

BURCHAM NOTES  
May 7, 1970

From: Richard Haines and His Descendants (A Quaker Family of Burlington County, New Jersey, since 1682), by John Wesley Haines, 1961:

p. 37 - "Richard and Margaret Haines became members of the Society of Friends sometime during the period 1672-1676. It seems likely that this religious association had some bearing on the decision of Richard Haines, and of John Borton, his fellow townsman, to emigrate from England to America, and undoubtedly it was a contributory factor in deciding where to settle in America.

"Richard and Margaret Haines, with their children Richard, Thomas, William and Mary, left Aynhoe of ye Hill (Northamptonshire, England) in the spring of 1682. They embarked at Gravesend, England, on the 'Amity' - Richard Diamond, Master - and sailed from Downs, England, for West Jersey, on April 23, 1682. The trip was long and tedious, and was common in the days of sailing ships. Richard, the father, sickened and died. After his death, another son, Joseph, was born on the high seas.

"John Haines, oldest son of Richard and Margaret Haines, preceded his parents to America. He accompanied John Borton and family, also of Aynhoe, to America in 1679, and was undoubtedly instrumental in deciding his parents to leave England for America.

"Margaret Haines and her family arrived in Burlington, N. J., in the fall (p. 38) of 1682. There is no written record of the hardships encountered by this recently widowed woman with a large family in a strange country. In about two and on-half years, on 3 mo. (May) 6, 1685, at Thomas Gardiner's house, Burlington, under the care of Burlington MM, N. J., she married Henry Burcham, of Neshamony, Bucks Co., Pa."

From: History of Bucks Co., Pa., by Davis, 1905:

p. 77 - Among the names of cattle owners in Bucks Co., 1684 - Henry Birchham.

In library of Gen. Soc. of Pa., 1300 Locust St., Philadelphia, Pa.:

"Bucks Co., Pa. - Arrivals, Marriages, Early Wills" - William Sanford married 31 of 3 Mo. 1684 Frances Hummer. Among the witnesses were: Henry Burcham, Margaret Hanes, Ann Burchman.



Burlington Monthly Meeting, Burlington Co., N. J.:

6 of 3rd Mo. 1685 - Henry Burcham, Bucks Co., married Margaret Hayns, widow, of Burlington, at Burlington Meeting.

31 of 12 Mo. 1685 - Ann Burcham, of Burlington, married William Satherthwait, Burlington, at Burlington Meeting.

5 of 6 Mo. 1700 - Henry Burcham disowned for disunity.

5 of 1 Mo. 1704/5 - James Bircham received on certificate from Chesterfield Monthly Meeting.

7 of 3 Mo. 1705 - James Burcham left at liberty to marry Elizabeth Woodhouse. (No data given in records of Burlington Mo. Mtg. on Woodhouse family, other than this one mention of Elizabeth Woodhouse.)

From: Record of The Courts - Bucks Co., Pa., 1684-1700, published in 1943 by the Colonial Soc. of Pa.:

p. 20 - 4-10-1685 - Hen. Bircham on Jury (a Justice).

p. 32 - 10-9-1685 - Henry Burcham ditto ditto.

p. 93 - 10-12-1688 - Henry Bircham on grand jury.

p. 109 - 7-11-1689 - Overseer of ye high ways - for the Lower pte of Neshamenah, Henry Bircham.

p. 193 - 10-12-1688 - Henry Bircham on grand jury.

p. 207 - same as on page 109.

p. 305 - 10-9-1696 - A deed of one hundred and six acres of land in fee dated the fourth day of September 1694 acknowledged and delivered by Phineas Pemberton, Attorney to Henry Burcham and Margret Burcham his wife, grantors, to James Boyden Junr., Attorney to Willm. Hughs - grantee.

Deeds of Burlington Co., N. J. - 3 Oct. 1691 - George Hutchison, Merchant, to Henry Burchim, Weaver, both of Burlington, for 50 f. of a water-lot there.

From: New Jersey Archives

Will of Henry Bircham, of Burlington (N. J.) - Dated 7 of 3 Mo. 1714 (3 Mo. was May) Grandchildren: Joseph & Elizabeth, children of James Bircham, who now have stepfather Jonas Ingham; William, Sarah, & Samuel, children of William Satherthwait; Elizabeth, dau. of William Satherthwait & wife of John Hayns. House & lot near London Bridge in Burlington; another do. on the river. Exrs.: William Satherthwait & John Hayns. Wits.: Richard Smith, Anna Smith, William Gabitas. Proved 23 Nov. 1714. Liber 1, page 502.

From West Jersey records, Liber B., part 2:-

11 May 1696 - Deed. Richard Haines to James Burcham, both of Evesham Twp., Burlington Co., N. J., for 100 acres there, on the Southside of Northampton R., bought of Elias & John Burling, 10 of 3rd Mo. (May) 1693.

27 May 1700 - Deed. Lawrence Morris of Burlington, sawyer, & wife Virgin, to James Burcham of Burlington Co., bachelor, for 300 acres in Northampton Twp., said Co., between Henry Burr & Robert Dimsdale, inherited by said Virgin from her father John Cripps (Will of July 30, 1687).

Will of Joseph Burcham, of Burlington Co., N. J., dated 5 Jan. 1704/5. Gives real & personal estate to brother James Burcham, who is also made executor, with legacies to children of brother William Saterwete and to brother Thomas Haines. Wits.: Thomas Haines, Richard Eayre and Elizabeth Haynes. Proven 6 Feb. 1704/5. Liber 1, p. 95.



5 Feb. 1704/5 - Release of Thomas Haines of Northampton, Burlington Co., to James Burcham, of all claims against the estate.  
 15 Feb. 1704/5 - Inventory of the estate, 110 Pounds real, 48 Pounds & 17 Shillings & 6 Pence personal; made by Daniel Wills & Thomas Bishop.  
 22 June 1725 - Joseph Burcham, son & heir of James, about 16 years old. Letters of guardianship of, granted to John Haines, of Evesham, Burlington Co. Liber 2, p. 265.

Chesterfield (Quaker) Meeting, New Jersey:

13 Nov. 1709 - John Haines, son of John, married Elizth. Satterthwaite.  
 21 Nov. 1728 - Cornelius Clauson married Annie Burcham.

From: Gen. Soc. of Pa., Phila., Pa.:

From - "Minutes of Northampton Twp. [Burlington County] N. J., 1697-1803." "An account of the Names and ages of the Inhabitants of the Township of Northampton as they were given in at the town meeting the 28th of the third Moneth called May 1709":-

(218 persons listed, including:-) James Burcham - aged 39  
 Elizabeth Burcham - 28  
 Ann Burcham - 2

New Jersey Archives, Vol. 23, page 39:-

29 Dec. [c1708?] - Will of James Bircham, of Northampton, Burlington Co. [N. J.], husbandman. Wife Elizabeth, son Joseph, dau. Ann. Home farm of 200 acres, a lot of 300 acres at Amwell, personal estate. Exrs.: wife & bro-in-law John Haines. Wits.: Thomas Haines, Richard Brown, Betty Woolston. Proven 20 Feb. 1709. Liber 1, p. 259.

17 Feb. 1709-10 - Inventory of the estate, 301 Pounds & 6 Shillings, of which 100 Pounds are for the home farm, 60 [Pounds] for the Amwell lot, 42 [Pounds] for a Negro girl, made by Jacob Lamb & Richard Brown.

17 Dec. 1715 - Bill of Jonas Ingham for boarding & "scowling" Ann & Joseph, children of James Burcham, since 27 July 1710, boarding at 6 Pounds a year, schooling at 1 Pound.

This item should have followed will of Henry Burcham on previous page:

20 of 3 Mo. (May) 1714 - Inventory of the personal estate, 81 Pounds & 2 Shillings, including bonds of Thos. Middleton, Henry Cook & Tho. Willson, made by Thomas Raper & Peter Fretwell.

From: New Jersey Archives, Vol. 23, page 46:

23 Dec. 1727 - Will of James Borden, of Freehold Twp., Monmouth Co. [N. J.], yeoman. Wife Mary. Children: Richard, Innocent, Joseph, Phebe, Rebeckah, Abigaill, Mary, Hellen and Ann. Real and personal estate. Exrs.: James Lowry and Robert Lawrence. Wits.: Richard Horsfull, Wm Lawrie, Thomas Lawrie. Proved 22 Feb. 1730-31. 10 Nov. 1728 - Inventory of the personal estate, 115 Pounds, 16 Shillings, & 10 Pence, made by R. H. & R. Montgomery.

Same, Vol. 30, page 52:

26 Jan. 1730-31. James Borden of Freehold Twp., Monmouth Co., yeoman. Joseph Burcham writes to Samuel Bustill to prove the will of James Borden; Joseph Burcham being indebted, "unto my mother-in-law, Mary Borden."

17 Feb. 1730-31. Robert Laurence and James Lowrie, executors named in the above will, renounce their right. Addressed to Samuel Bustill, Esquire, at Burlington. (Letters of administration with the will annexed were granted to the widow, Mary Borden, a Quaker, 22 Feb. 1730-31. For will, see preceding Volume of Wills, Archives, XXIII, p. 46.)



The Burchams moved from New Jersey to Virginia, where they lived a few years before settling in North Carolina. They lived in Frederick Co., Va., which, in early days, took in a vast area of what is now Virginia and West Virginia.

From: Cartmell's History of the Shenandoah Valley, Vol. I, page 22:-  
Court Record - "On petition of Thomas Province and others for a road from John Frost's mill to the main road between John Littler's plantation and John Melburn's - Ordered John Littler, William Dillon and Joseph Burcham - lay off the same, etc." Dated Jan. 1744, Frederick Co., Va.

From Frederick Co., Va., the Burchams moved to Rowan Co., N. C., where they are on record as early as 1754. (Rowan Co. formed in 1753 from Anson Co., and Anson had been formed in 1750 from Bladen Co. Early records of both Bladen and Anson Cos. have, for the most part, not been preserved.)

Court Minutes of Rowan Co., N. C.:-

1753-68: p. 35 - Third Wed. in March 1754 - "John Findley appointed Constable in the Room of Joseph Burcham and for his District."

p. 62 - 3rd. Tues. in April 1755 - "A Deed of Gift from John Morris to Sarah his wife proved in Open Court by the Oath of Jos. Burcham."

Rowan Court Minutes, 1768-72 -

p. 493 - Constables appointed 1764 \* John Burcham in the room of Manuel Brookshear.

Joseph & James Burcham appear on the 1759 Tax List of Rowan Co., N. C.

(Rowan Court Minutes for 1755 show a document involving Joseph Beurcham, witnesses by James & Joseph Burcham.)

The Burchams appear to have moved in the 1760's from Rowan County down into the then adjoining county of Anson. They lived in that portion of Anson County which became Montgomery County in 1779. (I haven't yet ascertained in just what section of Rowan County they lived - possibly in what is now Randolph County.)

Anson County deeds appear to have been fairly well preserved from the beginning of the county (1750):

Anson Deed Book 7, p. 335 - 24 Aug. 1769 - Thomas Jordan of Anson Co., planter, to Joseph Burcham of same, planter - consideration: 40 Pounds - 100 acres on "south side of Cape Fear River at a creek a branch of Pee Dee river." - being a grant to John Jordan and "to him the sd Thomas Jourdan by the death of his father". Wits.: Samuel Parsons, Wm his X mark Morris. Signed: Thomas his X mark Jordan, Mary her X mark Jordan. Proven July 1770.

Anson DB 7-329 - 10 Oct. 1769 - Joseph Burcham of Anson Co., planter, to James Cotton of Augusta Co., Va. - consid.: 40 Pounds - 100 acres on south side of Cape Fear River at Bairs Creek a branch of Deep River - it being a tract formerly granted to John Jordan and "since fell to Thomas Jurdan by the death of his father the sd John Jordan." Signed: Joseph Burcham, and Isabella her X mark Burcham. Wits.: Saml. Parsons, James Burcham. Pr. July 1770.

Anson DB K-261 - 10 Oct. 1774 - Samuel Parson of Anson Co., to John Burcham of same - consid.: 10 Pounds - 50 acres on Little River, adj. Charles



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Allen, Wm Stone, near mouth of Ridges Creek. Signed: Samuel Parsons, Rachel Parsons. Wits.: Wm his X mark Jurden, Charles his X mark Allen. Pr. Oct. 1774.

Anson DB K-348 - 29 June 1775 - Christopher Christian of Anson Co., to Henry Burcham of same - consid.: 50 Pounds - 200 acres on Little River, being a tract granted to Richard Brasswell, 25 Nov. 1771, & from him conveyed to sd Christopher Christian, adj. Wm Stone, below mouth of Ridges Creek, adj. David Poor. Signed by name. Wits.: James Cotton, Walter Cunningham. Pr. Oct. 1775.

Montgomery Co. formed 1779 from Anson Co. Since all early records of Montgomery Co. have been lost, no help there.

A few pages of Anson Co. Court Minutes have been preserved for the 1770's. 1772 - "Ordered Buschan [Burcham WPJ], poor, aged, infirm, be recorded exempt from taxation."

From: Anson County, North Carolina - Abstracts of Early Records, by McBee (1950):

- p. 56 - 1775 - Henry Burcham bought 200 acres on Little River.
- p. 83 - 1772 - Joseph Burcham not to be exempted.
- p. 93 - 1774 - Joseph & John Burcham - road hands.
- p. 95 - 1774 - John Burcham bought land.
- p. 97 - 1774 - Henry Burcham paid for scalps of wild cats & wolves.
- p. 105 - 1775 - Henry Burcham bought land.
- p. 134 - 1777 - Petition signed by Henry Burcham, among others.
- p. 138 - 1779 - Petition signed by Joseph Burcham, among others.
- p. 141 - 1776 - John Burcham named.
- p. 143 - 1782 Tax List of Montgomery Co., N. C. - Joseph Burcham, invalid (this "invalid" does not mean he was sick or bed-fast; it has to do, I believe, with his being unarmed, and either unwilling or incapable of carrying arms - all during the Rev. War troubles)

Burcham Land Grants in Anson Co.:

- 1774 - John Burcham - 100 acres - on the N. E. of Pee Dee River.
- Henry Burcham - 50 acres - 1772 - on Bumpose fork of Little River.

No Burchams given on 1790 Census of Montgomery Co., N. C. It is not known whether Joseph Burcham remained in Montgomery Co., or moved with sons John & Henry to the Surry-Stokes Cos. area of N. C. in the 1780's.

For the Surry County Genealogical Society  
October 11, 1993

*Jerry Denton*

TO: THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SURRY COUNTY MOUNT AIRY POST OFFICE  
TO: SHUBLE BURCHAM & BU (?) Si—mons

Receivied at Mt. Airy Post Office  
January 28, 1824

From: STATE OF TENNESSEE WASHINGTON COUNTY  
JANUARY 13 - 1824

Dear children I take this opportunity to write a few lines to you to let you know that we are as well as we could expect agreeable to our age thanks be to God for His mercies hoping these lines may find you all in the same state of health.

We received your letter dated August the 6, 1823 by the hand of ransey rayrdan and read it with great satisfaction.

Lewis and Joseph and their families are well and doing well. Lewis has six children and Joseph has had six one deceased.

You write to us to let you know concerning this country. I think it is a better country than yours a great deel but land is very high in these parts. There will be a great chance to get land in the n--- purchase in about nine months and we have some thought of going there if the boys can ~~sall~~ to their noshions.

We want to see you all very bad. Lewis thinks to go to see you next fall and his mother talks of going with him. We want you to write to us first chance you have and if you send by the mail Direct it to Jonesborough post office.. and so conclude message with our best loving respects. May God in His mercies bless you and be with you through every shifting scene of life and at last bring you safe to heaven and by the grace of God we your friend will try to meet you there.  
Farewell

Thomas & Prudence Clark



State of tennessee      washington County

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Thomas & prudans<sup>B</sup> Clark

To the  
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Carolina  
Surry County  
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to Shubil burcham  
& Bu--- Si--muns

Jonesbor<sup>e</sup> Tenn  
Jan 19 - 1824

January 28th      Recd.

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NOTES ON THE BURCHAM FAMILY

Notes on the Burcham Family in Europe

Moens, William J. C. 1887-1888.

The Walloons and Their Church at Norwich; Their History and Registers 1565-1832. 2 parts. Publ. Huguenot Soc. of London. Lymington.

Index: p. 324. Burcham. II, 87.

Part II.

p. 87. Baptêmes à l'église Wallonne de Norwich.  
Morillon.

Zacary, fils de Zacary Morilon. Il estoit batizes In the parish church of St. Martin the oake, pource ce que le ministre ne se portait point bien. Tém. Zacaria Burcham, Zacaria Iverson; Anne Morilon, Ane Mayhu. 14 Déc. 1684.

(Zacary, son of Zacary Morilon. He was baptized in the parish church of St. Martin of the Oak, for the minister could only give his blessing here. Wit. Zacaria Burcham, Zacaria Iverson; Anne Morilon, Ane Mayhu. 14 Dec. 1684.)

Jay, G. B. (transcribed by); Wm. Hudson (revised by). 1891.

The First Parish Register of St. George of Tombland, Norwich (A. D. 1538-1707). Agus H. Goose: Norwich.

Index of Names: p. 250. Burcham, Ane, 141; Elizth., 177; Susan, 141, 159; Thomas, 245; Zacheriah, 141, 159, 177.

p. 141. Births. Baptizings in the parish of St. George of Tombland, in the yeare 1697.

1697. Susan, the daughter of Zackeriah Burcham and Ane his wife, was baptized Aprill the 7.

p. 159. Burialls in the parish of St. George of Tombland in the yeare 1697.

1697. Susan, the daughter of Zacheriah Burcham, was buried Aprill the 15.

p. 177. Mariages in the Parish of St. George of Tombland in the year 1696.

Zackeriah Burcham of this parish and Ane Watson were married No<sup>br</sup>. the 23, 1696. Edmund Gagin of St. Stephen's parish and Elizb<sup>th</sup>. Burcham of the Same was married January the first, 1696.

p. 245. Thomas Burcham buried Dec. 24, 1723.



Notes on the Burcham Family in Europe (cont'd.).

Millican, Percy. 1934.

The Register of the Freemen of Norwich 1548-1713.

Jarrold & Sons (Pub. by Authority of the Norwich Corporation): Norwich.

Index of Names: p. 256. Burcham, Robert, 203.

p. 153. List of "Worsted Weavers."

p. 256. 1705. Robertus Burcham, appr. Hen. Broome. 19 Mar. 1705. f. 209 c.

Waters. 1901.

Genealogical Gleanings of England. Vol. 2.

New England Historic Genealogical Society: Boston.

p. 1447. Thomas Allen of London, apprentice to George Denham citizen and leatherseller of London, 13 August, 1643, proved 16 February, 1646; to my sister Elizabeth Allen now the wife of Robert Bircham one hundred pounds, to be paid by twenty pounds a yeare until satisfied.

Publications of the Harleian Society; Register Section. Vol. 4. London. 1888.

The Register of Marriages belonging to the Parish of St. George, Hanover Square, in the County of Middlesex. ed. by J. H. Chapman.

Vol. II. 1788-1809.

Index: p. 435. Bircham, Ann, 298.

p. 298. Febr. 7, 1804.

Mathew Paine, of Richmond, Surry, & Mary Brant, of this parish, Licence.

\* Witnesses Geo. Thomas, Sarah Brant, and Ann. Bircham.

Publications of the Harleian Society. London. 1890.

Vol. 31. List of Members with dates of Their Election. Annual report corrected to January 21st, 1890.

17 June, 1875. Samuel Bircham, 46 Parliament Street, S. W.

Publications of the Harleian Society. London. 1891.

Vol. 32. The Visitation of Norfolk, 1563, 1589, 1613.

Index: Berkham, Elizabeth, 41; Richard 41.

p. 41. Elizabeth, daughter of William and Rose Balter, married Richard Berkham of Narford.



Notes on the Burcham Family in Europe (cont'd.).

Shaw, Wm. A. ed. by. 1911.

Letters of Denization and Acts of Naturalization for Aliens in  
England and Ireland. 1603-1700.

Publ. Huguenot Soc. of London. Vol. 18.

Index. Berchem, Henry van. p. 233.

p. 233. Henry van Berchem, born at Bremen in Germany, son of Jacob van  
Berchem and Ann, his wife. (For oaths see C. J. XI, 153.).

Gerish, W. B. 1909.

A Handlist of the Surnames Represented by Inscriptions in the Hundred  
of Odsey in the County of Hertford Recorded in 1908.

Bishop's Startford.

p. 6. c. 2.

Burcham ---P.

P = Royston Parish.

Barber, Rev. Henry. 1903.

British Family Names: Their Origin and Meaning.

Elliot Stock: London.

p. 95. Bircham. A loc. name, Norfolk, or  
Berchem, Belgium.

Notes on the Burcham Family -- General

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General Navy Register of the U. S. 1776 - 1887.

p. 114. Burcham, George E.  
Carpenter, 10 August, 1861, died. 6 February, 1872.

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## Notes on the Burcham Family

### Preface

The following notes were collected over a number of years from numerous sources in a continued search for the ancestors of Exmon Chappell Burcham (p. 7, 8, and 14). Many references were found which did not pertain to Exmon Burcham, but it is hoped that the collection of notes which has been made will be of some aid to others who seek information on this family.

There seems to be several rather general conclusions which may be drawn from these brief notes. Perhaps the most important from the point of view of genealogical research on the family is the varied spelling of the name Burcham. The pronunciation of the name itself leads to many possibilities in the spelling. It will be observed in the notes that frequently the obviously same individual may have his name spelled in several ways in the same records. Some of the variations encountered frequently are Bircham, Berchem, Birchem, Burchan, Burchem, Burchim, and Birchum. This will not disturb the experienced genealogist; for as he well knows, the variation in spelling of family names is not uncommon.

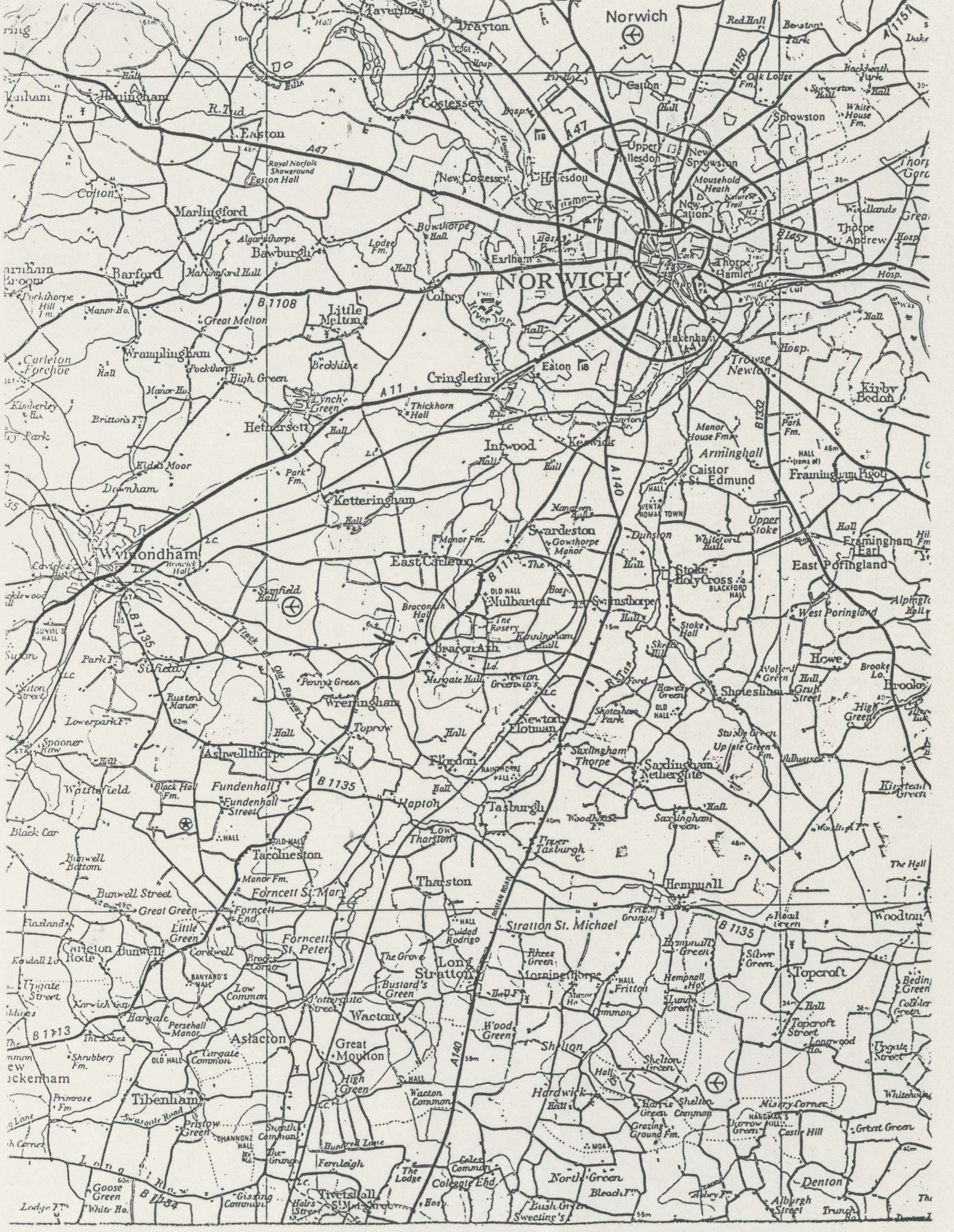
The notes on the Burcham family in Europe indicate their probable origin from the Walloon area of Belgium. In research on heraldry of various families, which is not included in this collection, the name Berchem has been encountered by this writer in various areas of Europe: Belgium (particularly Brabant), Flanders, Holland, and Germany. The spelling Burcham has not been encountered in any of the continental European countries. It would appear that the spelling Burham was adapted by a group of Berchem refugees from the Lowland countries who fled to England during the wars with Spain; many of these people settled in the vicinity of Norwich, England.

The name Burcham is underlined in notes which may not refer specifically to the Burcham family or in long passages. When branches of a family are found in more than one locality, they have been included in the area which is considered most pertinent and references is made to their being found in other areas, e. g., under Nebraska Burcham's the reader is reminded to "See also Notes on the Burcham Family in Indiana for related lines," etc. The writer realizes that the notes which could be obtained from State records in Indiana and North Carolina are very incomplete, but limitations of time and effort have prevented him from transcribing all available material. No attempt has been made to correct spelling or other errors in exactly transcribed notes; the material is transcribed as nearly as possible as found in the original. Some lengthy court records have been condensed to indicate only the nature of transactions which took place.

Elden G. Burcham  
~~P. O. Box 306~~ P.O. Box 30513  
Sutherland, Nebr. Lincoln, NE

wrote him 22 Oct 85  
no answer.  
is he deceased?







# Legacy of a great Dane

## VILLAGE LIFE AS IT USED TO BE

THE VILLAGES of Mulbarton and Swardeston were owned by Ordinc, a Danish thane, at the time of Edward the Confessor. After the Norman Conquest they passed to Roger Bigod and Ralf de Beafoe.

Mulbarton was called Molkerbertuna in the Domesday Book. Author Jill Wright, who lives in the village, says the name probably meant "an outlying dairy farm".

In the time of Henry III, one William St Omer was granted a manor in the village. His son, who is shown on the village sign, became an itinerant judge.

### GALLOWS

He erected a gallows at Mulbarton and wrongly condemned William Godwyne of Carleton to be hanged for theft. St Omer is said to have built part of Mulbarton Church as penance.

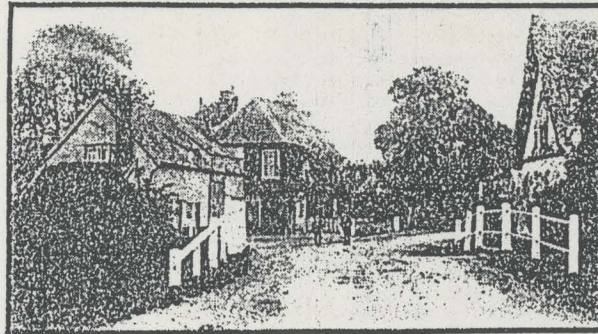
The church was originally built by Sir William de Hoo, a great warrior who suppressed a rebellion in Normandy in 1436.

The other figure on the village sign of Mulbarton is that of Sir Edwin Rich, a 17th century lawyer and public benefactor.

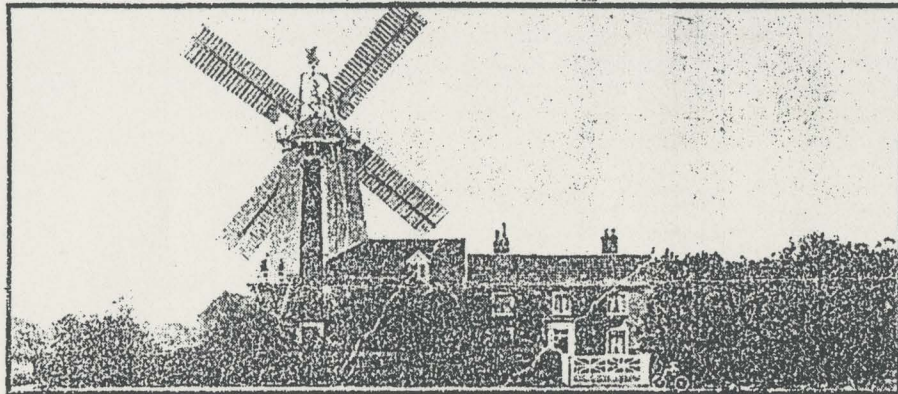
He gave money for the village's welfare because he had no family to support.

Another noteworthy character from Mulbarton was Sir Thomas Richardson, son of a 17th century vicar of the village.

Sir Thomas became Speaker of the House



★ Mulbarton bridge before the first world war.



★ Mulbarton Mill in Edwardian times.

11/6/90  
of Commons in 1621 and Lord Chief Justice in 1631.

He played his part in modernising the law by declaring it illegal to use the rack to extract a confession from the murderer of the Duke of Buckingham.

The village's outstanding feature is its 45-acre common, which has remained largely untouched. Plans to enclose it caused an outcry in 1865.

The fine old barn near the common shows the importance of agriculture in village history. The manor house nearby dates

from the 16th century.

The Edwardian pictures of Mulbarton featured here were loaned by Mrs Glenda Adcock, who lives in neighbouring Swardeston.

Swardeston, or Swerdeston, is also called "Colby's Manor" in Blomesfield's History of Norfolk.

It was made up of several parts at the time of Domesday: the main village, plus the hamlets of Mangreen and Gowthorpe.

The village's flint church dates to the 14th and 15th centuries, and Gowthorpe Manor,

near the Green, is Elizabethan. Elizabeth I herself is said to have watered her horse in Swardeston.

Swardeston's most famous native is Edith Cavell, the nurse who was shot in the first world war for helping soldiers to escape the Germans.

She lived at the Old Rectory, which later housed some Norwich people who were bombed out of their homes in the second world war.

Both villages still retain their rural charm.

## On the prowl for more Lions

HETHERSETT and District Lions meet in Mulbarton twice a month, and they are keen to get more members from Mulbarton and Swardeston.

The half a dozen members from Mulbarton and Swardeston include

the group's secretary, Harry Walsh, and the group's many charitable works in the area include providing Mulbarton surgery with a foetal heart monitor.

The meetings in Mulbarton are

held at the World's End on the second Monday and the last Thursday of the month. If you are interested in joining Hethersett and District Lions, contact Rodney Davis on Mulbarton 78488.



# Old Mulbarton barn transformed

<sup>PICS</sup>  
THE distinctive 400-year-old red brick barn at Mulbarton Common — believed to be one of the largest buildings of its kind in the county — has become the new home of the youthful Mulbarton company Norfolk Pryde. The splendid old barn was just an empty shell when the company bought it in December last year, but an imaginative restoration and conversion programme has transformed it into a suite of spacious showrooms, store-rooms and workshops, with offices in an annexe which was formerly used as a stable block. — 7 APR 1983

Norfolk Pryde's managing director, Mr. Des Calver, founded the company four years ago in a modern warehouse a few yards along the road from the barn. The business was started as a specialist service in the field of bathroom and kitchen fittings and furniture and has expanded to cover a much wider range of goods for the home, including bedroom fittings, internal and external doors, flooring, lighting, bar furniture, wall coverings, fabrics, tableware and miscellaneous goods such as plant stands, mirrors and door knobs.

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Mulbarton was called Molkerbertuna in the Domesday Book. Author Jill Wright, who lives in the village, says the name probably meant "an outlying dairy farm".

In the time of Henry III, one William St Omer was granted a manor in the village. His son, who is shown on the village sign, became an itinerant judge.

### GALLOWS

He erected a gallows at Mulbarton and wrongly condemned William Godwyne of Carleton to be hanged for theft. St Omer is said to have built part of Mulbarton Church as penance.

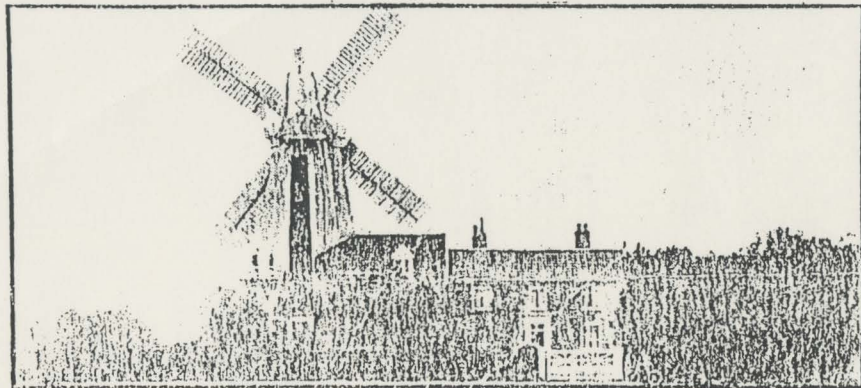
The church was originally built by Sir William de Hoo, a great warrior who suppressed a rebellion in Normandy in 1436.

The other figure on the village sign of Mulbarton is that of Sir Edwin Rich, a 17th century lawyer and public benefactor.

He gave money for the village's welfare because he had no family to support.

Another noteworthy character from Mulbarton was Sir Thomas Richardson, son of a 17th century vicar of the village.

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★ Mulbarton Mill in Edwardian times.

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He played his part in modernising the law by declaring it illegal to use the rack to extract a confession from the murderer of the Duke of Buckingham.

The village's outstanding feature is its 45-acre common, which has remained largely untouched. Plans to enclose it caused an outcry in 1865.

The fine old barn near the common shows the importance of agriculture in village history. The manor house nearby dates

from the 16th century.

The Edwardian pictures of Mulbarton featured here were loaned by Mrs Glenda Adcock, who lives in neighbouring Swardeston.

Swardeston, or Swerdeston, is also called "Colby's Manor" in Blomesfield's History of Norfolk.

It was made up of several parts at the time of Domesday: the main village, plus the hamlets of Mangreen and Gowthorpe.

The village's flint church dates to the 14th and 15th centuries, and Gowthorpe Manor,

near the Green, is Elizabethan. Elizabeth I herself is said to have watered her horse in Swardeston.

Swardeston's most famous native is Edith Cavell, the nurse who was shot in the first world war for helping soldiers to escape the Germans.

She lived at the Old Rectory, which later housed some Norwich people who were bombed out of their homes in the second world war.

Both villages still retain their rural charm.

## On the prowl for more Lions

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The meetings in Mulbarton are

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