

562. ROWLAND POWELL

Born

Died before 17 Sep 1726 Mansfield Township, Burlington County, New Jersey

Married (1) 563. Maud Richard 10th 03rd mo 1695 Chester County,  
Pennsylvania

Born

Died (buried) 02nd, 2nd mo. 1708 Chester County, Pennsylvania

Children (1):

Gobitha Powell

b. 19th 12th mo 1695 Chester County, Pennsylvania

d.

m. Samuel Wollaston (Woolaston, Wollson) c1724

281. Elizabeth Powell

b. 10th 01st mo 1696 Chester County, Pennsylvania

d. c1740 Chester County, Pennsylvania

m. 280. George Willcockson 15th 02nd mo 1719 Chester County, PA

Allted (Alltid) Powell (son)

b. 12th 01st mo 1697 (1699?) Chester County, Pennsylvania

d.

m.

Jemima Powell

b. 08th 07th mo 1700 Chester County, Pennsylvania

d.

m.

Dorothy Powell

b. 08th 09th mo 1701 Chester County, Pennsylvania

d.

m.

Rowland Powell Jr

b. 13th 07th mo 1703 Chester County, Pennsylvania

d.

m. (Sarah Clay?)

Mary Powell

b. 08th 12th mo 1707 Chester County, Pennsylvania

d.

m.

Married (2) Mary ----- King 22nd 01st mo 1709/10

Born

Died

Children (2):  
Apparently none

The parents of Rowland Powell and Maud Richard have not been determined. When they were married at Haverford Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends on the 10th day of the 03rd month, 1695 none of the witnesses were named Powell or Richard:<sup>i</sup>

We whose names are here subscribed being acquainted with Rowland Powell and Maud Richard Belonging and frequenting to the meeting then of use in their native country doe certify in their behalf yt they owned and pleased trueth and walked blameless in their life and conversation he bein serviceable to trueth. Induced with a sweet and heavenly gift to a minister a word in Season that would give grace to the hearers, and as far as we can understand they are both free and clear from all Intanglmts upon the accounts of marriage with all others.

Ree Tho:	William Krs	Mary Havard
David Willis	Rees Henton	Elizabeth Harry
Harry Rees	David Thomas	
David Harry	Morgan James	

Whereas Rowland Powell late of township of Harford Bachelor and Maud Richard of the same Spinster having declared their intentions of marriage with each other before several publick meetings in Haverford according to the order used among friends Whose proceedings therein after a deliberate consideration Thereof and consent of pties concerned being clear from all others were approved of by said meeting Now these are to certifie all that for the full and effecting of their sd Intention this 10th day of ye third month in ye year of our Lord (1695) They the sd Rowland Powell and Maud Richard stood up in a solemn assembly yt meet there together upon yt end and purpose at the meeting place in Haverford aforesaid and in a solemn manner he the sd Rowland Powel taking the sd Maud by ye hand did openly declare as followeth viz: friends feeling the fear of ye Lord I stand in ye same place before you and doe take my friend Maud Richard to be my wife and God assistance I doe promise to be her a loving and tender husband until death separate us And then and there ye sd Maud declared as followeth viz: In ye love of Lord and before you I doe take my friend Rowland Powell to be my Husband and doe promise to be to him a loving and obedient wife till death separate us, And the sd Rowland and Maud as for further Confirmation ye sd intent and marriage we being then and there present have subscribed our names the day and year above.

Rees Thomas	Morris Llewllin	Elenor Lawrence	Rowland Powell
Harry Rees	Evan Thomas	Barbara Bevan	Maud Powel
William Howell	Lewis David	Mary Howell	
John Bevan	John Bevan Jr	Isat Hayes	
Philip Pris	John Lewis	Janet Humphrey	Lidia Ellis

John Jerman	Griffith Jon	Anne Lewis	Rachel Ellis
David Lawrence	David Lewis	Elizabeth Rees	Sarah Meredith
Morgan James	Rich Hayes	Mary Havard	Hannah Howell
Thomas Owen	David Rees	Elizabeth Lewis	
Daniel Lawrence	Lewis Lewis	Robert Owen	

The births of the known children of Rowland and Maud Powell were recorded in the minutes of Radnor Monthly Meeting of the Friends:<sup>ii</sup>

Gobitha Powell	born	12. 19.1695
Elizabeth Powell	born	10. 1.1696
Allted Powell	born	1.12.1697 (1699?)
Jemima Powell	born	7. 8.1700
Dorothy Powell	born	9. 8.1701
Rowland Powell	born	7.13.1703
Mary Powell	born	12. 8.1707

When Maud Richard came to America from Carmarthen, Wales, in 1693, she brought a character reference with her.<sup>iii</sup>

Certificate of Mawd Richards: To all persons to whom these presents shall come, we whose names are hereunto written from ye town of Carmarthen & ye Parish of St. Peters in ye County Burough of Carmarthen doe hereby certify that Mawd Richard late of Llanllough in ye said parrish of St. Peters hath civilly and honestly behaved herself ever since her childhood to that time she went for Pennsylvania that last ..., & was of good focus and reputation in this country, and she did not leave the country upon account of any ill behavior, or ill report, nor did we heer of any contract that was between her and any man, but we believe she was clear & free every one. And this we do certify that she was well known to some of us, & ... for the rest of us hath been credibly informed of her, and do verily believe the same to be true. And in testimony thereof we have hereunto put our hands the fourth day of July in the year of our Lord, 1694.

signed by John Williams Gent; Rees Harris Gent; Griffith Harris Gent; Thomas Davies; Evan Thompson; Elnon John; William Jenkin; John Thos.; Thos. Dd. Morris; Moris Griffith; John ap John.

A biographical sketch of Rowland Powell identified him as a preacher:<sup>iv</sup>

Powell, Rowland, first presents himself to our notice at Haverford, where he is a candidate for matrimony with Maud Richard, before the Friends' Meeting of that place, in 1695. They were both recently from Wales, and having neglected to bring the usual certificate with them, they were obliged to call upon their friends who had known them in their native country, to testify to their "clearness," after which the marriage was allowed to proceed. He was a preacher, and probably had visited the country before. His wife died in 1708, and he probably removed. Their children were Elizabeth, Gobitha, Gemima, Dorothy, Rowland and Mary.

Rowland Powell acquired Haverford Mill on 30th of the 3rd month 1700 from William Howell.<sup>v</sup>

Richard Hayes Attorney for William Howill acknowledged a deed to David Loyd Attorney for Rowland Powill for 97 acres of land with a mill called Haverford Mill and all other appurtenances and improvements thereunto belonging the deed bearing date the thirty day of the third month 1700.

Haverford Mill was on Cobb's Creek. In 1939, the site was between the creek and the P. W. R. R. line, near the intersection of Haverford Road and Church Road, about a mile south of Haverford College.<sup>vi</sup>

The land of Rowland Powell is mentioned twice in a series of deeds involving William Howell.<sup>vii</sup>

Lewis David, by Deed dated 5, 9b'r, 1681, sold to Wm. Howel 10 Acres (together with other Land joyntly with Humphrey Ellis), who by deed dated 30, 3 mo., 1700 (conveying a Grist Mill and more Land with it), sold 4 Acres, parcel of the said 10, to Rowland Powel who possesses it and by Deed dated 22 Aug'st 1700 the said Wm. Howel joyntly with his wife Mary and Daniel Thomas, her son, sold the remaining 6 Acres ...

... And by Deed dated 30, 3 mo., 1700 (mentioned before), sold to Rowland Powel 30 acres, who holds it in Haverf'd in a Tract of 89 Acres, made up of said 30 and 4 in L. David and 9 Acres sold by Humphrey Ellis joyntly ....

The death of Maud Richard Powell was recorded in the minutes of Haverford Monthly Meeting:<sup>viii</sup>

Maud Powell wife of Rowland buried 2-2-1708

Afterward, Rowland Powell received a certificate of removal from Radnor Monthly Meeting held at Merion on the 09th of the 12th month 1709 to the Concord Monthly Meeting in order to marry Mary King.<sup>ix</sup> Mary King may have been the widow of Thomas King, deceased, who gave £5 to the Concord Meeting "for the Servis of Truth" before the 09th of the 11th month 1709, when is was noted in the meeting records. On the 13th day of the 12th month 1709, Rowland Powell and Mary King appeared at the Concord Meeting and announced their intent to get married. After publicly announcing their intentions a second time, and presenting Rowland's certificate from Merion, the couple received permission to marry. Nathaniel Parck and George Pearce were assigned to attend the wedding and inform the Meeting. They reported that the "Mariage of Rowland Powil & Mary King" was "accomplished decently at the Meetinghouse at Concord the 22th day of the 1st mo. 1709/10."<sup>x</sup>

The marriage of Elizabeth Powell and George Willcockson occurred on the 15th of the 02nd month, 1719 at Haverford Monthly Meeting in Chester County:<sup>xi</sup>

Whereas George Wilcockson, son of John Wilcockson of Nottinghamshire, Great Britain, Batchelor, and Elizabeth Powell, daughter of Rowland Powell of the Township of Haverford in the County of Chester in the Province of Pennsylvania Spinster, Having declared their Intentions of Marriage before Several Monthly Meetings of the People called Quakers according to the good Order used among them whose proceedings therein after a deliberate Consideration thereof and having Consent of Parents and Relations concerned nothing appearing to Obstruct were Left to their freedom to proceed by the Said Meetings, Now these are to Certifie to whom it may concern that for the full accomplishing of their said Intentions this fifteenth day of the Second Month (called Aprill) in the year One Thousand Seven hundred and nineteen They the said George Wilcockson and Elizabeth Powell appeared at a publick Assembly of the. sd people at their publick meeting at Haverford aforesd. And the sd. George Wilcockson takeing the sd. Elizabeth Powell by the hand did in a Solemn manner openly declare yt. he tooke her to be his wife promiseing with Gods Assistance to be unto her a faithfull and Loving husband till death Should Seperate ym., And then & there in ye. sd. Assembly the sd. Eliza, Powell did in like manner declare that She tooke ye. sd. Geo. Wilcockson to be her husband promiseing with God's Assistance to be unto him a faithfull and Loving wife untill death should Seperate ym. And Moreover the sd. Geo. Wilcockson and Elizabeth Wilcockson (She according to ye. Custom of Marriage Assuming ye. name of her husband) as a further confirmation thereof did to these presents sett their hands, And we whose names are hereunder written being among others present at ye. Solemnization of their sd. Marriage & Subscription in manner aforesd. As Witnesses thereunto have also to these presents Sett our hands the Day & year above written

John Plumston	Wm. Musgrave	George Wilcockson
John Oxley	Jno. Wood Jur.	her mark
Joseph Allington	Evan Bevan	Elizabeth E Wilcockson
Daniel Humphrey	Richd. Moore	Rowland Powell Sen
Henry Lewis	Margaret Thomas	Rowland Powell Jur
Lewis David	Hannah Humphrey	Gobitha Powell
David Llewelyn	Elizabeth Humphrey	Jemima Powell
David Lewis	Elianor Thomas	Dorithy Powell
Rees Phillip	Anne Lewis	Mary Powell
Thos. Lawrence	Sarah Lawrence	John Wood
Obadiah Bonsall	Sarah Rees	Rebeckah Wood
James Hunt	Hannah Humphrey Jur	Rebeckah Hunt
Abraham Lawrence		Sarah Faucett
		Lydia Ellis

Mary Powell who witnessed the wedding probably was Rowland, Sr.'s second wife.

Rowland Powell was taxed in Haverford Township of Chester County in 1715, 1718, 1719 and 1720 and was listed with a mill in 1718 and 1719.<sup>xii</sup>

The Radnor Monthly Meeting became concerned over the financial problems of

Rowland Powell:<sup>xiii</sup>

Meeting at Merion 11th of the 3rd month 1721

The freinds formerly appointed to advice Rowland Powell to Dispose of his Estate to satisfye his Creditors are desired to Continue their Care & Assistance, & to bring an account thereof to the next meeting.

Meeting at Radnor 8th day of the 4th month 1721

The freinds formerly appointed to advise Rowland Powell or as many of them as Can are Still Continued to Endeavor to prevaile with him to Satisfie his Creditors as far as he is able and to bring an acct thereof to ye next Meeting. Also to let him know this Meeting have no unity with his Children viz. Gobitha Jemimah & Rowlands former follish (sic) behaviour And is very desireous that they may be prevailed upon to Reform and be more Carefull of their wayes for ye future.

Haverford Meeting House 13th day of 05th month 1721

The freinds formerly appointed to advise Rowland Powell are still Continued to use their Endeavors to prevaile wth him to Satisfie His Creditors and to bring an acct thereof to the next Meeting. And if the sd freinds Cannot have an optunity (sic) to Speak wth him that they write to him & also & Hugh Ryan are desired to Advise him in every respects wt they Judge best for him

Haverford 12the of ye 8th month 1721

Severall of Rowland Powells Creditors Still Complaining that He has not made them satisfaction for their Just demand & desires Liberty to proceed agst him in a Legall way. This Meeting Haveing appointed freinds who often advised him to do what in him Lay to Satisfie his Just debts He not Complying wth this meetings good & wholesome Advice And not haveing Satisfied severall of his Creditors This meeting Leaves his Creditors to their Liberty to proceed agst him in the way they think proper.

Merion Meeting House 9th of 9th month 1721

An account is brought to this meeting yt A Copy of this meetings minutes is sent to Rowd Powell by His Daughter Gobitha

Haverford Meeting House 12th day of 5th month 1722

The Consideration of Sending a Copy of ye proceedings of this Meeting agst Rowd Powell to the Monthly Meeting where he now Resides, at ye Request of Som (sic) frds & in Regard to him is Left to the next Meetings for further Consideration.

Haverford Meeting house 10th day of the 11th month 1722

Rowland Powells business having been at times for a Considerable time before this meeting is now referred to the Quarterly Meeting at Philadelphia for the advice. Rowd Powells paper and the minutes of this meeting concerning him is desired to be carried there by the friends Appointed to attend the said meeting ...

Radnor Meeting House 10th day of 7th month 1724

A paper from Gobitha Powell was read & ordered to be Considered next Meeting

Haverford Meeting house the 8 of ye 8th mo 1724

Gobitha Powell paper of acknowledgment was again Considered at this meeting and its thought proper yt She have Some thing by way of a Certificate to frds at Burlington

The freinds formerly Bound for five pounds this meeting Lent Rowd Powell Brought the money to this meeting to discharge the Bond and is Lodged wth Robt Jones till further orders and the Bond is ordered to Delivered up.

Rowland Powell received a Certificate of Removal from Merion to the Burlington Monthly Meeting in New Jersey on the 13th of the 06th month 1724.<sup>xiv</sup>

Rowland Powell died before 17 September 1727 in Mansfield Township of Burlington County:<sup>xv</sup>

1726 Sept. 17. Rowland Powell, of Mansfield Township, Burlington Co., yeoman. Inventory of the personal estate, £79.1.1; made by Abraham Grown and Joseph Shreve.

1726. Sept. 22. Samuel Wollson, James Pugh and George Willcockson consent to letters of administration on the estate being issued "to hee or theay or L (burnt out) Bee whoe itt will."

1726 Sept. 26. Bond of David Morgan as administrator. Thomas Marke and Rowland Powell fellow bondsmen, all of the Province of New Jersey, yeomen.

1726. Sept. 30. Administration on the estate granted to David Morgan.  
Lib. 2, p.364

1727, April 27. Account of the estate by the administrator, who is charging for the building of a grist mill and a fulling mill, as agreed with dec'd, exceeds the valuation of the estate by £14.11.8.

The consent to the letter of administration on 22 September 1726 was signed by George and Elizabeth Powell Willcockson, Samuel and Gobitha Powell Wollson and James Pugh and his wife, whose name is missing. The original document is nearly illegible and portions in its mid-section are missing, where holes were worn in the center fold of the paper. The date, 22 day of the 7th month 1726, and the signatures of Gobitha Wollson, Samuel (his X mark) Wollson, Elizabeth (her E mark) Willcockson, George Willcockson and James (his M mark) Pugh are discernible.<sup>xvi</sup> Wollson is probably a phonetic variation on the name Wollaston which appears in Chester County records of this period.

Samuel Wollaston (Woolaston) and Gobitha Powell had a daughter Martha, who was born in 1737 in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and died in 1798 in Jefferson County, Tennessee. Martha married Edward George on 11 November 1759. Edward George, who was born about 1733 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and also died in 1798 in Jefferson County, Tennessee, was a son of Richard George and Rebecca Ellis. Rebecca Ellis was a daughter of Ellis Ellis and Lydia Humphrey. Edward George and Martha Woolaston had a daughter Amy George, who was born on 19 November 1767 in Pennsylvania and died about 1830 in Tennessee. Amy married Robert Kerr.<sup>xvii</sup>

Rowland Powell of the Northern Liberties of the city of Philadelphia, who is described as a yeoman and as a husbandman, and was involved in deeds in the mid-1750's, may have been Rowland, Jr. One deed was from John "Woolaston" of Middletown Township in Bucks County, yeoman, and his wife Elizabeth, for 53 1/4 acres of land in Middletown Township on 15 April 1752. Rowland Powell's wife was Sarah Clay, daughter of John and Esther Clay. He and Sarah participated in a joint conveyance with her sisters and their husbands.<sup>xviii</sup>

The witnesses at the wedding of Rowland Powell and Maud Richard included about 50% of the tax payers in Haverford Township, according to a list of taxables for Chester County in 1693. Among those tax payers not at the wedding was John Richard who was assessed 2 shillings, 6 pence, in 1693 in Haverford Township. It seems likely that Maud Richard was a daughter of John Richard who, perhaps, died between 1693 and 1695. John Richard also was taxed 2 shillings, 7 pence, for land in Radnor Township in 1693. One of his neighbors in Radnor, John Jerman, attended the wedding.<sup>xix</sup>

There were two others on the 1693 tax list for Chester County that may have been related to Maud Richard Powell. Nathaniel Richards of Ashdowne Township paid 2 shillings, 6 pence, and Joseph Richards of Chester Township paid 2 shillings, 9 pence. Joseph Richards served on the Chester County jury from 14 February to 27 February 1682 for the first court held in Chester County after the arrival of William Penn. A list of land holders in Chester County in 1689 included:<sup>xx</sup>

Joseph Richards	500 acres	Tho Powell	170 acres
Phillip Richards	500 acres	Jos Powell	125 acres
		Tho Powell	150 acres

The only Powell on the 1693 tax list for Chester County was Thomas Powell of Upper Providence who was taxed 5 shillings. None of his fellow tax payers from that township attended the wedding but he may have been the father of Rowland Powell.<sup>xxi</sup>

Among the early settlers in Chester County, Pennsylvania, who arrived between 1682 and 1688, were John Richards, of Macchinleth, Montgomeryshire, Wales, his wife Susan and their daughters Hannah and Bridget.<sup>xxii</sup> The town of Machynlleth in Montgomeryshire, now Powys, Wales, is near the Dovey Valley and the Dovey inlet of Cardigan Bay, north-northeast of Aberystwyth.<sup>xxiii</sup>



Carmarthen is in Dyfed in southwest Wales, on the River Afon Tywi, which empties into Carmarthen Bay.

NOTES

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- i. Data of Frank L. Baird, Chester County Historical Society, West Chester, Pennsylvania, 1977.
  - ii. Photocopy, Radnor Monthly Meeting Birth Records, Reginald Wilcox, Vero Beach, FL, 1998.
  - iii. Data of Barbara Craig Phelps, Vadnais Heights, MN, 1997 (original source citation missing but certificate was proved to the Colonial Dames).
  - iv. *History of Delaware County, Pennsylvania*, Smith, publication data missing, page 498.
  - v. *Records of the Courts of Chester County, Pennsylvania*, Volume 2, page 63, transcribed by Miss Dorothy Lapp, Chester County Historical Society, West Chester, Pennsylvania, published by Richard T. and Mildred C. Williams, Danboro, Pennsylvania, 1972.
  - vi. Photocopy, map prepared for Haverford Township Historical Society, 20 January 1939.
  - vii. *Minutes of Ye Welsh Purchasers*, photocopy page 10, author and publication data missing.
  - viii. Supra note 1.
  - ix. Photocopy, Radnor Certificates of Removal, from Reginald Wilcox, 1998.
  - x. Photocopies, Concord Monthly Meeting records, from Reginald Wilcox, 1998.
  - xi. Photocopy, Haverford Monthly Meeting Marriage Record, Reginald Wilcox, 1998.
  - xii. *ibid*, Chester County tax lists.
  - xiii. Photocopies, Radnor Monthly Meeting records, from Reginald Wilcox, 1998.
  - xiv. Photocopy, Radnor Certificates of Removal, from Reginald Wilcox, 1998.
  - xv. *Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New Jersey*, Volume XXIII, Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Volume I. 1670-1730, William Nelson, Press Printing and Publishing Company, Paterson, NJ, 1901, page 374, photocopy from Reginald Wilcox, 1998.
  - xvi. Photocopy of original document on microfilm in the Historical Society of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, courtesy of Margaret Dries, San Jose, CA, 1996, and Reginald Wilcox, 1998.]
  - xvii. Ancestry World Tree File 72, lineage of <[beans03@earthlink.net](mailto:beans03@earthlink.net)> 18 Oct 1998.
  - xviii. Unidentified photocopies from Reginald Wilcox, 1998.
  - xix. *History of Chester County, Pennsylvania*, J. Smith Futhey and Gilbert Cope, Louis H. Everts, Philadelphia, 1881.
  - xx. *ibid*.
  - xxi. *ibid*.
  - xxii. *ibid*.
  - xxiii. Royal Auto Club map.