

37. IV. ROBERT,³ born in Newbury, February 1, 1656, had a son Robert, junior, who died in Elizabeth, and was buried in the yard of the First Presbyterian Church,
38. V. MARY,³ born in Newbury, February 25, 1657, died there November 23, 1658,
39. VI. MARY,³ born in Newbury, September 19, 1659, married (1), in Elizabeth, William Broadwell, as his second wife, the marriage license being given August 21, 1677, she then called daughter of Robert Morss the taylor; she married (2) Jacob, son of James and Mary Mitchell, he a tailor, as is shown by her will of March 2, 1724-5, in which she said she was weak and sick then: "I give and bequeath all my whole right & title of Lands and meadows in Elizabeth Town or Elsewhere given to me by my father Robert Morss by a certain deed Bearing date the Third day of February The Year of our Lord 1701, to be Equally divided between my two living sons William and Richard Broadwell—Equally in quantity—. Signed Mary Morss Mitchell" This will was given to Court in Newark, May 14, 1726, in the same year that Joseph Morss drew up his own will, and it shows that she was a daughter of Robert, the tailor, and that she married (2) Jacob Mitchell, although the marriage stands as "Mary daughter of Robert Morss, junior." Still, as we have her own will and also the original marriage license which gives "Mary Morss, daughter of Robert, the tailor," it is proven that she was one and the same Mary; she had Children,
40. (1) WILLIAM⁴ BROADWELL,
41. (2) RICHARD⁴ BROADWELL,
42. VII. A daughter,³ born in Newbury, December 16, 1660, d. y.,
43. VIII. LYDIA,³ born in Newbury, July 23, 1662, married, in Elizabeth, October 9, 1679, John Toe, a grandson of Richard Tow, of Newport, Rhode Island, who died in 1689; she died in 1690; he was a weaver; the grandfather came from Warwick, England,
44. IX. SARAH,³ born in Newbury, April 28, 1665,
45. X. PETER,³ born —,
46. XI. JOSHUA.³

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3. PETER² MORSE, son of Anthony¹ and Elizabeth Morse, was born before his father came to New England. He is established as a son of Anthony, senior, by the will of his father. The

first recorded fact of this Peter was when he was a witness to a deed given by his brother Robert on January, 1659, then in Newbury. With his brother he joined the small band of migrants who took the Oath of Allegiance in Elizabeth town, East New Jersey, on February 19, 1665. He there received a home lot of six acres which adjoined his brother's; May 30, 1678, a lot lying on Elizabeth river; twelve acres of upland lying by William Pardon's land; another lot of forty acres of upland; one hundred and thirty acres lying on a neck of land at Rawack (Rahway); twelve acres on Thomson's creek; with a lot on Luke Watson's Point, in all amounting to two hundred and twenty-four acres. October 18, 1685, Peter Morss, weaver, with his wife, Mary, gave a deed of a part of his home lot, with all the buildings at Elizabeth, he then signing as Peter Morss of Rahway, to his brother Robert, "taylor," of Elizabeth, said lot bounded by the highway, by William Trotter's land, with a "pittle" on Elizabeth river, and on the south by Peter Morss's own land, pittle and house. His last recorded land transaction was with the same committee, and at the same time his brother Robert received his, namely, on January 21, 1699-1700, and was Lot Number 57, while his brother's was Lot Number 145; both these grants show conclusively that the two brothers were both in Elizabeth at that date.

By a deed recorded in the copy of the original Elizabeth town book (the first book having "been made way with"), said deed having been drawn June 16, 1736, we establish the fact of this same Peter being the founder of the lines herein described.

"To the Committee Chosen by The associates and freeholders of Elizabeth Town in the Province of East New Jersey we Joseph Morss and Amos Morss humbly (show) That whereas we Do hold and Possess upland and Salt meadow within the bounds of Elizabeth Town The Chief and Greatest part whereof is held By and from under the Right and Title Derived from under our honoured Grandfather Peter Morss Deceased which s'd Peter Morss was one of the former associates holding by virtue of a Right Derived from under Coll. Richard Nicholls, Esq. formerly Govn'r of This province of New Jersey and a part of his Division of Lands he held in Rahway in the bounds of Elizabeth Town, aforesaid—Lying on the southerly Side of the west

Brook or Thomson's Creek Lying for one hundred and forty acres of Land being in Two surveys and a joining Together which he held on his association Right and also part of his Division of Salt meadow which he held is Lying in Rahway meadow on the Southerly Side of Thomson's Creek and adjoining to his upland above mentioned Containing Eighteen acres of Salt meadow Be the same more or Less Lying in several Tracts; all which s'd Tracts or parcels of upland and meadow our s'd grandfather Peter Morss, Did Convey and Give and Bequeath unto his Sons In and by his Last will and Testament as followeth; Namely unto our honoured father Joseph Morss and to his Son Amos Morss and to his Son Joshua Morss all his s'd upland above mentioned and his s'd Son Amos Morss Died Intestate and our s'd father Joseph Morss Did hold the s'd Land by Heirship which was so granted and Given to s'd Amos Morss, as afores'd and the Lands Bequeathed to the said Joshua Morss descended by Heirship to his son peter Morss and our s'd father Joseph Morss Did purchase the s'd Lands of the s'd peter Morss, and the Salt meadow above mentioned our s'd Grandfather peter Morss, Did Give and bequeath to his Son Joseph Morss our s'd father and to his Son Joshua and the s'd Joshua Died intestate and his part and share of s'd meadow Descended to his Son peter Morss By Heirship and our s'd father Joseph purchased the same of the s'd peter Morss, all of which said Tracts and percell of upland and meadow our said father Joseph Morss Did in and by his Last will and Testament give and bequeath unto us the said Joseph Morss and Amos Morss, as by the s'd Last will and Testament Conveyances as above mentioned is specified and set forth Reference Being Thereto had shall and will more at large appear and whereas The Returns of the said Tracts of upland meadow is Lost or mislaid or Cannot be Come att (Being not to be found and also that town Book wherein it was or Reasonably may be Alowed to be) Entered and Recorded Being as it is supposed Destroyed or Conveyed away; Therefore the said Joseph Morss, and Amos Morss, Doth humbly Request That the Returns of the several Tracts and persells of upland and meadows as is held and possessed By us the said Joseph Morss, and Amos Morss, By the Right and Title to us Conveyed as afores'd and hereunto subjoined may be accepted By the Committee of Elizabeth Town afores'd—in their assenting To sign the same vis Ten acres of Land Lying in the points Bounding to the Salt meadows and North west by the Land herein after mentioned the same Lying for Ten acres Be the same more or Less, also another Tract of upland Containing and Lying for one hundred and Thirty acres of Land be the same more or Less, Beginning att Thomson's Creek att the place where the Dwelling house of our s'd Grand-

father peter Morss formily stood and from Thence Running South Thirteen Deg's west thirteen Chanes & a half to an Elm Tree standing by the South meadows Thence South 49 Degs west Eight Chains & 40 Links to a Gum Tree Thence South 11 Degs west fourteen Chains & 30 Links to a stake Thence North-North west Thirty Chanes (along the Division Line formerly Between said peter Morss and alexander Scott Deceased) To the west or Nine Mile Brook thence Running Down the s'd Brook or Creek as the same Runs to the first mentioned Corner the place where it first began Lying for one hundred and Thirty acres be the same more or Less Bounded Northerly by Thomsons' Creek South East by the afores'd Tract of Lands Lying in the points and the Salt meadow and South by the Land of John Trembely North west by the two Mile Brook also several Tracts or parcels of Salt meadow—Lying for Eighteen acres."

(This is in the town book, pages 63, 64, 65.)

To this is subjoined the will which is referred to in this deed, copied from the probate records at Trenton, New Jersey.

"In the name of God Amen. the 26th day of October 1701, I peter Morss of Elizabeth town in co. Essex & province of East New Jersey being of sound and perfect memory praise be given to God for ye same & knowing ye uncertainty of this life on earth & being desirous to set things in order Do'make this my Last will & Testament in manner and forme following that is to say first & principally I commit my Soul to Almighty God my Creator & my body to ye Earth whence it was taken to be buried in such decent & Christian manner as to my Exetr hereafter named shall be thought meet & convenient & as touching such worldly estate as ye Lord in mercy hath lent me my will & meaning is ye same shall be Employed & bestowed as hereafter by this will is expressed and first I do revoke & make voyd all wills by me formerly made & declared & appoint this my Last will & Testament. Item my will is that my hundred & forty acres of upland & meadow be equally divided between my three sons Joseph Amos and Joshua yt is to say my son Joseph to have as much upland & meadow added to what I have given him already as shall make him equall in proportion with Amos and Joshua & my son Joseph shall have his division of upland next adjoining to William Oliver & Joseph Marsh & Joshuas division of meadow to be made up out of ye piece of to ye Creek which is ye bounds between Charles Tooker & myself & my Son Amos to have his division of upland adjoining to ye west brook next to ye widow Scott upon ye above twelve acres adjoining to Josephs and ye division of my Son Joshua to be upon ye Improvable Land where I

now live & his division of meadow to be next adjoining his own Land. Item my will is my freehold land within ye bounds of Elizabeth Town shall be equally divided between my four sons, Joseph Amos Joshua & Robert. Item, I will & bequeath to my son Robert my holding of upland & meadow which I have at the town which is sixty acres of upland & six acres of meadow. Item. I will & bequeath unto my son Amos, the other half of my boat. Item I will & bequeath unto my three daughters fourteen pounds apiece to be equally payd by my four sons above mentioned unto their sisters that is to say fourteen pounds to my Daughter Mary at my decease & fourteen pounds apiece to my Daughters Sarah & Hannah to be payd unto my overseers hereafter mentioned for ye use of my Daughters Sarah & Hannah if they see necessary for the bringing up but if they continue living at their brothers and can earn their own living yt then my will is yt the legacy to be payd when they come to age of eighteen years. Item I will & bequeath to my grand child Mary Daughter of my son Joseph a three year old heiffer with her calf to be payd by my Exetr hereafter named to be payd after my decease before the division is made— Sons Amos and Joshua to be executors and my two well beloved friends Joseph Marsh and Samuel Oliver to be overseers.”

This will was presented at Probate Court, May 8, 1702, and the administration was granted to Amos and Joshua Morss on May 15, 1702. The witnesses, John Bishop, Frederick Ellis, David Bishop and John Watson.

This will and the preceding deed clearly prove that Peter Morse, son of Anthony and brother of Robert of Elizabeth, was one and the same man, as he is named as one of the Associates, that he received a grant under Colonel Richard Nicholl, that he was father of Joseph and grandfather of Joseph and Amos, from whom so many of the present New Jersey families descend.

Peter Morss, with wife, Mary, who may have been the mother of his children,

HAD CHILDREN.

47. I. JOSEPH,³ called a mariner.
48. II. AMOS,³ appointed to administer his father's will, but who evidently died before the time of going to Probate Court, as his own estate was administered by his brother Joseph very soon after the will was made, and his inventory was dated February 3, 1702, or about eight months after his father's will was presented.

49. III. JOSHUA,³ who seems to have been married and to have had one son, Peter, who was named by his nephews in their deed; as he did not leave any record, he may have died soon after selling his property to his uncle Joseph,
50. IV. ROBERT,³ mentioned in his father's will and in a deed given by his brother Joseph, and in his brother's will of 1726,
51. V. MARY,³
52. VI. SARAH,³
53. VII. HANNAH,³ all under age in 1701,
 From his daughter being named Mary and from his son Joseph's naming a daughter, his first, Mary, it may be inferred that Mary was the mother of these children.

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4. JOSEPH² MORSE, son of Anthony¹ Morse, was born about 1634-5. He was a blacksmith and a land owner in Newbury and Piscataqua. When his inventory at Piscataqua was taken by Richard Abbott and Thomas Barker, both of Piscataqua, at his decease, it showed that he owned a house there with the adjacent land and two blacksmith's shops; while a second inventory was given at Essex County, Mass., Court by his widow, Mrs. Mary Morse, September 30, 1679, which included a smith's shop and tools at Newbury. He married Mary —, and died January 15, 1678.

THEY HAD CHILDREN,

54. I. BENJAMIN,³ born about 1668-9, married (1) Susannah Merrill; married (2) Mercy Bell,
55. II. JOSEPH,³ born October-28, 1673, married (1) Lydia Plummer; married (2) Elizabeth Poor; married (3) Joanna —,
56. III. JOSHUA,³ born 1675, settled in Plymouth, Mass., married Elizabeth Doten,
57. IV. SARAH,³ born —, died July 1, 1677,
58. V. MARY³ (posthumous), born January 21, died February 5, 1678-9.

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5. LIEUTENANT ANTHONY² MORSE, son of Anthony¹ Morse, was born in England. He lived in Newbury and served in the militia as lieutenant. His will was made before that of his father and thus caused a misunderstanding which was corrected by Mr. Henry Dutch Lord and this brought the two Anthonys into the right generations. He married (1), May 8, 1659-60, Elizabeth, daughter of Richard and Agnes (Coffey) Knight, who