

master to whom he was apprenticed, in London, in 1722, and, to obtain a passage to America, did what was quite usual then, sold his services for five years after his arrival in Pennsylvania. Part of his account is given below:

- (39) . . . I stayed on board till the vessel was loaded and went out, and then myself and two or three more of the servants whose time were not disposed of were put on board another ship belonging to the same owners, where we staid till she was loaded and went out, which was some time in January, 1722-3. Myself and another, which was all that was left of the servants, was sent down to George Ashbridge's in Goshen, for him to dispose of our time. There I had a severe fit of sickness and kept my bed for two weeks. Mary Ashbridge was as good to me as if I had been her own son. Some time in the 12th month (called February) it pleased the Lord to restore me to my health again and about the latter end of the first month (called March) 1723, I came to live with John Willis the younger in Thornbury Township, where I staid till my 5 years servitude was expired, which was the 12th of the 9th Mo. (called November) 1727.

George Ashbridge and Jacob Howell are mentioned by Ashmead as executors of Jonathan Ogden who owned the "Boar's Head Inn," in Chester, in which house William Penn is said to have passed the winter of 1682-83. Ogden died in 1727.

Henry G. Ashmead in his "Historical Sketch of Chester" (1883), devotes several pages to some account of those who lived in "The Ashbridge House," giving its location as follows:

(The maps in his book shew the location of Chester properties of George Ashbridge and Joseph Ashbridge, his son.)

- (40) . . . The ancient dwelling standing on the east side of Edgmont avenue, between Second and Graham streets, is partly built on the site of the House of Defense. The ground on which it stands was part of the estate of Jasper Yeates, who devised it to certain of his heirs, for July 13, 1728, George McCall and Ann, his wife, (Jasper's eldest daughter) and John Yeates, by release, granted this house and other lots to George Ashbridge. The latter was a Friend, who as early as 1688 emigrated, as a young man, to Pennsylvania and settled near Chester. Who it was built the house I fail to learn, but in all probability George McCall or John Yeates did, for the title to the ground was in these parties fully eight years after the death of Jasper Yeates, before they parted with the premises. . . .

Although by his will, made in 1748, this property was left to his youngest son Joseph, Ashmead states that "the second George Ashbridge