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Hi Jan,

I'm pondering over Thomas Oldham in York. William and Sarah (Dix) moved to York with Isaac born 1740 when he was 6. I feel your Thomas must be closely related to the above because when I was there researching, I gathered that this may have been the only Oldham family there. Could William's son, Thomas, have married three times? I think that the same year William was killed, there was a Thomas Oldham killed also (was that 1749?) I thought perhaps they were together in an Indian massacre. If William died in 1749, how could Thomas be born 1752 if he was William's son?

I am enclosing the section of William's story about his son Thomas which doesn't prove anything but may shed a little light. If it is the same Thomas, b. 1752, he would have been 21 in 1773. When did Thomas and Hannah Jones marry and where? He could have married, had one child, 1776, perhaps wife died. No because your records say Hannah died 1804. He returned to York in 1778 and married in 1779.

[Oh, I received your email about him with Eliz., James, Margaret, Thomas] Did James and Margaret live or die at birth? This doesn't seem to match up as the same person and yet he has to be a close relative. I'll check my research and see if someone else was in York at that time.

William and Sarah had three children:

\*1. Isaac Oldham, b. Sept. 1, 1740, m 1. Mary Younger, m 2. Sarah Anderson, d. Sept. 1821, Ohio Co, VA (WV), [See biography of Isaac Oldham, Sr.]

2. Thomas Oldham, b. 1747-1749, m 1. Rebecca Blackburn, m 2. Lydia McCreary, .

3. Rachel Oldham, b. 1747-1749, m 1. Elisha Brown.

At this same time Quaker Records show that on October 21, 1758, Isaac's younger sister, Rachel Oldham, transferred from the Warrington Meeting House, Territory of Pennsylvania eastward to New Garden Meeting House, Province of Pennsylvania, (near Kennet, PA). Since Rachel's grandmother had migrated to New Garden after William and Sarah left Chester County, we might surmise that Rachel went to live with her paternal step-grandmother, Rachel Minshall Taylor Littler Oldham, widow and second wife (m. July 3, 1728) of Thomas Oldham, Sr., William's father. Thomas died Feb. 3, 1756, East Nottingham, PA, [Book D, p. 35 Wills]. Thomas's second wife, Rachel Minshall Taylor Littler Oldham, (little Rachel's step-grandmother) died Dec. 13, 1762.

Quaker Records also show that on Feb. 8, 1766, William and Sarah Oldham's second son, Thomas, transferred from the Warrington Meeting House to the Kennet Meeting House further east in Pennsylvania. No record can be found as to where he was living. But the following year, on Nov. 7, 1767, Thomas was placed apprentice, and produced a certificate from the Warrington Meeting House dated June 14, 1766. Thomas must have gone over to New Garden where his sister was living because the records show that he transferred his Quaker membership back from New Garden to Warrington, PA, on July 4, 1778.

[Where was he between 1766 and 1778?]

The following year, on Oct. 13, 1779, "Thomas Oldham of Menallen Township (near Warrington) in the County of York, son of William Oldham, deceased, of Tyrone Township in the said county" married Rebekah Blackburn of Menallen Township, daughter of Thomas Blackburn of Menallen Township at the Menallen Meeting House. There were no Oldham's in the list of witnesses. Thomas Oldham's wife, Rebecca, died between 1783 and 1785 because on Nov. 9, 1782, Thomas, wife, Rebecca, William & Alice transferred a Quaker membership. Another child, Thomas Jr., was born between 1783 and 1785, but on August 13, 1785, Thomas Oldham, Sr., and children William, Alice, and Thomas, Jr., transferred membership from Warrington to Menallen. No wife's name is listed. Thomas, Sr., married next. Lydia McCreary. It is not clear whether he had any more children.

There is a Thomas Oldham listed on a muster roll of Capt. Reinhart Bott's Co. of York County militia from Manchester Twp. 1780 and 1781. He was mustered out in 1782. It is not yet confirmed to be the same as our Thomas Oldham, Sr.. In 1783 Thomas Oldham paid taxes in Newberry Twp. and had four inhabitants, 100 acres land, 1 house, 1 barn. Thomas later moved from York Co. to Bedford County area, probably with a party of Quaker families such as the Blackburn, Griffith and McGrew families. Thomas died ca. Aug/Sept 1812 in St. Clair Township, Bedford Co., PA. Thomas Oldham had three children but it is not clear by which wives. Rebekah Blackburn was probably the mother of Alice and Thomas Oldham, Jr. It is not clear where William was her son also.

1. William Oldham, b. before 1782, m. 1806, Elizabeth Calahan, daughter of Thomas Calahan, d. 1854, buried probably Crum Cemetery, BedfordCo., PA. He had ten children.

2. Alice Oldham, b. probably about 1782, married 1. James Garretson, Mar. 8, 1806. On the same date James Garretson of Newberry Meeting requested from Warrington a certificate to Dunning's Creek. Alice m. 2. Aaron Frazer, son of the late Aaron Frazer and wife, Jane. of Newberry Twp., at the Newberry Township Meeting House, m. April 28, 1813.

3. Thomas Oldham, Jr., b. 1785.

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