

Benjamin Hickman, married in 1701, Ann, daughter of Richard Buffington, of Bradford, and settled in Westtown on property immediately east of the boarding-school. The site of their first residence, a cave, is marked by an evergreen tree on the farm of the late William C Hickman. Their children were as follows, Mary, born 9 March. 1702, married Joseph Hunt. Elizabeth, born 19 Jan. 1704, died 1788, married Thomas Cheyney and Jacob Vernon; John, born 5 Feb. 1706, died unmarried at the age of ninety-two. For some reason he was nicknamed "Nunkey" perhaps a corruption of "Uncle". Francis, born 27 May 1708, married Ann Marshall; Benjamin, born 18 Sept. 1710, died 1760, married Hannah Trego; Ann, born 14 Dec. 1713, married John Cheyney; Hannah, born 21 March 1715, died 23 May 1806, married Joseph James; Three of these children were born in the above mentioned cave. The father died 7 Oct. 1742.