

CHAPTER VIII.

LEEDS FAMILY.

L THOMAS LEEDS, born in England about 1620, arrived in New Jersey, with his three sons, about the year 1677, and settled at Shrewsbury, in East Jersey. He was probably a cooper, as his son Daniel, who at one time followed that calling, mentioned in one of his Almanacs that, though his father was a poor mechanic, he was nevertheless descended from a gentleman of Kent, whose arms he describes as follows, viz: "A fess between three eagles displayed, two in chief and one in point." These are engraved on an old silver seal at present in the possession of Daniel Leeds, Esq., of Philadelphia, son of the late Daniel Leeds, Esq., of Westfield, Burlington County, N. J. Mr. Leeds was doubtless, like his sons, Thomas and Daniel, a member of the Society of Friends. He died intestate, in 1687, as, December 2 of that year, letters of administration on his estate were granted to his son, William Leeds, of Middletown, planter, who, July 15, 1688, conveyed 112 acres of land in Monmouth County to his brother, Daniel Leeds, of Burlington County.*

Issue of *Thomas Leeds* and ————, his wife:

- i. THOMAS, of Shrewsbury; m., 8th mo. (October) 6, 1678, Margaret Collier, by whom he had issue two sons, Daniel and William. His will was dated 9th mo. (November) 10, and proved December 20, 1687.†
- ii. WILLIAM, of Middletown.
- iii. DANIEL, of whom hereafter.

II. DANIEL LEEDS, of Springfield Township, Burlington County, New Jersey, Esquire, (son of Thomas and ————,) was born about 1655. He settled in Burlington County in 1680,

* Liber B, East Jersey Wills, pp. 214, 461.

† Ibid., p. 217, and Records of Burlington Monthly Meeting.