where they are buried.

A warrant dated 12-10-1716 was given to Richard Beeson for 500 acres in Chester County. He soon moved to West Nottingham for the tax rate assessment for the year 1722 of West Nottingham, Pennsylvania, shows that Richard Beeson was assessed 11 shillings 3 pence as a tax on the land owned by him.

"Richard Beeson and Daniel Smith, both of Nottingham, and Bona Griffiths of Manor Rocklands request the Grant of each of them a Parcel of Land at or near Fishing Creek which flows into the Susquehanna on 14-xbr-1727, viz: Richard Beeson for his children, 1000 acres; Daniel Smith for his sons, 500 acres; Bona Griffiths, 300 acres."

Richard Beeson was granted 100 acres by the Proprietary William Penn, and the warrant for the survey was dated in Lancaster County 16th January 1733.

Other land transfers have not been investigated.

"On 3rd month 8, 1725, the preparative meeting of Nottingham have offered Richard Beeson for an overseer, for ye west end of Nottingham whom this meeting approves of untill further order."

"11-27-1727, William Reynolds is appointed overseer in room of Richard Beeson released."

"1-30-1728, Nottingham preparative Meeting proposed to the Meeting for Charity Beeson, To have a Certificate to Recommend her to ye meeting of ministers so this meeting appoints Thos. Brown and William Reynolds to Enquire into her conversation and ministry and to Give an account to ye next Holy Meeting."

"7-27-1729, Richard Beeson, (Whose reappointment was overlooked) is succeeded by Thomas Brown as overseer of West Nottingham Meeting."

Nottingham Monthly Meeting was established in 1730 by a division from New Garden. "At New Garden 11-26-1733/34, Richard Beeson produced a certificate for himself and family from Nottingham dated 10-15-1733." The family had removed to Leacock township then within the limits of New Garden.

On 1-27-1736, Richard Beeson and wife asked for a certificate of removal from New Garden to Hopewell Monthly Meeting for themselves and family which was signed on 2-24-1736. Hopewell Monthly Meeting was established in 1734 and 1735 in Frederick County, Virginia by Friends who removed from Pennsylvania in order to obtain a greater freedom in worship. Some seventy families came from Pennsylvania and settled on the Opeckon River under the leadership of Alexander Ross.

Richard Beeson soon removed to what is now Berkeley County on the banks of the Tuscarora Branch where a Meeting House called Providence was soon erected. This was sometimes called Beeson's Meeting where meetings were held from 1738 to 1758 when its members were received in Hopewell.

Richard and Charity Beeson were received at New Garden Monthly Meeting, North Carolina, 11 mo. 30, 1754 by certificate from Hopewell dated 9 mo. 2, 1754. New Garden, N. C. was established 1754. They travelled through the Quaker sections of North and South Carolina, where records of various meetings mention services conducted by them. Their deaths are recorded in the Center Monthly Meeting records, Guilford County, North Carolina.