

Mr. Gardiner's death is thus recorded in the minutes of the Council of Proprietors: "1712. This year died Thomas Gardiner, of Burlington; many times mentioned before. He was well acquainted with public business, a good surveyor, and useful member of society; several years one of the Council, treasurer of the Western Division, and the first Speaker of the Assembly after the union of East and West Jersey." He had served as Surveyor-General of the Western Division,\* which was at that time a position of great trust and responsibility, that officer being required to review all the maps and locations of land made by the several deputy surveyors, and to examine the calculations as to quantity of acres named, to test the several bearings as marked upon the maps, and to certify to the Council that they were correct in every particular.

He died intestate some time prior to September 15, 1712, when letters of administration on his estate were granted to Robert Wheeler and Joshua de Cow, Esquires. On the 25th of that month Isaac Pearson, son-in-law of the late Thomas Gardiner, Esq., was ordered to make an inventory of the goods and chattels.†

Thomas Gardiner married, first, at Burlington, 4th mo. (June) 25, 1684, Hannah, only daughter and heiress of Thomas Mathews.‡ See that family, *Chapter XI*. She died in 1700. Having conveyed certain property to Samuel Jennings and Joshua Humphries in trust for his sons, Thomas and Mathews Gardiner, he married, secondly, at Burlington, 8th mo. (October) 14, 1701, Elizabeth, sister to Philip Richards, of New York, merchant, by whom he had no issue. She died some time prior to 1712, when William Basnett, her son by a former marriage, conveyed to his step-father, Thomas Gardiner, the "brick house in Burlington," which afterwards descended to Mathews Gardiner.

The second Mrs. Gardiner had married, first, William Frampton, of Oyster Bay, Long Island, by whom she had issue Thomas, Elizabeth, and Sarah Frampton. He died at Philadelphia, in November, 1686, when she married, secondly, in December, 1688, Richard Basnett, of Burlington, but formerly of London, a widower, and father-in-law of the Deputy Governor, Edward

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\* Minutes of the Council of Proprietors.

† Liber I, West Jersey Wills, p. 378.

‡ *Appendix XVIII*.