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Mr. I. J. Woods,
McDonough, Delaware,

Dear Sir:-

Following out my promise to you of last evening, I give you below an outline of the Janvier and the deHaes early records in this County.

THE JANVIER LINE.

1. Pierre Janvier. Family traditions states that he died while fleeing from France and was buried on the Ile de Re. His son Thomas Janvier went to England.

2. Thomas Janvier went to England and thence to Philadelphia and thence to New Castle, prior to 1695. He married Sarah Jourdain and died in 1727, leaving a large family. He lived on The Strand in New Castle where the Presbyterian Manse is now located and his property ran back to the Market Square. He transferred the rear end of his lot for the building of the Presbyterian Church there in 1707.

3. Francis Janvier, son of Thomas Janvier, lived in New Castle. I do not know the date of his marriage. A deed on record here executed by him in 1735 indicates that he was not then married. A deed executed by him and Sarah deHaes, his wife, on April 1, 1740, on re-

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cord here, recites that he had first married Elizabeth, daughter of John Calvert, and that she was dead leaving one child Thomas Janvier, by the first marriage. This deed was for the purpose of conveying his and the child's interest in a piece of property which had belonged to his first wife. His marriage to Sarah deHaes therefore occurred between 1735 and 1740, probably about 1740, just prior to the above deed. I have no clear record of the exact date of his death but think it was 1754. His wife Sarah deHaes Janvier died in the latter part of January or first part of February 1776. Her Will was proved in this County on February 6, 1776, and a Codicil to it is dated January 15, 1776, so her death must have occurred between those two dates. Her husband's home was on what is now known as Delaware Street in New Castle, and after her death, his estate was settled in Orphans Court and hers passed through the Register of Wills Office. Her Will and the records of the Orphans Court in his estate, show that his children were Thomas, by his first marriage, who died about 1761, and Francis, John, Philip, Sarah and Mary, by the second marriage. Sarah had married John Golden. Mary had married Joseph Tatlow and, prior to the death of her mother, had died leaving four children, Sarah, Rachel, Susanna and John Tatlow. The Will of Sarah Janvier also leaves a small bequest to her Grandson Francis deHaes Janvier.

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4. I understand that you are descended from Philip Janvier, a son of the above mentioned Francis Janvier. I have at present no records of this Line, but presume that you have them complete. I think you have a portrait of Philip Janvier now in your possession.

THE deHAES LINE.

The first record I can find is a mention in Scharf's History of Delaware, Volume 2, Page 856, of a patent of land at New Castle to the widow of Roeloff deHaes, dated October 28, 1656, and a foot note recites that she then had three children, Johannes deHaes, about ten years, Marrietze deHaés, about nine years, and Annetze deHaes, about eight years. The note further states that Johannes later became a leading man in the County. The widow deHaes therefore came to New Castle prior to 1656, either by herself or with her husband. For some years prior to 1656, the settlement at New Castle was in the hands of the Dutch and a number of settlers had come there from the Dutch Settlement at New Amsterdam now New York. Her son Johannes deHaes became quite prominent and was appointed a member of the County Court by William Penn by commission dated October 28, 1682. His Will dated November 4, 1694, and proved in the Wills Office here on February 22, 1695, directed that his body be buried near

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two trees in the orchard on his farm near New Castle. This farm is now owned by my sister and myself, but there is no trace of any burial place on it. His Will mentions his wife, Elizabeth deHaes, his eldest son Roeloff deHaes and another son Johannes deHaes. The Will of his eldest son Roeloff deHaes is also on record here, dated January 4, 1716, and proved on February 23, 1716, in which he also directs that he be buried near his wife on his farm near New Castle, and he left his property to his five daughters, Elizabeth, Catharine, Mary, Joanna and Sarah. His Will also gives to each of them some silverware or jewelry, a silver salver being left to Sarah. His brother Johannes deHaes seems to have died about 1706, and seems to have left at least one daughter, Elizabeth Burney, as this is indicated by a deed made by her. The deHaes name after the death of Roeloff seems to have entirely died out, all his children being daughters and I think all of his brother's children were daughters. At any rate the records here show no further mention of the name.

Roeloff deHaes, Sylvester Garland and Thomas Janvier organized the Presbyterian Church in New Castle, and the old Church property was conveyed to them for this purpose as Trustees in 1707. Some Janviers are still buried in this lot by the Old Church.

Very truly

F. de H. Janvier