

a merchant, and they
resided in Halifax.
My grand mother Dun-
enfield said, there was
only one family of Bir-
chens and she was
related to the family.
The uncles never mar-
ried, therefore the name
as a surname became extinct.
Joseph John Williams
mentioned in It's History
married Elizabeth Blake,
G. pa. Mr. Adams's sister
and G. pa. Blake's first
wife was Joseph John's
sister - She left no
child - He married in
1773 Martha Hardy, G. ma's
mother - Was born in 1747.

[To Elias Carr. Raleigh, N.C.]

Wilmington,

Aug 27-1895.

My Dear Elias,

I have
much regret that it
has been impossible
for me to reply to
your kind letter before.
I was truly thank-
ful to learn that
dear John was so
much better, and so
glad my dear aunt
had become interested
in the Society of the
Daughters of the Revolution.

I should have forwarded
my papers to you at once
could they have given
you any information
as to the part taken
by her ancestors during
the war of the Revolu-
tion either in the mil-
itary or civil service
Lambert Rice Astor told
me that Grandma
Bearny's father, Mr.
Astor, was in Col
Jethro Sumner's Regiment
and was Lt. Colonel.
He was a member
of the Provincial Congress
which met at Halifax
4. April, 1776 - See Thee-
ler's History of N. C. pages

78-79- & 81 - also Index-
ym History of N. C. p. 100
- now Lincoln was a
member of the Congress
which met at Halifax
Nov. 12 - 1776 - John
Lincoln - see Index
must have been G. pa
Bearny's father or
uncle. In the old
Bearny Bible, the
death of John Lin-
coln is recorded.
I think he died in
1793 or 94 - Aunt
Martha Gamis told
me G. pa had only
two uncles, one a
physician the other

written under many dif-
ficulties, and been in-
terrupted so many many
times. Trust you will
excuse writing so. etc.

Now my dear uncle
I wish I could tell
you how much Fanny
& I appreciate your
kind, very kind, im-
partial & generous
offer to us. We do
thank you very much
and would love dearly
to be with you & yours.
It will be impossible
for us to leave home,

yet awhile. Alice, every-
one thinks is looking
better. She has certainly
suffered less for the past
two or three weeks with
her head and face.
I cannot say that
I think she is really
better, altho' she uses
her left arm some better.
It almost breaks my
heart to see her now.
She has always been
so energetic. Dear
Fanny went to Cornwal-
da this morning on
business. She dreaded
going. We so often

speak of you and yr
dear ones and most
lovingly. I assure you.
Do come to see us
whenever you can. We
will always be delighted
to see you & yours. Dear
Mollie, always included
of course. I should like
ever so much to read
the book you mentioned,
and thank you very
much for offering to lend
it to me. I have scarce-
ly ever a moment now to
read, but dear Alice may
soon be stronger & better.

With my best love to
you and to each mem-
ber of the household, I am,
Sincerely yours, —

Wednesday Aug. 28-

You remember the piece
that came out in the
Farmer & the Charic several
years ago about the Thick
well family by Dr. Bugh-
I'm sure. Dr. Thos. Thick
well who married Eliza-
beth St. Louis, was, Eliza-
beth's grandfather, but
he was born in 1688
& died Nov. 24- 1735.
Thos. his son, must have
been the one who was
^{elected} Colonel for Fort Mifflin by
the assembly which met at
Hillsboro in 1775. I am
very sorry that I cannot
give you more infor-
mation. I have been

Thursday morning.

Fannie sends her best
love to you and ^{many}
thanks for your very kind
invitation & generous offer.
Days she can't tell you
how very much she
appreciates both.

I trust the sick ones
are much better this
morning, and that you
& the others continue
well.

Lovingly
P. G.