

side of High street, next to that of the Governor, Samuel Jennings.* In his will, dated 1694, he bequeathed to his son, Thomas Gardiner, his "dwelling-house with all y^e Lott of Land "from Amos Wills to Richard Wills—Throughout on y^e High "Street in Burlington—after y^e Decease of my wife, Elizabeth "Gardiner." The property on each side changed hands shortly afterwards, as in Leeds's Map of Burlington, made in 1696 (for which see p. 39), his house and lot, then in the possession of his son, is located between the lands of T. Rodgers and Richard Lane.

Mr. Gardiner, after his arrival in Burlington, appears † to have devoted himself principally to the cultivation of his estate and his public duties, having been, in 1681, elected a member of the Assembly and one of the Governor's Council, and annually reelected to those offices until his death. In 1682 he was appointed one of the judges of the courts of Burlington County, serving in that capacity for several years, and in 1683 one of the commissioners for dividing and regulating land, and one of the treasurers of the province. Some of these appointments were continued through several years, until Mr. Gardiner refused to serve.‡ His death is thus recorded in Smith's *History of New Jersey*: "In September, 1694, died Thomas Gardiner; "he arrived early at Burlington, went through several publick "stations in West Jersey with a good character, had consider- "able knowledge in a variety of business, and was an exemplary "member of society, civil and religious."

He did not, however, die until November or December of that year, as his will was dated November 24, and proved December 15, 1694. At that time he was building a brick house, which he bequeathed to his daughter Elizabeth. See *Appendix XVII*.

Thomas Gardiner married, in England, about 1655, Elizabeth ———, who died at Burlington about 1696.

Issue of *Thomas Gardiner, 3d*, and *Elizabeth* ———, his wife: §

- i. HESTER, bapt. at Warminster, September 22, 1656, and m., in England, John Wills, of Northampton, one of the Proprietors of

* Henry Armit Brown's Bi-Centennial Oration.

† Liber B B, West Jersey Deeds, p. 74.

‡ Smith's *History of New Jersey*; *Learning and Spicer's Laws*; Liber B B B, West Jersey Deeds, p. 82.

§ See his will, *Appendix XVII*; Warminster Parish Registers, and Burlington Monthly Meeting Records.