

**A Summary of West New Jersey Quaker Meeting Records for:  
Generation 2: Archibald Silver, Jr. and his wife, Mary Cowgill**

**1717 – 1772**

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**1698 map of Pennsylvania and "West New Jersey"**

**by Philip Lea, London, England**

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## Introduction

West New Jersey was established in an effort to create a self-contained Quaker Colony, in America. Archibald Silver, Senior first arrived in West New Jersey, in 1685. He was born in Scotland. He purchased 100 acres of land, on 10 October 1686, from Edward Byllinge, Governor of the Province of West Jersey. He had two brothers, James and John, and two sisters, Anne and Jane, who also came to the province. There are no records that indicate that they travelled together from Scotland. But various deeds and official court records indicate their probable connection to each other.

Archibald Silver, Senior married Christian Cheyne sometime before 7 June 1693, in Matocopine, West New Jersey. This date is confirmed in a deed that references they were married at the time Christian was given her 30 acres of land laid out as headlands, for being the late servant of George Keith. She was also from Scotland and was an indentured servant who was imported into East New Jersey by the aforesaid, George Keith. She arrived in East New Jersey in 1685.

George Keith was a Scottish born missionary and was educated at the University of Aberdeen. He joined the Quakers in the 1660s and was a leader of the movement alongside George Fox, William Penn, and Robert Barclay. He was appointed by Robert Barclay, the absentee Governor of the Province of East Jersey, to be the Surveyor-General of the East Jersey in 1686. He is credited for making the first survey establishing the border between West Jersey and East Jersey. By 1691, he broke with the Philadelphia Friends Yearly Meeting, because he felt the Quakers had strayed too far away from the established Christian orthodoxy. He had many followers who were called Keithians. In 1693, he published an article cautioning Friends to not buy or keep slaves. Upon his return to England in 1694, he was disowned by the London Yearly Meeting. He eventually served as a rector of the Anglican Church, in Edburton, Sussex, England. It is very possible that his breaking with the Quakers, had a strong influence over Christian Cheyne and members of the Silver family. Only James Silver, appears to have been a member of the Quakers. No Friends meeting records could be found for other members of the affiliated Silver clan. Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George\\_Keith\\_\(missionary\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Keith_(missionary))

They had their son, Archibald Silver, II, about 1696, in West New Jersey.

An abstract of the will of Archibald Silver, Senior, can be found below. He died about June 1703 without a will, in Manneton Creek, Salem County, West Jersey. Joseph Burgin was granted permission to be the administrator on the estate. He was married to Jane Silver, who may have been Archibald's sister or possibly a near relative. There are no records for when Christian Silver passed. Typically, the wife was named the executrix of the will. I can only presume she was already deceased. Archibald Silver, II, was only seven year old when his father died. The mystery is who raised him and where. It is possible that Jane Silver and her husband Joseph Burgin raised him in Salem County, West New Jersey.

### Abstract of Will, Archibald Silver – 14 June 1703

**1703 June 14.** **Siluer, Archibold,** of Manneton Creek, Salem Co., husbandman. Inventory of the personal estate of, £190.15.1, incl. the lease for the land £16; made by Richard Johnson and John Smith.

**1703 June 15.** Administration on the estate granted to Joseph Burgin of Cesariæ River, said Co., husbandman. Salem Wills, 7, p. 26

Source: New Jersey, Abstract of Wills, 1670-1817 for Archibald Silver  
Volume XXIII, Abstract of Wills, 1670-1730

Joseph Burgin died sometime in 1708, in Salem County, West Jersey. An inventory of his personal estate was made on 19 July 1708. It was noted that debts were due to Archibald Silver, Senior's children, in the sum of £100.15.1. His wife Jane is listed as the executrix for the will. Archibald Silver, II would have been about 12 years old, at the time of Joseph Burgin's death.

How or if Archibald Silver, II received his legacy is unknown. It appears his father and extended family in Salem County, New Jersey, were not members of the Salem Friends Monthly Meeting. By 1717, Archibald Silver, II is found to be a member of this meeting and remained a Quaker for the rest of his life.

### Abstract of Will, Joseph Burgin – 30 Jan 1707/8

**1707-8 Jan. 30.** **Burgin, Joseph,** of Salem Co.; will of. Wife —. Son John and other children, names not given. Real and personal estate. The wife sole executrix with Wm. Hall, of Allawaines Creek, and Thomas Abet, of Cohansey, as overseers and executors in case of her death. Witnesses—Edward Fairbanck, John Chatfield and Wm. Pope. Proved, and Jane Burgin sworn in as executrix, July 15, 1709.

Lib. 1, p. 244

**1708 July 19.** Inventory of the personal estate (£243.0.2, incl. speshalfty, £88, and speshallty, £19); made by William Pope and Richard Whitacar with a note: "Debts due to Archibell Silvers children the som £100.15.1."

Source: New Jersey, Abstract of Wills, 1670-1817 for Joseph Burgin  
Volume XXIII, Abstracts of Wills, 1670-1730

### **A brief explanation of Quaker records:**

**Certificate of removal-** if a person or family planned to move to another town or state, they would need to request a certificate of removal from their existing meeting. Friends from the old meeting would vouch for an individual's character and marital status.

**Received on Certificate**-upon arrival at their new meeting, an individual would present their certificate, in order to be received.

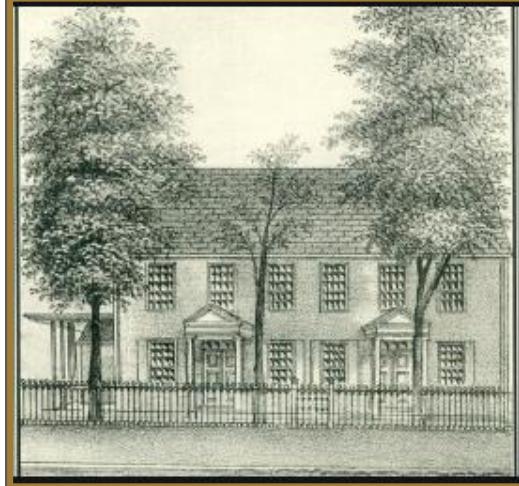
### **Marriage:**

**First intentions-** the couple would present themselves to the Men's and Women's Monthly meetings and declare their intention of marriage. Friends would be assigned to make orderly inquiry to determine if the couple were free to get married.

**Second intentions** – the couple would present themselves to a second meeting to declare their intentions of marriage. Upon the woman's parents consent for her marriage and the results of the inquiry reported back to the monthly meeting, a couple would then be given the liberty to accomplish their intentions according to the good order of Friends.

**Marriage observation by appointed Friends-** Friends would be appointed by the meeting to inspect & observe the management & behavior of such as are present, after the consummation of the marriage. In particular they would report back to the next meeting that no indecent or disorderly behavior was allowed by those present at the wedding.

The records pertaining to Archibald Silver, Jr. and his wife, Mary Cowgill, can be found in the following pages.



### Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends

<http://salemmeeting.org/>

200 E. Broadway  
Salem, New Jersey

24 Dec 1717

**At our monthly meeting held att Salem this 24<sup>th</sup> day of the twelfth month.....1717**

Whereas Archibald Silver did request a certificate from this meeting. This meeting appoints John Mason and Jeamice Daniel to make enquiry concerning his life and conversation while he lived with us and make a report to the next month meeting.

At our monthly meeting held att Salem this 24<sup>th</sup> day of the twelfth month - - 1717  
Those friends that was appointed to the difference betwixt the  
Mason and Renier Lunden gives his report that Renier is to  
Thomas Mason have the Chest or Dower and that if Renier  
Elizabeth & himself to the value of one shilling it is to be  
returned to the said Renier if he think fit to take it again.  
The meeting appointed John Hest and Ann Brizley same day to make  
an enquiry concerning their marriage and those friends that were  
appointed to make enquiry makes his report that they have found no  
distrust the two persons to be therefore friends and fit  
safely to accomplish their intended journey according to their  
desires amongst us this meeting appoints Richard Daniel  
John Major to attend the said Persons and see that things are done  
managed and give their report to the next month meeting.  
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enquiry concerning his life and conversation while he lived with us  
and make there report to the next month meeting.

**3 Jan 1718**

**At Our Monthly Meeting held at Salem this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the first month...1718**

The friends that were appointed to make enquire concerning Archibald Silver make this report that they find nothing butt behaved himself orderly amongst us and this meeting orders a certificate to be writ for him.

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**Salem Monthly Meeting (New Jersey)**

**Minutes 1696-1740**

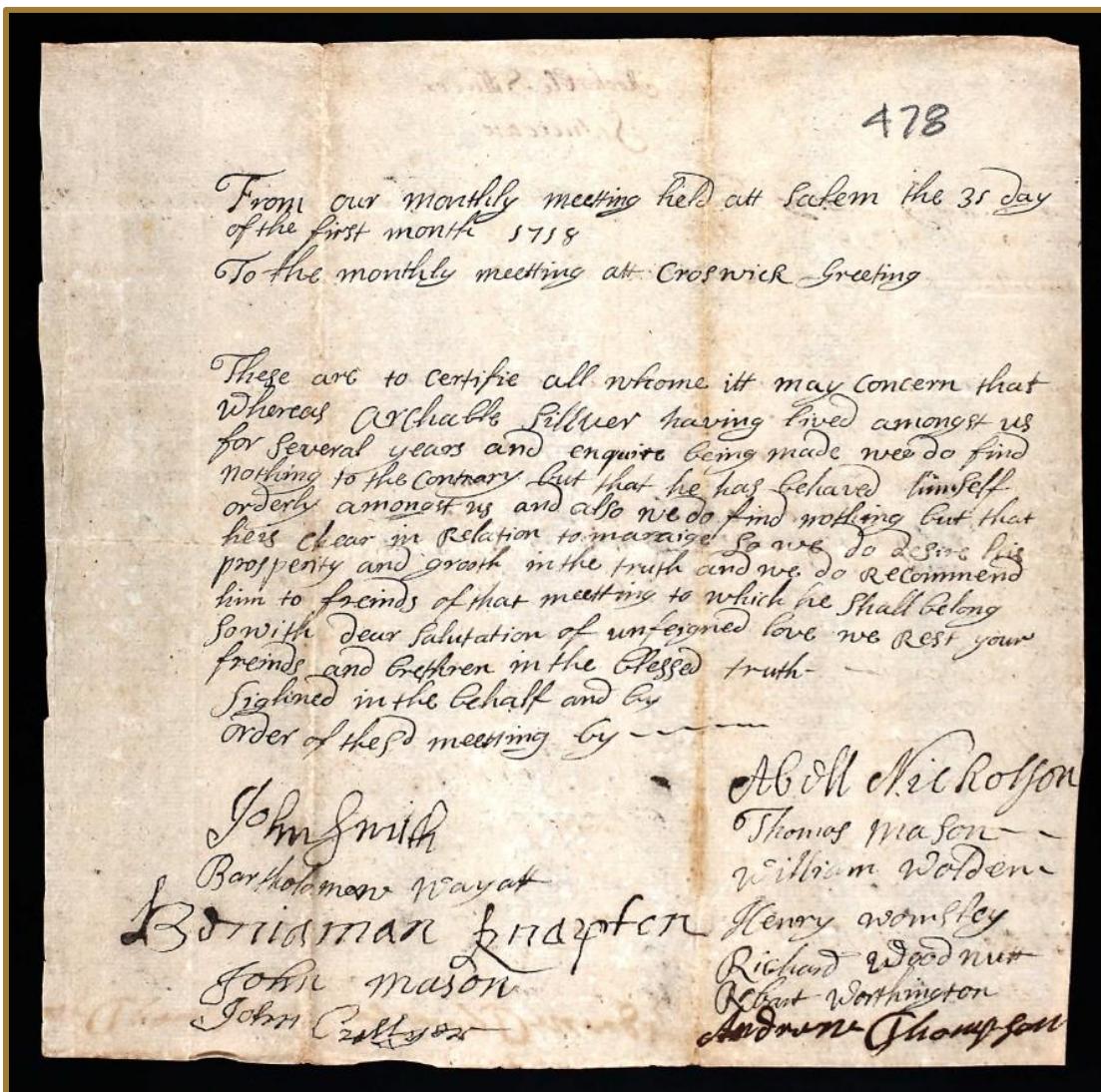
**Final Certificate Issued (Salem Monthly Meeting to Croswick (aka Chesterfield) Meeting  
3 Jan 1718**

**From our Monthly Meeting held at Salem this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the first month...1718**

**To the monthly meeting at Croswick Greeting**

These are to certifie all whom itt may concern that whereas Archibald Silver having lived amongst us for several years and enquire being made wee do find nothing to the contrary but that he has behaved himself orderly amongst us and also we do find nothing but that he is clear in relation to marriage so we do desire his prosperity and growth in the truth and we do recommend him to friends of that meeting to which he shall belong so with dear salutation of unfeigned love we rest your friends and brethren in the blessed truth.

Signed in the behalf and by order of the said meeting by....

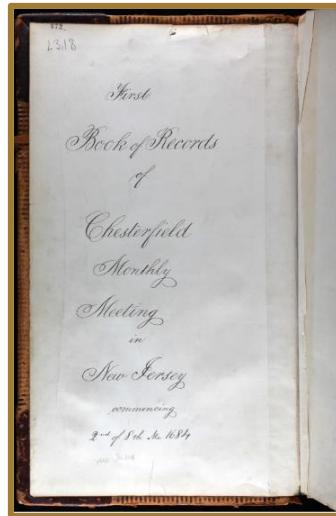




### Chesterfield Friends Meeting House

Front and Church Streets

Crosswicks, Burlington County, NJ



First Book of Records of Chesterfield Monthly Meeting in New Jersey – Commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> Month 1684

Preface- Ending Paragraph (page 2)

*...Great deepe into this wilderness and remote part of the world as West-Jersey and Places Adjacent whereas he hath laid the same weight and care upon him of us as hee did in our native land that all things may be well amongst us to ye honouer of his great and worthy name which is the ground and end of this following booke.*

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*John Wilsford  
Iffrancis Davonport  
William Watson*

**Certificate from Salem Monthly Meeting Received by Chesterfield Monthly Meeting:  
4 Apr 1718**

**At a monthly meeting of Friends held at their meeting house in Chesterfield the 4<sup>th</sup> of the 4th month 1718...**

Archibald Silver laid before this meeting a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Salem signifying his orderly behavior while there, and clearness on account of marriage so far as they know which Friends accept of as satisfactory account of him.

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**Chesterfield Monthly Meeting (New Jersey)**

**Book of Records, 1684-1756**

**4 Dec 1719 & 7 Feb 1720**

• **Women's Monthly Meeting – Chesterfield Meeting House – 3 January 1720**

*Archibald Silver and Mary Cowgill – Declared First Intention of Marriage*

**At our Women's Monthly Meeting held at our meeting house in Chesterfield the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the 1<sup>st</sup> Month 1720..**

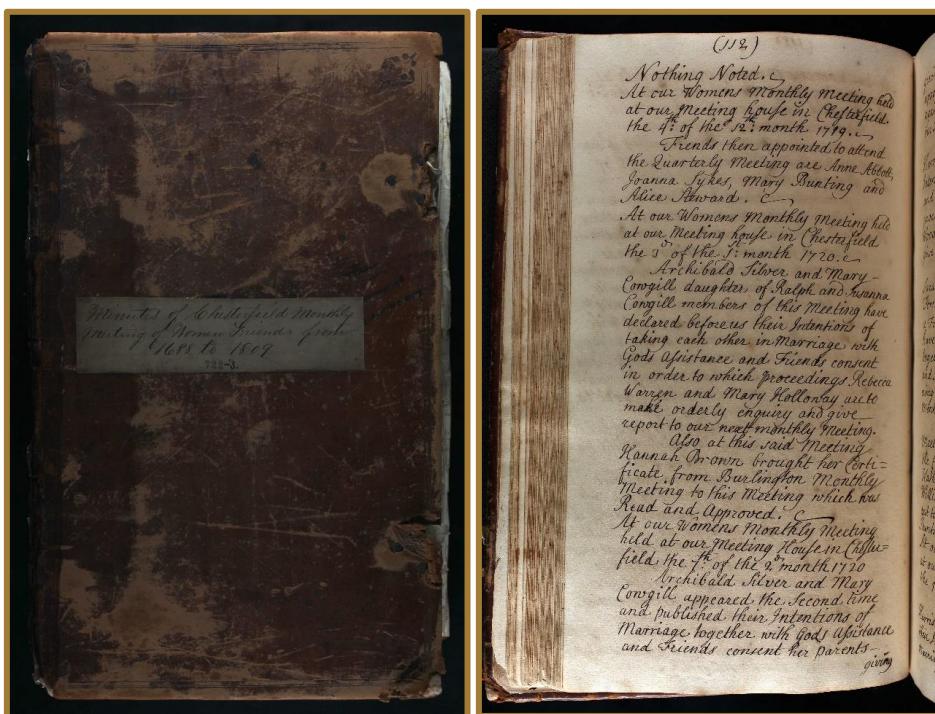
Archibald Silver and Mary Cowgill daughter of Ralph and Susanna Cowgill members of this meeting have declared before us their intentions of taking each other in marriage with Gods assistance and Friends consent in order to which proceedings Rebecca Warren and Mary Holloway are to make orderly enquiry and give report to our next monthly meeting.

• **Women's Monthly Meeting – Chesterfield Meeting House – 7 Feb 1720**

*Archibald Silver and Mary Cowgill – Declared Second Intention of Marriage*

**At our Women's Monthly Meeting held at our meeting house in Chesterfield the 7<sup>th</sup> of the 2<sup>nd</sup> month 1720..**

Archibald Silver and Mary Cowgill appeared the second time and published their Intentions of Marriage together with Gods assistance and Friends consent her parents giving their consent and the two Friends appointed to make enquiry, find not any thing against the young woman so ther are left to our Brethren the Men Friends.



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**Chesterfield Monthly Meeting (New Jersey)**

**Minutes, 1688-1809**

## Declared First Intention of Marriage: 3 Jan 1719

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at their meeting house in Chesterfield the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the 1<sup>st</sup> 1719/20...

Archibald Silver & Mary Cowgill daughter of Ralph & Susanna Cowgill declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage where upon this meeting appoints John Sykes & Richard French to make enquiry of his clearness from all others on the account of marriage & also of his conversation & make Report to our next Monthly Meeting.

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Chesterfield Monthly Meeting  
Men's Minutes, 1684-1738

## **Declared Second Intention of Marriage: 7 Feb 1720**

**At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at their meeting house in Chesterfield the 7<sup>th</sup> of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 1720...**

Archibald Silver & Mary Cowgill the Second time appeared at this meeting & declared their intentions of marriage with each other her parents having expressed their consent hereto the Friends appointed to enquire concerning his clearness . Report that they find nothing to obstruct their proceedings. This meeting gives them liberty to accomplish their intentions according to the good order of Friends, said proceedings therefore this leaves them to consummate their Marriage according to the good order used among Friends.

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Chesterfield Monthly Meeting

Men's Minutes, 1684-1738

## **Declaration of First Intentions of Marriage: 3 Jan 1719/20**

**At a monthly meeting of Friends held at their meeting house in Chesterfield the 3rd of the 1st month 1719/20...**

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**Chesterfield Monthly Meeting (New Jersey)**

**Book of Records, 1684-1756**

## **Liberty Given to Accomplish Their Intentions of Marriage: 7 Feb 1720**

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**Chesterfield Monthly Meeting (New Jersey)**

**Book of Records, 1684-1756**

## **Marriage Observation by Appointed Friends: 7 Feb 1720**

**At a monthly meeting of Friends held at their meeting house in Chesterfield the 7<sup>th</sup> of the 2<sup>nd</sup> month 1720...**

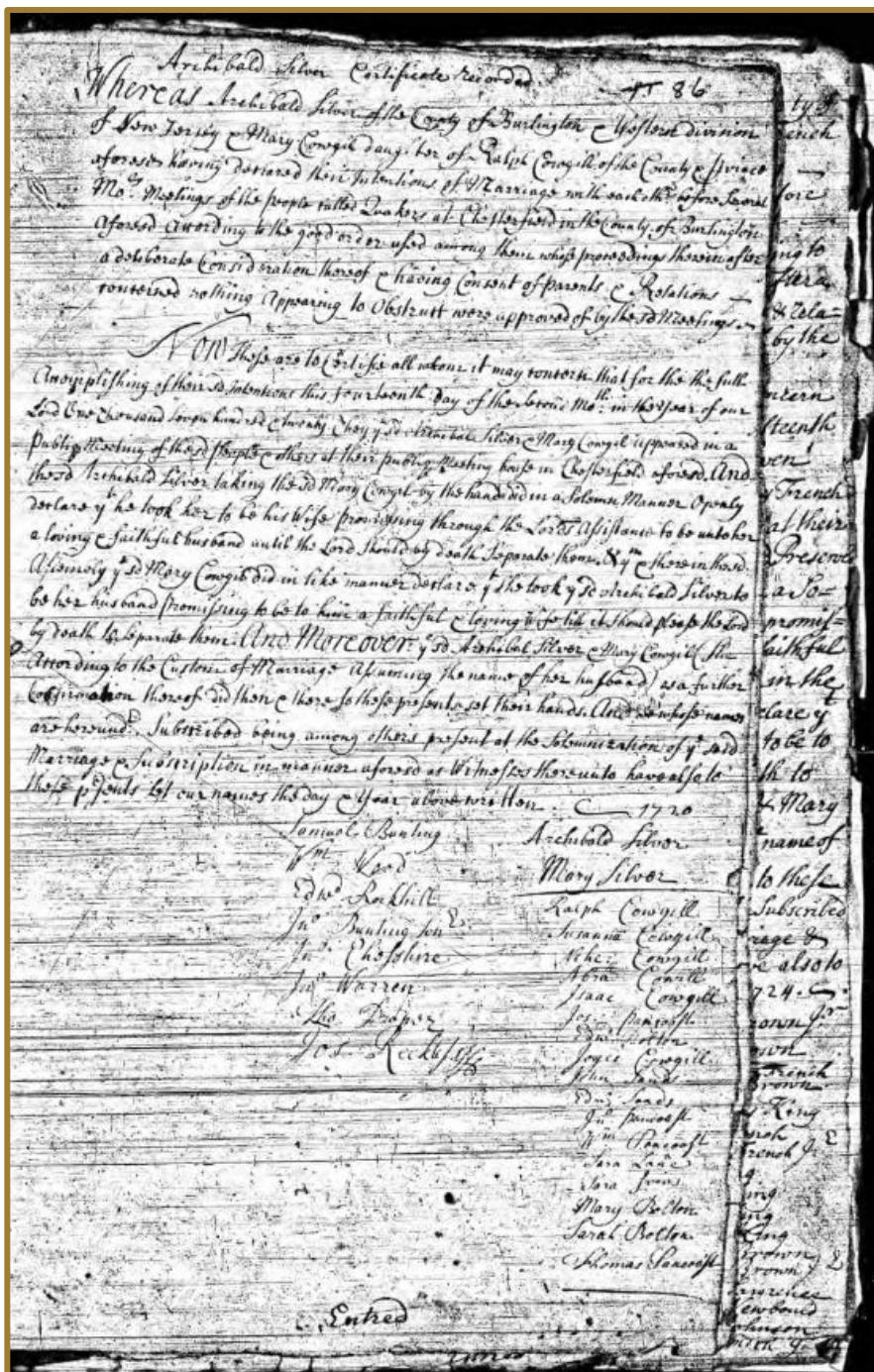
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**Chesterfield Monthly Meeting (New Jersey)**  
**Book of Records, 1684-1756**

## **Marriage: 14 Feb 1720**



## Chesterfield Monthly Meeting (New Jersey)

### Births and Deaths, 1675-1750 Marriages, 1684-1724

## **Marriage: 14 Feb 1720**

### **Archibald Silver Certificate Recorded**

Whereas Archibald Silver of the County of Burlington & y<sup>e</sup> of .... divisions of New Jersey & Mary Cowgill daughter of Ralph Cowgill of the County & ..... aforesaid having declared their intentions of marriage with each other before several Monthly Meetings of the people called Quakers at Chesterfield in the County of Burlington aforesaid according to the good order used among them what proceedings therein after a deliberate consideration therof & having consent of parents & relations & ..... nothing appearing to obstruct was approved of by the said meeting.

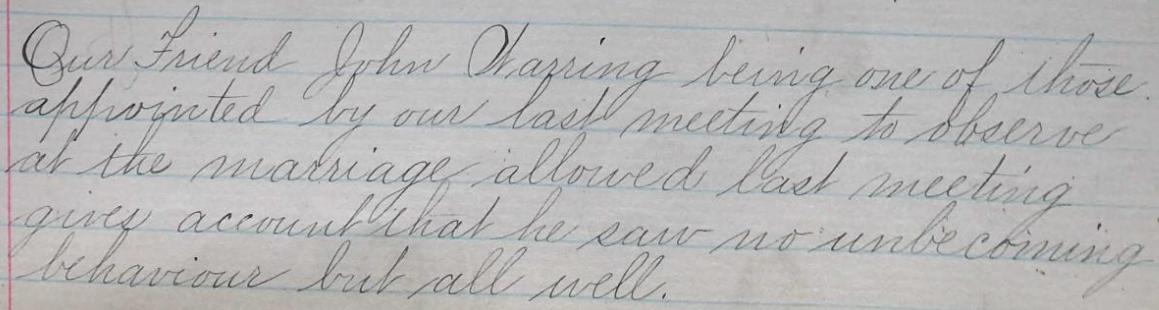
Now therefore are to Certify all whom it may concern that for the his full. Accomplishing of their intentions this fourteenth day of the second month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & twenty, Chesterfield. Archibald Silver & Mary Cowgill appeared in a public meeting of the said people & others at their public meeting house in Chesterfield aforesaid. And the said Archibald Silver taking the said Mary Cowgill by the hand did in a solemn manner openly declare y<sup>e</sup> he took her to be his wife promising through the Lords assistance to be unto her a loving & faithful husband until the Lord should by death separate them. & y<sup>e</sup> those in this said assembly y<sup>e</sup> said Mary Cowgill did in like manner declare y<sup>e</sup> she took y<sup>e</sup> said Archibald Silver to be her husband and promising to be to him a faithful & loving wife till it should please the Lord by death separate them. And moreover y<sup>e</sup> said Archibald Silver & Mary Cowgill shall according to the custom of marriage assuming the name of her husband and as a further consideration thereof did than & there to those present set their hands. And all whose names are heresaid subscribed being among others present at the solemnization of y<sup>e</sup> said marriage & subscription in manner aforesaid as witnesses thereunto have also to.....our names this day & year aforesaid written.....1720

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|-----------------|------------------|
| Samuel Bunting  | Archibald Silver |
| William Wood    | Mary Silver      |
| Edward Larkhill | Ralph Cowgill    |
| John Burlington | Susanna Cowgill  |
| Unknown         | N. Cowgill       |
| J. Warren       | Abraham Cowgill  |
| Unknown         | Isacc Cowgill    |
| Joseph Reckless | Joseph Pancoast  |
|                 | Edward Bolton    |
|                 | Joyce Cowgill    |
|                 | John Sands       |
|                 | Edna Sands       |
|                 | John Pancoast    |
|                 | William Pancoast |
|                 | Sara Lane        |
|                 | Sara             |
|                 | Mary Bolton      |
|                 | Sarah Bolton     |
|                 | Thomas Pancoast  |

## **Marriage Observations Reported Back to Monthly Meeting: 5 March 1720**

**At a monthly meeting of Friends held at our meeting house in Chesterfield the 5<sup>th</sup> of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Month 1720...**

Our Friend John Warring being one of those appointed by our last meeting to observe at the marriage allowed last meeting gives account that he saw no unbecoming behavior but, all well.



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**Chesterfield Monthly Meeting (New Jersey)**

**Book of Records, 1684-1756**

Request Certificate of Removal (from Chesterfield Meeting to Burlington Meeting): 5 April 1735

**At a monthly meeting of Friends held at our meeting house in Chesterfield the 5<sup>th</sup> of the 4th Month 1735...**

Archibald Silver requested a Certificate for himself & his wife being settled within the limits of Burlington Meeting. The Friends appointed to enquire of his conversation are Richard French & Joseph Reckless, and to bring a Certificate as they find things to our next monthly meeting.

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**Certificate of Removal Review: 3 May 1735**

**At a monthly meeting of Friends held at our meeting house in Chesterfield the 3rd of the 5th Month 1735...**

The granting a Certificate for Archibald Silver for some reasons is referred.

I'm granting a Certificate for Archibald Silver for some reasons if referred.

**Certificate of Removal Signed: 7 June 1735**

**At a monthly meeting of Friends held at our meeting house in Chesterfield the 7th of the 6th Month 1735...**

The Friends appointed to enquire concerning Archibald Silver & his wives conversation report is have been orderly so that a Certificate for them was signed.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held  
at their Meeting house in Chesterfield  
the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1735—  
The Friends appointed to enquire concerning  
Archibald Silver & his wife's conversa-  
tion report if have been orderly so of a Certif-  
icate for them was signed.

Request Certificate of Removal (from Chesterfield Meeting to Burlington Meeting): 5 April 1735

At our women's monthly meeting held in Chesterfield- the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the 4<sup>th</sup> month 1735...

Mary Silver requests a Certificate to recommend her to Burlington Meeting – two friends appointed to enquire of her conversation and report next meeting.

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At our women's monthly meeting held in Chesterfield- the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the 5<sup>th</sup> month 1735...

Report is we do not find but the conversation of Mary Silver as sober and orderly.

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Report is that we do not find but the Conversation of mary Silver is Sober and orderly ~  
Report is that mary Curtis and maria ...

At our women's monthly meeting held in Chesterfield- the 7th day of the 6<sup>th</sup> month 1735...

A Certificate for Archibald Silver and his wife granted.

At our women's monthly meeting held in Chesterfield the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the 6<sup>th</sup> month 1735:  
A Certificate for Archibald Silver and his wife granted  
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Chesterfield Monthly Meeting of Women Friends (New Jersey)

Minutes, 1688-1809

Certificate of Removal (from Chesterfield Meeting to Burlington Meeting): 4 June 1735

**From a monthly meeting of Friends held at our meeting house in Chesterfield the 4<sup>th</sup> of the 6th Month 1735...**

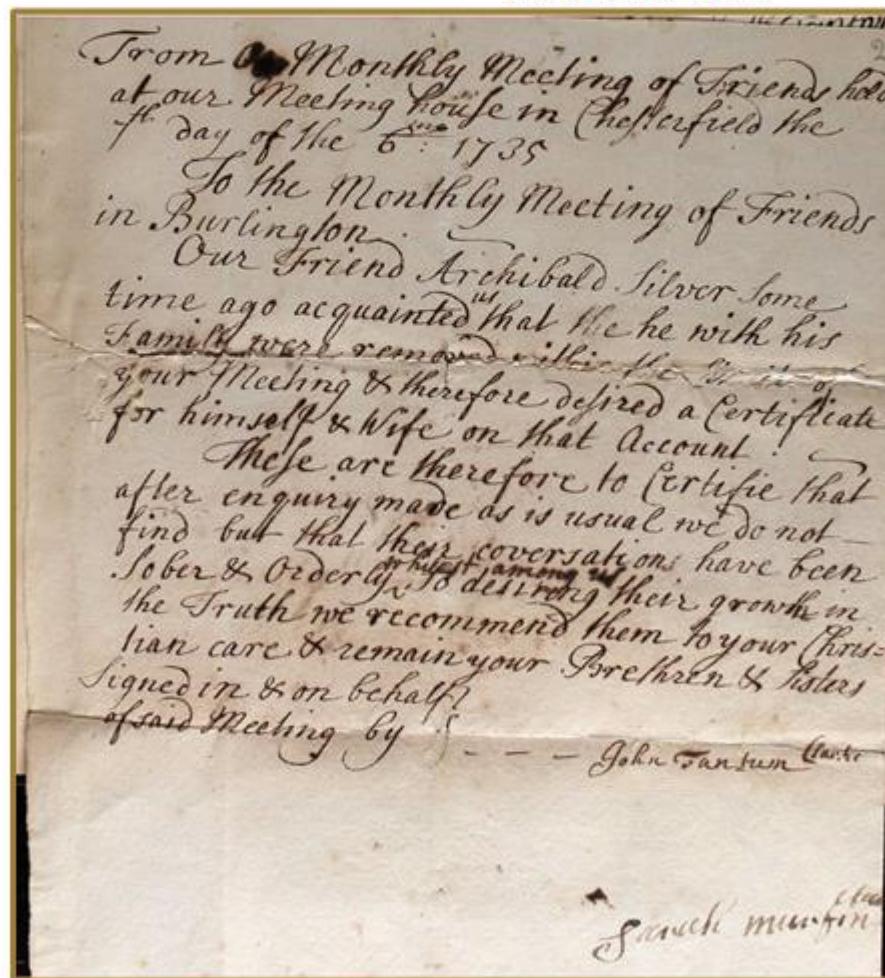
To the Monthly Meeting of Friends in Burlington.

Our Friend Archibald Silver sometime ago acquainted us that he with his family were removed within the limits of your meeting & therefore desired a certificate for himself & wife on that account.

Theses are therefore to certifie that after enquiry made as is usual we do not find but that their conversations have been sober & orderly so highest among us. To desiring their growth in the Truth we recommend them to your Christian care & remain your Brethren & Sisters signed in & on behalf of said meeting by

John Tantum- Clerk

Sarah Martin- Clerk



Burlington and Rancocas Monthly Meetings (New Jersey)  
Minutes, 1699-1877

**Certificate of Removal (from Chesterfield Meeting to Burlington Meeting): 7 June 1735**

**From a monthly meeting of Friends held at our meeting house in Chesterfield the 7<sup>th</sup> of the 6th Month 1735...**

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends in Burlington.

Our Friend Archibald Silver some time ago acquainted us, that he with his family were removed within the limits of your meeting & therefore desired a certificate for himself & wife on that account.

These are therefore to certify that after enquiry made as is usual, we do not find, but that their conversations have been sober & orderly whilst among us, so desiring their growth in the truth, we recommend them to your Christian care & remain your Brethren & Sisters- Signed in & on behalf of said meeting by

John Tantum- Clerk

Sarah Martin- Clerk

*Simon, Mary Anne, Francis, Elizabeth.*

*From a Monthly meeting of friends held at our meeting house in Chesterfield the 7<sup>th</sup> of the 6<sup>mo</sup>: 1735.*

*To the Monthly meeting of friends in Burlington.*

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your Brethren & Sisters- Signed in & on behalf of said meeting by.*

*John Tantum Clark  
Sarah Murfin Clark.*



Source: <https://burlmhcc.org/history/>

### Burlington Friends Meeting House

Est. 1687

Original location was behind the current meeting house-

340 High Street

Burlington, New Jersey



Source: <https://www.findagrave.com/user/profile/309>

### Rancocas Friends Meeting House

Est. 1681

**Certificate of Removal Read and Accepted: 1 July 1735**

**Att our monthly meeting of Women friends held at our meeting house in Burlington the first of the 7th Month 1735...**

Archibald Silver and his wife sent in a Certificate to this meeting, which was read and accepted.

*Archibald Silver and his wife, sent in a certificate to this meeting, which was read and accepted.*

Burlington Monthly Meeting (New Jersey)

Women's Minutes, 1681-1747

**Certificate of Removal Read and Accepted: 1 July 1735**

**Att our monthly meeting att Burlington y<sup>e</sup> first day of y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> month 1735....**

Archibald Silver produced a certificate from Chesterfield Monthly Meeting the place of his and his wife's former abode which was read in this meeting & gave satisfaction it being for them both.

*Archibald Silver produced a certificate from Chesterfield Month Meeting the place of his and his Wifes former abode which was read in this Meeting & gave satisfaction it being for them Both*

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*All our monthly meeting att Burlington y<sup>o</sup> 6 of y<sup>o</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> month 1735*

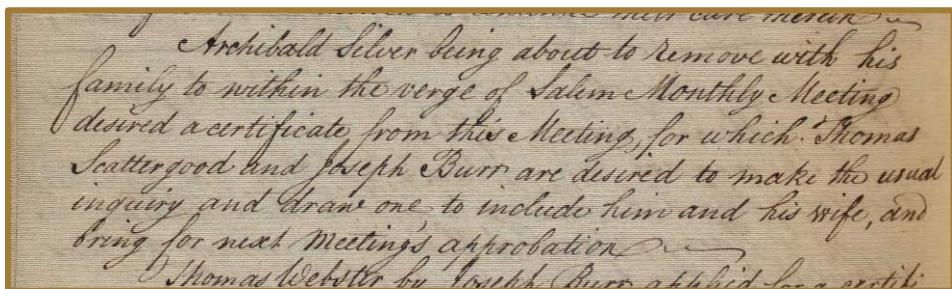
Burlington and Rancocas Monthly Meetings (New Jersey)

Minutes, 1678-1737

**Certificate of Removal Requested (From Burlington & Rancocas Meeting to Salem Meeting):**  
**4 March 1741**

**At our monthly meeting held in Burlington the 4<sup>th</sup> day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> month, 1741.....**

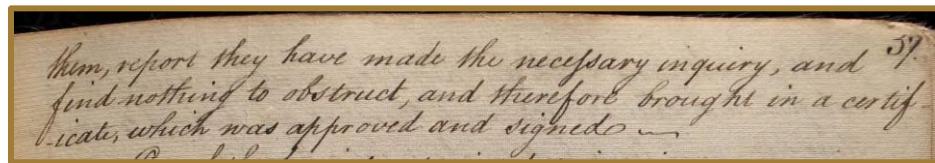
Archibald Silver being about to remove with his family to within the verge of Salem Monthly Meeting desired a certificate from this Meeting, for which Thomas Scattergood and Joseph Burr are desired to make the usual inquiry and draw on to include him and his wife, and bring for next Meeting's approbation.



**Certificate of Removal Requested (From Burlington & Rancocas Meeting to Salem Meeting):**  
**1 April 1741**

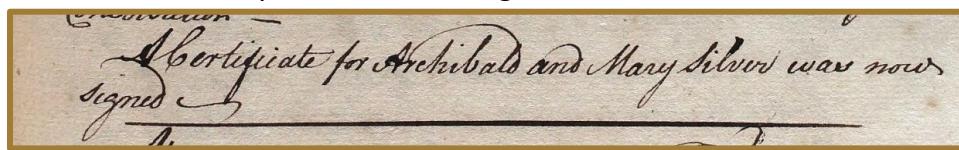
**At our monthly meeting held in Burlington the 1st day of the 4th month, 1741.....**

The Friends appointed to inquire concerning Archibald Silver and his Wife, and draw a certificate for them, report they have made the necessary inquiry, and find nothing to obstruct, and therefore brought in a certificate, which was approved and signed.



**At our monthly meeting of Women Friends held at our Meeting House in Burlington y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> day 4<sup>th</sup> month 1741..**

A certificate for Archibald and Mary Silver was now signed.



**Certificate of Removal Read and Received by Salem Monthly Meeting: 3 June 1741**

**At our monthly meeting held in Salem the day of this 3<sup>rd</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> 6 month, 1741.....**

Archibald Silver's wife brought a certificate from ye monthly meeting held at Burlington dated ye first day of ye 4<sup>th</sup> month 1741 which was read and well received.

*Archibald Silver's wife brought a certificate from ye monthly meeting held at Burlington bearing Date of first Day of 4<sup>th</sup> month 1741 which was read and well received*

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**Burlington and Rancocas Monthly Meeting (New Jersey)**

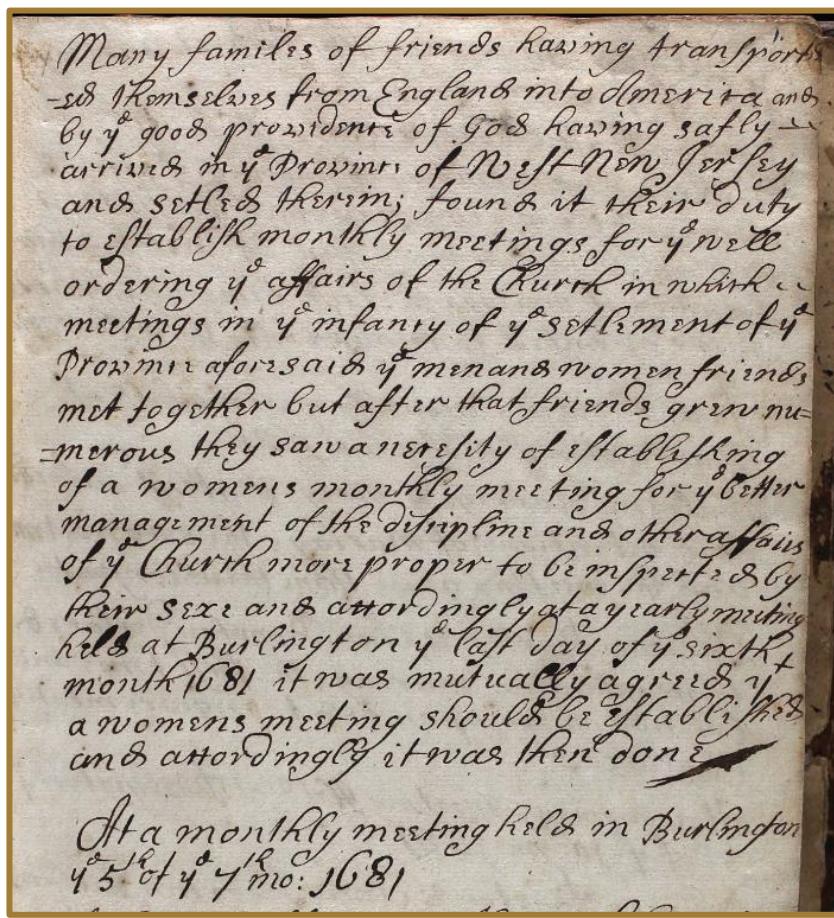
**Women's Meeting Minutes 1681-1747**

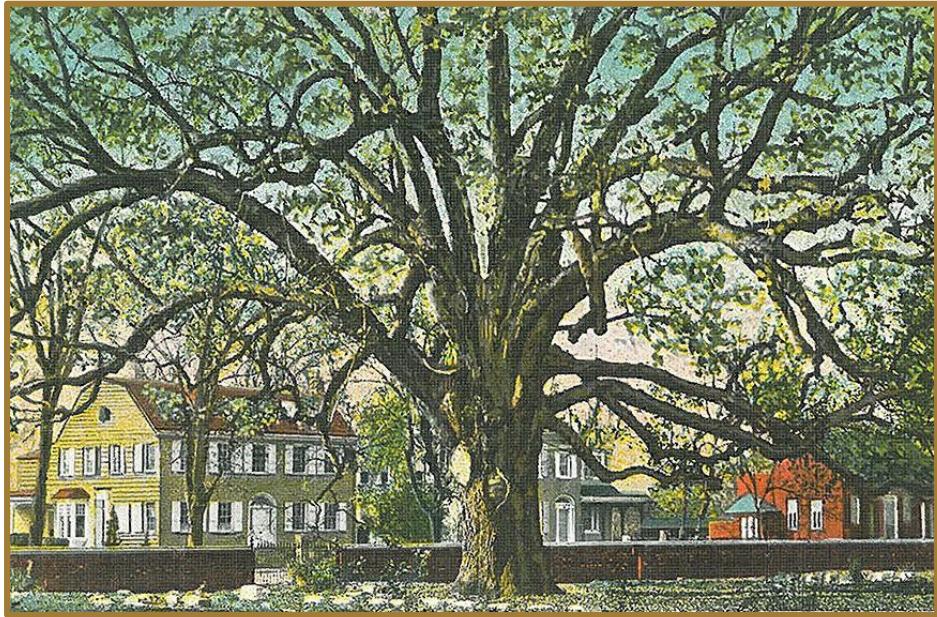
**First Page Preface**



Many families of friends having transported themselves from England into America and by y<sup>e</sup> good providence of God having safely arrived in y<sup>e</sup> Province of West New Jersey and settled therein; found it their duty to establish monthly meetings for y<sup>e</sup> well ordering y<sup>e</sup> affairs of the Church in which meetings in y<sup>e</sup> infancy of y<sup>e</sup> settlement of y<sup>e</sup> province aforesaid y<sup>e</sup> men and women friends met together but after that friends grew numerous they saw a necessity of establishing of a womens monthly meeting for y<sup>e</sup> better management of the discipline and other affairs of ye Church more proper to be inspected by their sexe and accordingly at a yearly meeting held at Burlington y<sup>e</sup> last day of y<sup>e</sup> sixth month 1681 it was mutually agreed that a womens meeting should be established and accordingly it was then done.

At a monthly meeting held in Burlington ye 5<sup>th</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> mo: 1681





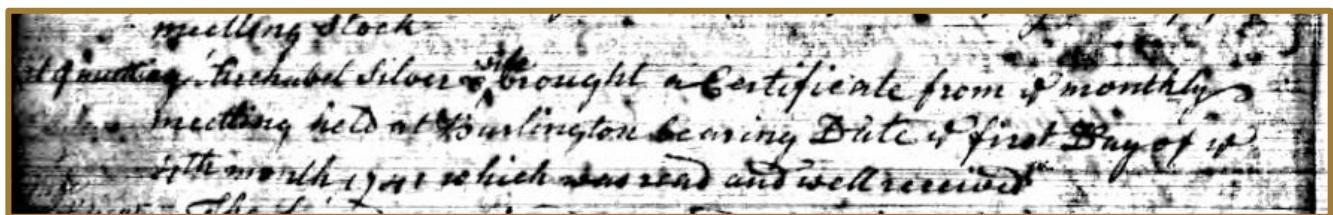
**Salem Oak Tree**  
**Property and the tree owned by the Salem Monthly Meeting since 1681.**

Source: <https://visitsalemcountynj.com/the-salem-oak/>

**31 Jun 1741**

**At our Monthly Meeting held at Salem this 31 day of y<sup>e</sup> 6 month 1741...**

Archibald Silver's wife brought a Certificate from y<sup>e</sup> monthly meeting held at Burlington bearing date ye first day of y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> month 1741 which was read and well received.



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**Minutes, 1740-1788**

3 November 1767

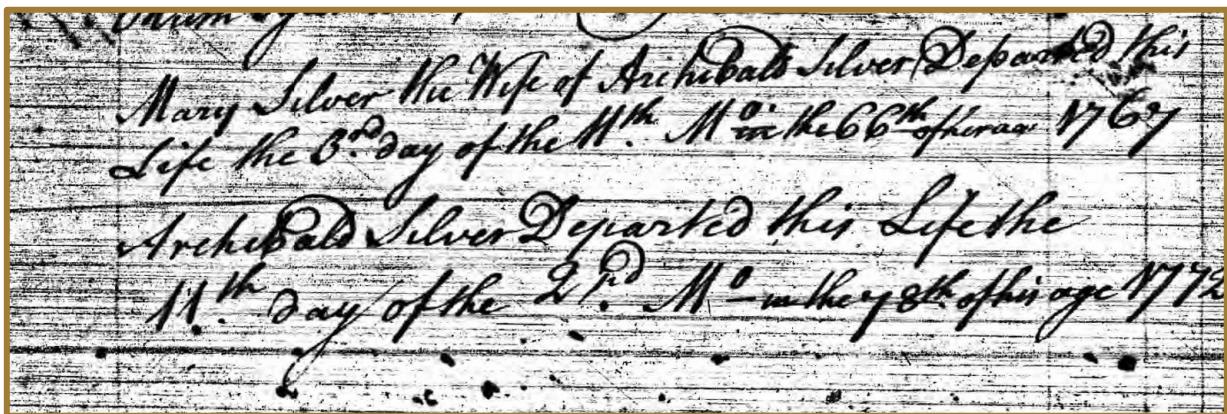
Mary Cowgill Silver's Death

Mary Silver the wife of Archibald Silver departed this life the 3<sup>rd</sup> day or the 11<sup>th</sup> month 1767, in the 66<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

11 February 1772

Archibald Silver's Death

Archibald Silver departed this life the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> month in the 78<sup>th</sup> of his age.



Salem Monthly Meetings (New Jersey)

Births and Deaths, 1686-1798