

Wm. Penn's mother was a Dutch Mennonite\* previous to her marriage; she was from Rotterdam.

Samuel W. Pennypacker says, "Another arrival of importance was that of William Rüttinghuysen (Rittenhouse), a Mennonite minister, who, with his two sons, Gerhard, Klaus (Nicholas), and a daughter, Elizabeth, who later married Heivert (Howard) Papen, came from Broich, in Holland."

The Mennonites were the most important among the German pioneers in North America, and among these Willem (William) Rüttinghuysen took a front rank. The name Rittenhouse became one of the best known in the country on account of his having established the first paper mill, and on account of David Rittenhouse the great astronomer, and as the Shimer family is as much a descendant of Elizabeth Rüttinghuysen (or her daughter Margaret) as of Jacob Shimer, it is proper to show as much interest in the latter as we do in the former.

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#### WILL OF HEIVERT PAPEN.

Being weak in Body but through the Grace of God of a good understanding, and considering the uncertainties of our lives, I have thought it necessary to make known how I would have what Estate I leave behind disposed of and therefore make this my last Will and Testament.

Firstly, I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Elizabeth Papen the whole and full possession of all my Estate both movable and unmovable during the time of her life, if she does not Marry again.

2ndly If my wife, after my decease, Should change her State by *Marriage* I give unto her One-third part of all my movable Estate, and the other two-thirds with all my unmovable Estate to be divided amongst my children as I shall hereafter order, viz. —

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\* This is a statement of Dr. Shimer, whose ancestor, Jacob Scheimer, was married to a daughter of Heivert Papen. I cannot vouch for it, but it is quite probable, because it is a well-known fact that the wife of Penn was a Dutch lady from Rotterdam, and the Mennonites were numerous there at that time.—AUTHOR.