Miss Ida M. Tarbell.

New York City. N.Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:-

I am sending you herewith part of a map from the State Atlas. showing that part of the township of Upper Freehold in which you are interested. on a scale of one mile (80 chains) to an inch. I have indicated the principal points of interest as follows:- "A". is the Robbins Burying Ground. where Deborah Lincon was buried in 1720. "B" is the old "Yellow Meeting House". where Thomas Salter conveyed 25 acres to trustees for the Baptist congregation for Fifty Pounds. June 29.1720. and where the oldest grave-stones are those of John Salter who died Aug.29.1723. and Elisha Lawrence who died April 25.1724. "C" indicates what I believe to have been the site of Capt. Richard Salter's house. It is on the southerly side of the "Stone Hill". about equi-distant from the Robbins Burying Ground and Yellow Meeting House, and is near the head of Miry Run "which ran on the back side of said Saltar's barn". There is still a house there, evidently very old and of peculiar construction,-stone below and frame above,-the history of which is unknown. "D" is the site of Richard Saltar's Iron Works. a mile or so east of Imlaystown. just east of the mouth of Miry Run, where a drift road enters the woods. crosses Doctors Creek at the head of the mill-pond. and passes up the hill past a locality still known as "the old forge". all vestiges of which disappeared long ago. The line between John Baker and Robert Burnet is marked by a red line I have drawn. "Beginning on Doctors Creek. sixty chains below the mouth of Buckhold Brook, and running thence northeast by east 166 chains to Cattail Brook. This line is still known as Baker and Burnet's Line. At its beginning on Doctor's Creek a great boulder remains. marked B on its east and west sides. That part of old Burlington Path which still exists as a public road. and along both sides of which were the Middletown Mens Lots. and which I have indicated by a red line; begins about a mile south of Red Valley Mill, near and west of the present Millstone Town-

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ship line, and runs westerly about four miles through the village of Cream Ridge to the road in front of Joseph Holmes's house. It was the old Indian path from the sea-shore to the Delaware River at Burlington.

I am also sending you a small map, made on same scale, which I have evolved from the first surveys made in that locality, although I have not been able to make it entirely conform to the published map. The 2100 acre tract taken up by John Baker in 1690 (afterward Richard Saltar's), is indicated by a red dotted line beginning on Doctors Creek, 60 chains below the mouth of Buckhold Brook, thence running N.by E.166 chains to Cattail Brook; thence up the brook easterly to the westerly corner of Daniel Robins's 500 acres; thence along his lines to his corner in Buckhold Brook bog; thence along his southerly line E.N.E. 64 chains to a stone in the middle of the middle of the Shrewsbury Road, which stone is still known as "John Baker's corner in Daniel Robins' line"; thence "to the north east corner of Benjamin Borden's Lott" (sic); thence along the rear of the Middletown Mens Lotts till it comes within 25 chains of the north west corner of Joseph Grover's Lott; thence north by east to Doctors Creek; thence down the creek to where it began." From Burlington Path, where it begins at the easterly corner of Job Throckmorton's 474 acres, (which he sold to Benjamin Borden in 1699), a road runs north about a mile to Red Valley Mill and thence on to Yellow Meeting House; a short distance beyond which, another road, at the Millstone Township line, leads northerly across the Stone Hill to the Shrewsbury Road, where it again strikes the said township line. This road is apparently at about the easterly limit of Capt. Richard Saltar's plantation, and the lands of his sons Thomas and John were also in that vicinity. In the Indian deed to John Baker, the line running southerly from Daniel Robins to Benjamin Borden is described as crossing a barren hill, evidently the Stone Hill. This hill is a part of the terminal morain of glacier times, and is of large extent.

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It is still "a barren hill". The Shrewsbury Road was laid out in 1705, chiefly on an old Indian path. No courses or distances are given in the survey, and the marked trees and other landmarks are gone. Entering what in 1730 became Upper Freehold Township it came to "Moses Robins' corner tree under Cunny Hill side". Cunny (Coney, a rabbit), ergo Rabbit Hill, now the Stone Hill. The terminus of the road was at Allentown, at "two white oak trees standing in the post road", at the present intersection of the Imlaystown Road with Main Street.

The Robbins Burying Ground was probably the first place of interment in that neighborhood. Daniel Robins came from Connecticut to Woodbridge in 1668 and thence to this 500 acre tract in 1695. He died there in 1714, and his son Nathaniel had died there previously. The oldest Robins stone is that of Moses, another son of Daniel, who died in 1723. There are many later stones with inscriptions and many other graves marked only by common field stones, all in the western part of the lot. Such other interments as there have been, by and of persons not allied to the family, are mostly in the eastern part, and have been only by sufferance and without proper authority. In the northeat corner a number of paupers have been buried. The grave-stone of Deborah Lincon is at about the centre of the lot and there is no indication of any graves near it. It is rudely shaped, apparently of sand-stone, and the inscription (also rude) is as follows;- "DEBORAH LINCON. AGED 3Y.4M. MAY 15.1720. Only the top of this stone was visible until (about forty years ago) it was raised to its proper position and the inscription revealed. In 1762. Daniel Robbins, grandson of the first Daniel and then owner of that part of the Robins tract on which the burial ground is located, conveyed to trustees one acre of land "wherein the family of the Robbins's have frequently buried their dead, in trust for the use and purpose of a burying ground as aforesaid"; which trust, by subsequent releases, still exists. In May, 1720, when Deborah Lincoln died, there was no public place of burial

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in all that region, and the Robins's were near neighbors of the Saltar family.

March 8.1686 "Thomas Cox of London, Gentleman", conveyed to John Baker of ffawleigh in the county of Sussex, Gentleman, for fifty pounds and a further competent sum of money; one moiety or halfe part of one twenty-fourth or whole propriety in East New Jersey; and from a list of the proprietors made in the same year, it appears that Robert West Esq. had sold "in March last..the remaining halfe of his propriety to John Baker"; and so the said John Baker became the owner of one whole propriety or one twenty-fourth part of the province. Soon afterwards, John Baker, who was a lumber dealer, became financially embarrassed, and in September 1687 his property was assigned to Robert West for the benefit of his creditors. This assignment does not seem to have involved his East Jersey interests. He emigrated about this time, and settled at Wick-atunk, (now Marlboro Township, Monmouth County).

April 10.1688 "The Proprietors of East New Jersey" convey to "John Backer, of Wickatunk &c (who holdeth by purchase from Thomas Cox of London, Gent, one half of a propriety or one twenty-fourth of East New Jersey"); one half of a 500 acre lot in Wickatunk, and two tracts of 1000 acres each lying on the Raritan River.

May 24.1690. The Proprietors of East Jersey conveyed to John Baker ----- "all that tract of Land at Crosswicks in the County of Monmouth, Intended to be called & known by the name of the Manor of Buckhole; containing 2100 acres; Beginning at a white oak tree marked B standing on the north side of Doctors Creek, at the west end of a piece of meadow, sixty chains below below where Buckhole Brook runs into Doctors Creek; thence north and by east, one hundred and sixty-six chains more or less to Cattail Brook; thence up the brook fifteen chains to Cattail Meadow; thence across the meadow fifty-four chains to a point of upland on the south side of said meadow; thence southeasterly along the edge of the upland, forty-two chains

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more or less; thence southeasterly ten chains across a small cove of meadow; thence south five degrees east. twenty-six chains; thence east north east sixty-four chains; Thence to the northeast corner of Benjamin Borden's Lott; thence along the rear of the Middletown men's Lotts till it comes within twenty-five chains of the northwest corner of Jas. Grover's Lott; thence north by east to Doctors Creek; thence down the creek to where it began. Bounded west by Robert Burnet's, northerly by Thomas Hart & William Dockwray, east by James Bowne & southerly by the Middletown mens Lotts."

October 24.1693:- Letters of administration were granted to Thomas Gordon of Perth Amboy, Gent. upon the goods, chattels and credits of John Baker of the county of Monmouth, lately deceased, intestate.

"February 23.1698, East New Jersey:- Whereas there was several tracts of land in ye county of Monmouth & sd province, surveyed for John Baker deceased, but not patented, amounting to 2250 acres, wch now belongeth to ye West Jersey Society, as also 1750 acres lately laid out to ye sd Societie, Know yee that I, ye Hon'ble Jeremiah Basse, Governour of ye Jerseys & agent for the sd West Jersey Society, for sufficient satisfaction received from George Willocks, of perth Amboy, I do hereby authorize, Impower & require you, Thomas Gordon, Deputy Secretary of East New Jersey, to make out a patent for ye sd tracts of land, amounting to 4000 acres, in his own name (sic), & thereunto affix ye common seal of sd province" &c. This conveyance did not include the 2100 acres before mentioned; which passed into the possession of Captain Richard Saltar, of Middletown, but just how and when I cannot say. He was located upon it in 1708, for on October 18 of that year Richard Saltar Esqr and Sarah his wife, of Freehold &c, conveyed the westerly part of it, containing 600 acres, to Elisha Lawrence, of Middletown.

Captain Richard Saltar was a notable personage among the early settlers; a leader of the people and the inveterate foe of the existing government. His best biographer is Doctor

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John E. Stillwell, (a descendant). whose account I assume that you already have. and to which I can add nothing. I have heard nothing from Dr Stillwell since 1914. when his address was No.9. West 49th St. N.Y. at which time he sent me the fourth volume of his "Historical and Genealogical Miscellany"! He intended to publish another. which he does not appear to have done, and he has perhaps died. leaving his work unfinished as we are apt to do.

October 18.1708. Richard Saltar of the township of Freehold in the county of Monmouth &c. Esqr. and Sarah his wife, conveyed to Elisha Lawrence. of the Township of Middletowne" &c. for Three hundred pounds. "All that tract of land situate lying and being at or neare Crosswick in the county of Monmouth &c. containing 600 acres. be the same more or less; Beginning at a stake standing in Buckhold Brook.bogg. against the mouth of a small hollow. near about 36 chains from Moses Robins's line; thence N.W. 14.70; thence N.77 W.to the Road; thence along the Road to Robert Burnett's line; thence along his line S by W. 122chains more or less to Doctors Creek; thence up the streame thereof near 80 chains to where Buckhold Brook comes into said Doctors Creek; thence up Buckhold Brook to where it began. Bounded southerly by Doctors Creek, West by Robert Burnet's Land. Northeasterly by said Richard Saltar's Land, East southerly by Buckhold Brook. &c.

September 12.1710. " Captain Richard Saltar of the Township of ffreehold &c. by and with ye consent. good Liking & approbation of Sarah his wife", conveyer to "Patrick Imlay of the same place, Gent" for three hundred and thirty pounds:- 480 acres of John Baker's tract. lying on the southerly side of Doctors Creek; bounded westerly by the land patented to James Johnston. southeasterly by Joseph Grover. Joseph Throckmorton and James Bowne, and easterly by remaining lands of said Saltar. This deed mentions said Saltar's mill-pond and dam, showing that he had then already erected the grist mill at Imlaystown.

November 19.1717. Captain Richard Saltar conveyed to

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Elisha Lawrence. 182 1/ 2 acres. beginning at a stake in James Cox's ditch in buckhole brook. 10.33 below William Lawrence's southeast corner; thence SE by S to a greate branch of Miry Run that runs on the back side of said Saltar's barne; thence up the most northerly main branch of the same as far as John Jewell's corner; thence along said Jewell's line. N 60 E. 32.80 to Moses Robins his corner; thence along said Robins's lines to William Lawrence's line in buckhold brook; thence along the lines of said William Lawrence and James Cox's lines to the place where it began. A road from Imlaystown across the Stone Hill intersects this tract. Elisha Lawrence lived just west of Imlaystown; John Lawrence (his brother) adjoined him northerly, then John Cox; then James Cox on the northerly side of the Shrewsbury Road; then William Lawrence next easterly and then Moses Robins. near the burying ground. The land of John Salter appears to have been at the eastery end of the 2100 acres, with Thomas adjoining him westerly. where he conveyed the "Yellow Meeting House" lot June 29.1730. Thomas's will, dated June 13.1722. was proved April 25.1723.

Hannah Salter married Mordecai Lincoln before 1714, when Hannah Lincon is mentioned in the will of her uncle John Bowne.

February 2.1720. Richard Saltar. of Freehold &c. conveyed to Mordecai Lincon, of the same place, for 152 pounds. 400 acres on Matchiponix River &c in the County of Middlesex &c; and May 26.1726. "Richard Saltar of Freehold in the County of Monmouth &c. yeoman." "conveyed another 100 acres. in the same locality. to "Mordecai Lincon. of the County of Chester in the province of Pennsylvania." Jan.17.1743. "Mary Rodgers. of Exeter (?) in the County of Philadelphia &c. Sole Executrix of my deceased husband. Mordecai Lincon". appoints her son in law. William Tallman, of Amity. in the county aforesaid, yeoman. her attorney to sell the above mentioned 100 acres." Matchiponix is a neighborhood on Matchiponix Creek.a branch of what in early times was Hop River (now South River). and is now in Madison Township. Middlesex County; the brook running north from Englishtown to near Spottswood.

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April 29.1730. Abraham Lincon. of the county of Monmouth &c. Blacksmith. conveyed to Thomas Williams of the same county. yeoman" for 590 pounds; All those two tracts of land ---- neare Crossweeks in the county aforesaid &c. vizt;- All that tract of Land which was granted and confirmed unto the said Abraham Lincon by deed from Safety Borden. bearing date February 11. 1723. containing 240 acres; Beginning at a stake standing in the clear land. which is a corner of Benjamin Borden's Land. 25 chains from Burlington Path. 10 chains eastward of the land in possession of Richard Borden; and running N.N.W. 23.65 to the southwest corner of Abraham Vanhorn's land. and from said beginning stake running N.77 E. 42 chains: then S.S.E. to Burlington Path. and N.E. along the path to the Pines; and following the Pines to the corner of John Lemming's Land; thence S.77.W. along said Lemming's line to the abve mentioned Vanhorne's Land; & following said Vanhorne's lines to the south east corner of his land above mentioned. Bounded northwestwardly by Vanhorne's and Leming's Land, Southwestwardly by Benjamin Borden's Land and southeastwardly part by Benjamin Borden and partly by Burlington Path; northeastwardly by the Pines. And also. all that tract of Land which was granted and confirmed to him the said Abraham Lincon by deed from Abraham Vanhorn bearing date March 25.1725. containing 200 acres. Beginning at a stake standing in the rere of the Lott of Land formerly Job Throckmorton's. of which this 200 acres is a part; which stake stands 10 chains from the most southwestermost corner of the said lot; and from thence running S.S.E. 51.35; thence S.77 E. 31.20 to the line of land lately sold to James Borden; thence N.N.W.11.50 to a maple tree by a brook. marked on four sides; thence up the said brook 10.40 to where the line of the said land sold to James Borden crosses said brook; thence N.N.W. 37 chains & one rod; thence S.77 W. 42 chains to the place where it began. Bounded southerly ten chains short of the land on which Richard Borden formerly lived, easterly by the first mentioned tract of land. northerly by the land sold to James Borden. westerly by the rere line of said Lott" &c

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The first tract above mentioned appears to have been the same 340 acres which was patented to Benjamin Borden in 1695, and is marked H on my map; and the other 200 acres is a part of the 474 acres adjoining it westerly, marked G, which was patented to Job Throckmorton in 1688, and which he sold to Benjamin Borden in 1699. The land of Abraham Vanhorne was a part of 300 acres patented to John Stout in 1688, and he built on it the grist mill at Red Valley, which, in 1724, was in the possesion of his son Cornelius.

There is an account of Mordecai Lincon by the late Edwin Salter, which you probably have. Much that I have given you may not be new to you, and much more may be without interest, but if, in it all, you can find anything that is of use to you, however small, I shall feel repaid for my labors, which, considering my limitations, have been somewhat arduous. For the last four years I have done no writing whatever, and but for my typewriter would be helpless. I think this is my final effort at this kind of work, and poor and unsatisfactory as it may be, I hope it may not have been entirely in vain.

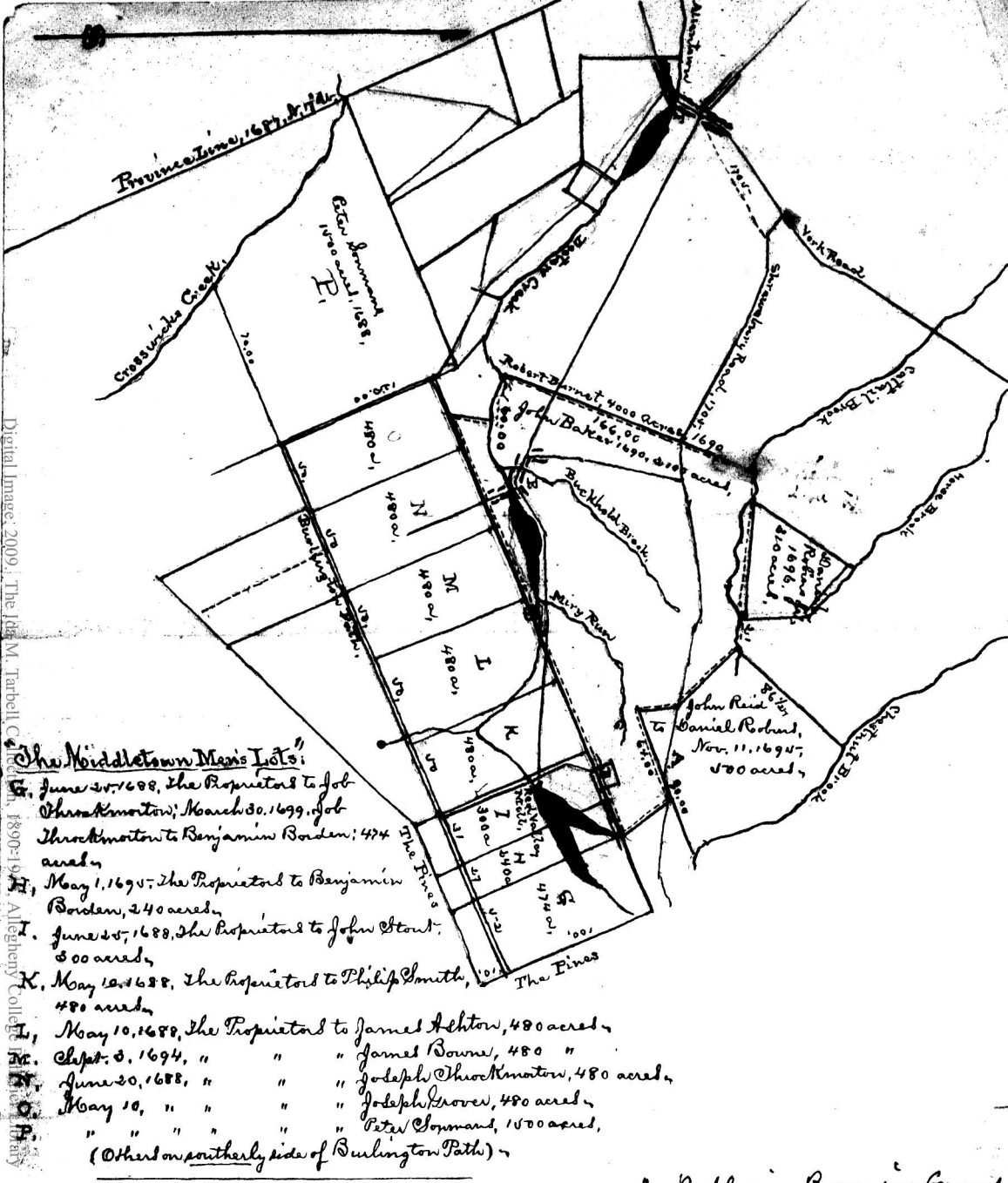
Your brief visit to me was so unexpected, and caught me so unprepared, that what is left of my mind refused to properly function, and it was not till after you had gone that I was able to gather together my scattered wits, of which this is the result. If I could go with you to the localities in which you are interested, I could point them out much more easily than I can describe them on paper.

Wishing you all success in your work (of which I have no doubt) and with all good wishes otherwise, including "a Merry Christmas"; I am

Sincerely yours,

C W R Hutchinson

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"The Middletown Men's Lots":

G. June 25, 1688, The Proprietors to Job Throckmorton; March 30, 1699, Job Throckmorton to Benjamin Borden; 474 acres.
H. May 1, 1695, The Proprietors to Benjamin Borden, 240 acres.
I. June 25, 1688, The Proprietors to John Stout, 500 acres.
K. May 12, 1688, The Proprietors to Philip Smith, 480 acres.
L. May 10, 1688, The Proprietors to Jarnel Ashton, 480 acres.
M. Sept. 3, 1694, " " " Jarnel Bowne, 480 "
N. June 20, 1688, " " " Joseph Throckmorton, 480 acres.
O. May 10, " " " " Joseph Grover, 480 acres.
P. " " " " " Peter Sommand, 1500 acres.
(Others on southerly side of Burlington Path).

A. Robbins Burying Ground
Grave of Deborah Dincon.
B. Old Yellow Meeting House
C. Supposed site of Captain Richard Saller's House.
D. Supposed site of Saller Iron Works.

Map made by Chas. R. Hutchinson for Edith M. Tarbell. Allentown, N. J. December 1922.

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