

Descendants of Thomas Thorpe (Thorp, Tharp)

Generation No. 1

1. THOMAS THORPE¹ (THORP, THARP)¹ was born Abt. 1631 in of, Middlesex, New Jersey, and died December 22, 1694 in Will Proved: Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey. He married REBECCA MILWARD¹ March 27, 1655 in Boston, Massachusetts, daughter of THOMAS MILWARD and ANN GOODALE. She was born Abt. 1640 in Gloucester, Essex, Massachusetts, and died 1677 in Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey.

Notes for THOMAS THORPE (THORP, THARP):

This family compilation has been researched by Ellen Coffman, whose husband and two sons are descendants of Thomas Thorpe of Woodbridge.

Information from the Genealogical Department of the Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Salt Lake City, Utah was submitted for Charles Stillman who was listed as 6 g.g. son of Thomas Thorpe. This record states that the original information may be found in New Jersey Archives Vol. 21-23 and Am. Pub. Vol 5 and Vol. 29. It includes the following data:

Thomas Thorpe born about 1631 of Woodbridge, Middlesex, N.J.
Will written March 24, 1692-3
Will was proved December 22, 1694
Married Rebecca Milward March 27, 1656 in Boston, Suffolk, MA
Rebecca was born in 1643 at Gloucester, Essex, MA. The daughter of Thomas Milward and Ann (Goodale) Milward. Also lists 8 children.

Savage, in his book "Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England", Vol. IV, pp. 274 and 293, refers to Thomas Thorpe first at Ipswich, MA, who married Rebecca Milward at Boston in 1656.

In "First Settlers of Piscataway and Woodbridge New Jersey" by Monette, p 633-634, he is listed as a First Settler of Woodbridge. It further states that Thomas Thorpe, Sr. did not remove to Woodbridge until after 1675, for he was a soldier in King Phillips War, 1676, being accredited to "Newbury Men" as of 1676. (New England Historical and Genealogical Register Vol. 42, p. 96) He was at Oyster Bay Long Island 1677 and in 1674, he inventoried the estate of John Jenner of Bookhaven, Long Island (Will proved June 5, 1679). He removed to Woodbridge some years before 1689 when his son Thomas Thorpe, Jr. died there. According to posting on the internet by Gerald Salyer, Thomas Thorp in Woodbridge, New Jersey, sold William Salyer and John Thompson of Brookhaven some land in Brookhaven, New York, due to his moving, on the 13th and 25th of June 1683 (Brookhaven Town Records, Book B, pages 157, 158, 165, 166).

He is listed as a land owner at Rahway, N.J. in 1687. (a farm given to his wife Rebecca by Daniel Pierce) (Daniel Pierce was a step father of Rebecca). In the New England Historical and Genealogical Register Vol. 29, p. 275, we find the statement that Daniel Pierce died November 27, 1677 and gave to his wife's son-in-law, Thomas Thorpe, a farm in Woodbridge, N.J. situated upon Row (Rahway) River joining to John Bishop's land.

He was a constable of Woodbridge in 1690 and listed as of Somerset County in 1692. He was a deputy to the General Assembly of New Jersey in 1692-1693. His will is listed in N.J. Archives XXI p. 169 on March 1692-3 with son Daniel as executor. In was proved December 24, 1694. The inventory of the personal estate on December 22, 1694 by John Pike and John Bishop showed 29 pounds, 17 shillings, 6 pence. (New Jersey Colonial Documents p. 462).

From researcher Thomas Tharp Sr.: "It is evident that Thomas Thorpe Sr. was born about 1631; lived in Ipswich, MA; was removed to Woodbridge, NJ where he died in 1694. All of his children were born before he moved to Woodbridge. His place of birth has not been established in any of the references. James Grafton Carter states in his book that Thomas was the son of John and Alice (Chandler) Thorp (they lived in Ipswich, MA and Boston, MA.), but this seems unlikely, in view of the conflicting dates as presented previously. In it even possible that Thomas was born in England rather than America. I hope this may be cleared up by further research in the future."

Also, John Thorpe and Alice Chandler had only one child, born in 1633, conceived before marriage (they were put in stocks for this "crime"). John Thorpe died around the same time as the birth. There is so far no record of the sex of their child.

From the book "First Settlers of Piscataway and Woodbridge, New Jersey," by Monette, p. 633, says that Thomas Thorp was a First Settler, married at Boston, 27 May 1656 Rebecca, daughter of Thomas Milward of Gloucester.

Thomas Thorp in 1687 brought a lawsuit against the town of Rahway, NJ for having John Conger and Noah Bishop illegally cut down some trees on his property. This was the farm he inherited from Daniel Pierce, Rebecca's step-father. (see New England Historical and Genealogical Register vol. 29, p. 275, for details about Daniel Pierce's will).

According to abstract of his will dated 24 March 1692/3: At the time of his death, his personal estate, 22 Dec 1694 inventory, was 29 pounds, 17 shillings and 6 pence. In his will abstract his children are listed in the following order: William, Zebulon, George, Joseph, Thomas, Benjamin, Daniel, Kinswoman Ann Morgan. Note: Ann may have been Rebecca Milward's sister.

This surname amongst descendants was spelled "Tharp" Thorp" and "Thorpe." Savage uses the name "Tharp" and "Thorpe," occasionally adding an "e" to the ending. Variations occur as well in the NJ records, including "Therp" and "Sharp." See Savage vol. IV, pp. 274 and 293. Savage also refers to Thomas Thorpe, first at Ipswich, m. at Boston, 27 May, 1656, Rebecca, daughter of Thomas Milward of Gloucester, and he died after 1677. According to Naomi Tharp Spinner's book, "New Jersey to Pennsylvania to Ohio and Beyond: Our Tharp Family," Thomas and Rebecca were married by Governor Endicott.

The following notes are from the book, "New Jersey to Pennsylvania to Ohio and Beyond: Our Tharp family," written by Naomi Tharp Spinner of Lemay, Missouri. This is available on microfilm at LDS Family History Centers:

1692/3 March 24. Thorp, Thorpe, Thomas of Woodbridge, yeoman; will of. Late wife Rebecca. Sons Daniel, William, Zebulon, George, Joseph, Thomas, Benjamin; daughters of son William, kinswoman, Ann Morgan. Farm derived from father Daniel Pierce, do. at Renters Neck near Wm. Bingle's land on George Little's Creek; all said lands entailed on the male heirs forever. Executor: son Daniel. Witnesses: John Pike, William Stone and Thomas Pike. Proved December 24, 1694.

1692/3 March 23. Deed. Thomas Thorpe of Woodbridge to his son Daniel Thorpe, for one-half of the farm of 124 acres, derived from father-in-law Daniel Pierce, and one-half of the dwelling house and farm building. (Ms. Spinner believed this deed was meant as testamentary codicill to will.)

1694/5 Jan. 23. Bond of Daniel Thorp, the son, as Executor of his father's will. William Thomsone of Perth Amboy fellow bondsman.

Account of the estate by the son, Daniel Thorpe, showing payments to Mr. Deshon, Agnes Stenes, Chas. Tucker, Tho. Gordon, Wm. Elison, John Pike, Capt. Bishop, Thomas Pike, Lidia Thorpe, brother George. See New Jersey Archives, Volume 21, pages 217 and 169 and Middlesex Wills.

MILITARY SERVICE: Colonial War Service: Credited under Capt. Jonathan Remington. Thomas Thorp: 3 pounds, 6 shillings, 0 Pence. June 24, 1676.

Also recorded in Soldiers of King Phillips War, Bodge, p. 279 and New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Volume 42, page 96.

LEGAL MATTERS: Thomas Thorp in list of persons subscribing to building a bridge across great Brook adjoining Thomas Lewis (now Jacques Venet's property).

John Conger and Noah Bishop, who, in 1685 were appointed to prosecute anyone in Rahway or adjacent places who illegally cut the timber on the common land, were subjects of a suit brought against them by Thomas Thorp in 1687 for removing from the commons some of Thorp's dressed trees. (Ms. Spinner felt their removal was by accident) The costs fell upon the town, of course, as Conger and Bishop were acting as its agents in the matter.

To prevent further litigation, the meeting of February 14 sent a committee to the "victorious Thomas" asking for cessation of hostilities.

Based on my research, I believe that all Thorpes in Middlesex Co. (as well as Union and Monmouth Counties) from the 1600-1800's were descendant of Thomas Thorpe/Rebecca Milward. My examination of Charles Gardiner's notes in "Early New Jersey Families 1600-1900" has further confirmed this belief. While there was another family in Middlesex (New Windsor Twp.) & Monmouth Counties (Freehold Twp.) consisting of Samuel, John, Mary and others (associated with Abraham Brown of Burlington County, New Jersey), they clearly spelled their name "Throp" as opposed to "Thorp(e)." Later descendants also spelled their name "Throp." I suspect this is a shortening of the surname from Winthrop or Lathrop. They do not have any interactions in the records with the Woodbridge Thorpes and it is clear they are an unrelated family with a similar-sounding surname.

Researcher Teena Troock sent me the following: "The History of St. Peter's Church in Perth Amboy, NJ. The Oldest Congregation of the Church in NJ From It's Organization in 1698 to 1923," Unknown author, 1923. From this book comes the following:

Robert A. Thorp was a grocer whose shop some 80 years ago, stood near the southeast corner of High and Smith Streets (in Perth Amboy). It is said that over his counter was painted the following legend ... "Since man to man is so unjust, I cannot tell what man to trust."

Also from the book: The Thorp family was an old family of Woodbridge and Perth Amboy. The Woodbridge branch seem to have been Presbyterians and the Perth Amboy ones belonged to St. Peter's Church. The family first settled in Woodbridge. None of this name remains in either of these towns.

Because all the Thorpe's in this area of New Jersey are descendants of Thomas Thorpe/Rebecca Milward, I'm going to list the following descendants taken from "The History of St. Peter's Church in Perth Amboy." While their direct line of descent may not yet be known, they are clearly descendants of this lineage:

1. Thorp inscription north of nave: "In memory of Robert Morris Thorp son of Robert and Mary Ann Thorp who died Sep 8 1832 aged 11 months and 23 days."

2. Augustus H. Thorp of Woodbridge. Will Probated Nov 14 1853. Married Virginia A. Unknown. Their child: Augustus A. Thorp.

3. Martha Thorp married John Voorhes Aug 23, 1823.

4. Friend Thorp, son of William and Charlotte Thorp, was baptized May 18 1823 (1873?) Woodbridge register.

5. Catherine Thorp married Sherman Brunson Mar 22, 1807.

6. Information sent to me by researcher Jonathan Coddington: Capt. John Thorp was born in Rahway, Union Co., New Jersey. His daughter was Susan Standsbury Thorp, born 25 Jul 1810 in NJ, died Nov 1871. She appears in the 1830 and 1850 census for Woodbridge, Middlesex Co., NJ. She appears on the 22 Jun 1860 census for Rahway, Union Co., NJ. She also appears on the 23 Jul 1870 census for Rahway, Union Co., NJ. She married Alston Marsh Coddington (son of David Coddington and Mary Alston Marsh) on 2 Jan 1832. Children from this marriage include: Mary Margaret Coddington (18 Jan 1833, m. John Alexander) and Anna L. Coddington. A source noted for this information: "The Coddington Family. Records of One Line of the Descendants of John Coddington of Woodbridge, New Jersey, with Notes on Allied Families," by Herbert G. Coddington, privately printed, Syracuse, New York, 1907.

Another interesting Coddington Connection with our Thorpe family:

I am guessing that Susan Standsbury Thorp and her husband, Alston Coddington, were distant cousins through the Milward family. David Coddington is the son of Jotham Coddington (1743) and Mary Millard (1740). Mary is undoubtedly a descendant of Rebecca Milward's family, which sometimes spelled their surname "Millard," in the records. And Capt. John Thorp is clearly a descendant of Thomas Thorpe/Rebecca Milward, though the exact line of descendant has not yet been found in the records. I suspect little has been found about Mary Millard because descendants have not know about the Millard- Milward surname connection.

Jotham Coddington and Mary Millard also named a son Millard Coddington, brother to David. You will note that Zebulon Thorpe, son of Joseph and Hannah (Richards) Thorpe, also named a son Millard Thorpe, clearly in deference to his grandmother, Rebecca Milward.

7. Mephibesheth Thorp of Woodbridge married Nancy Meeney of Elizabeth Town on Nov 20, 1803. This comes from the old records of the Presbyterian Church at Turkey, 1911. (excerpt provided by researcher Teena Troock). I have found numerous records, particularly tax records, from Woodbridge in the 1800's with Mephibesheth's name.

8. From Charles Gardiner's "New Jersey Families 1600-1900": Oct 3, 1710: Ezekiel Thorpe, wife of Daniel Thorp and wife of Benjamin Thorp joined Woodbridge Presbyterian Church. Benjamin Thorp had joined on June 25, 1710. (DWV). There is an Ezekiel Tharp who appears on the 1780 tax list for Middleton Twp, Monmouth Co., NJ (thank you to researcher Cynthia Graham for providing this info). It is possible that both Benjamin and Ezekial Thorpe, both who appear on the Monmouth tax lists, are the sons of Abner Thorpe/Eunice Brown. Another (??) Ezekiel appears on the 1778 Bedminister tax list, which also includes an Isaiah Tharp. (NJPRO).

9. Also from Gardiner: Feb 12, 1734/5: Inv. of pers. est. of John Morris, of Eliz. Town, (pay)ment book debt due from Grant Thorpe. (NJA 30:347

10. From Gardiner's collection: Nov 7, 1750. Inv. of pers. est. of James Jackson, of Woodbridge, lists more than 250 persons indebted to the deceased, including Jacob, John, William, Benjamin and Solomon Thorp. (NJA 30:260). I haven't fit Jacob into the Woodbridge lineage yet, though he is clearly a descendant. On Feb 20, 1764, there is a deed of John Burién (Burren), Samuel Sarjant and John Lawrence, Ex'rs of Capt. Samuel Leonard, late of Perth Amboy dec'd, to Jacob Tharp of South Amboy.

11. Baker Thorp: Born about 1759/60. He appears on the Woodbridge tax list for 1778 with 24 acres. Entry from St. John's Epis. Ch., Elizabeth Town, rec. (source: Charles Gardiner, "New Jersey Families 1600-1900"): June 28, 1809, Bap. Baker Tharp, "on his death bed at about 50 years old." (Also from the same church: May 20, 1810: Bap. Pierson Dickinson, son of Abigel Tharp, b. Nov. 6, 1809.) It appears that Baker moved into Essex Co., NJ: July 24, 1809: Baker Tharp, of Essex Co., dec'd int. Inv. \$135.84, made by Josiah Hunter & Cornelius Hoglen, and sworn to by John N. Oliver, adm'r, Jan. 7, 1810. (NJA 41:375).

12. For information on the Thorpes ("Tarps" of "Woodbrits") who intermarried with the Bogaert & Heermans families in the 1730's and became members of Dutch Reformed Church of NYC, refer to the notes regarding descendants of Norris Thorpe. Gardiner felt strongly that these Thorpes (Timothy, John and Cornelius) were the sons of Daniel Thorpe/Abigail Norris.

13. Sarah Thorpe (abt 1712): she is clearly the granddaughter of Thomas Thorpe/Rebecca Milward, but through which son?? She married Samuel Compton (abt 1704, Woodbridge, NJ) on 31 Jul 1753 in Piscataway, New Jersey (see New Jersey Marriage Records, Vol. XXII of Archives of the State of New Jersey, p. 72) . The Comptons eventually settled in Bernardstown, Somerset county, New Jersey. Samuel's father, Jonathan Compton, was born 18 Dec 1674, and originally settled at Gravesend, Long Island (which is undoubtedly where he first met Thomas Thorpe and family). Samuel's wife, Esther Martin (4 Aug 1683, Piscataway, NJ) surely belongs to the Martin family from which Enoch Martin (m. Frances Thorpe) hails from as well. (See the family tree of James H.L. Lawler at Ancestry.com).

Children of Samuel and Sarah (Thorpe) Compton: Ephriam Compton (abt 1754), Samuel Compton (abt 1756), Jonathan Compton (abt 1758), Mary Compton (abt 1760), Sarah Compton (abt 1762), Esther Compton (abt 1764), and Elizabeth Compton (abt 1766).

1782, April 10. Compton, Samuel, of Bernards Town, Somerset County, will of. Wife, Sarah, all moveable estate and 100 pounds, and use of place I live on that joins Dead River. Son, Epharem, the south part of the place in Woodbridge, where I formerly lived, that I had of my father. Son, Samuel, the north part of the place in Woodbridge. Son, Jonathan, plantation I live on, of 118 acres, that I bought of Mrs. Penn. Daughter, Mary Colyer, Sarah Gilmon, Ester Adams and Elizabeth Compton, money from sale of land. Executors: wife, Sarah, Samuel Compton and Thomas Kirkpatrick. Witnesses: James Sparks, Nathaniel Littell, Nathaniel Ayers. Proved

May 29, 1782.

14. From "The History of St. Peters Church in Perth Amboy," Unknown author, 1923 (excerpts provided by researcher Teena Troock): Benjamin Thorp of Woodbridge, will probated Feb 11, 1814, had children: James, Nathan, Hester, Elizabeth, Albert, and Daniel.

15. Also from "The History of St. Peters Church in Perth Amboy": John Thorp of Woodbridge, will probated Aug. 15, 1848. Married Sarah Unknown. Their children: Susan (wife of Alston Coddington) and Nathan Thorp. Susan Thorp Coddington had daughter Mary Coddington.

16. Augustus H. Thorp of Woodbridge, will probated Nov 14, 1853. Married Virginia A. Unknown. Their child: Augustus A. Thorp.

17. Undoubtedly descended from the Woodbridge Thorpes: Huldah Thorp, b. 1814, d. 1855, daughter of James and Mary Ann (Ross) Thorp, married Samuel FitzRandolf, b. NYC 21 Aug 1811. They married at Rahway, NJ, on 2 Sept 1838. Their children:

Alice Gray: died young

Samuel, b. 21 Aug 1844 NYC

Isabella, died age 12

Isabella, married 21 June 1865 to Henry Foster Anderson

Maria Louise, b. 11 May 1834, d. 21 Mar 1837

Julia Ann

Eliza Jane

Sarah, b. 1845, d. NYC, 9 Jan 1910

Source: Christian, Louise Aymar. "The Descendants of Edward Fitz Randolph and Elizabeth Blossom 1630-1950," East Orange, NJ, unknown author, 1950. (Excerpt provided by researcher Teena Troock). Samuel FitzRandolf is related to Nathaniel FitzRandolf (1794, Woodbridge) who married Maria Thorp, a descendant of Thomas Thorpe/Rebecca Milward (see the lineage of Norris Thorpe, son of Daniel Thorpe/Abigail Norris).

18. Also from the Middlesex County, NJ, records: John Thorp married Mary Dunham on Mar 26, 1808.

Family tradition amongst descendants living in Fayette County, Pennsylvania is that this lineage's surname began as "Oglethorpe" in England. Researcher and descendant Jean Thorpe Horne noted that her father and other relatives swore they saw the original document, on sheepskin, in which the name change occurred. Jean believe the name change must have happened back in England.

I first heard this story of the Oglethorpe connection from my mother-in-law, who probably learned it from her grandmother, Ellen Thorpe Morrison (1881, Fayette County, daughter of Thomas & Hannah (Holland) Thorpe). My mother-in-law remembers little about her Thorpe ancestors, but did relate this strange story she remembered of the Thorpe surname originally being Oglethorpe.

Much speculation has surrounded the possible the ancestry of Thomas Thorpe. Savage refers to Thomas as being "of Ipswich," most likely of Massachusetts, but possibly Ipswich, England, where Daniel Pierce (step-father of Rebecca Milward) hails from. Many researchers have wanted to attach Thomas to John and Alice (Chandler) Thorp of the Plymouth Colony. However, records are sparse regarding the couple, and the fate of their child (they only had one) is unknown.

In "The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620-33," Ancestry.com, the following appears:

1 April 1633: John Thorp & Alice his wife likewise adjudged to sit in the stocks & amerced in forty shillings fine, because his wife conceived with child before marriage, but in regard of their present povery, twelve months time given for payment. (PCR 1:12).

Since John Thorp was dead by Oct 1633, when his estate was assessed by "Alice, the late wife of John Thorp," it is clear the couple only had a single child. It is unknown to this day whether the child was male or female, or anything regarding the fate of this child.

It is still unknown what brought Thomas & Rebecca (Milward) Thorpe to Brookhaven, Long Island. Researcher

Teena Troock sent the following from the source: "Brookhaven Town Records," Book 1, by T. A. Wright, 1924.

BOOK 1:

Page 93: Aperell 1675

There was chosen Andrew Miller constables John Tooker senyer and Thomas Thorp overseers there was chossen John Tooker and Thomas Ward to lay out all the land that is wanting of there lotts to make up 40 akers.

Page 18:

Know all men by these presents that I Richard Floyd Have alles Setakett in the Est Rieding of yourkshere v. (pon) long Island for good and valluable causses and considerations me moveing have given granted and bargened and sould and do these presents doe fully and absollutely give grant bargin sell unto Robert Goulsbury of bookhaven in the above said ? and sheere unto his hairens and asaigns for ever all my intire right and tittle of a whoele acomodations as followeth that (is) to say a whome lott of tenn akers next agoyning to John R. home lott and five akers in cranes next five akers in the little neck again Thomas Thorp's ... etc 29 Agust 1675.

Page 31: 26 May 1676

Thomas Thorp is chossen to gather up the minesters raets.

Page 38: 12 desemb 1676

Whereas Willliam Thorp the son of Thomas Thorp have reportted som thing to the defemation of Mr Baratt of Southham(pton) and the widow Smith of Setauke. William Thorp doth (say) that he tould a ly of them both and that he never (heard) nore knew any hurt by them but it was a false (story) he reported.

Page 76: 25 December 1665

The townesmen that take mr. Scots fenssing at the rates it was prised at by the jury to be payd in good pay when it is legalley demanded...Thomas Tharpe 1 share.

BOOK 2:

Page 80: 8th aperell 1670

the lotts in nue towne
Thomas Thorp 1

Page 81: 10 July 1669

Them that ar frely willing and doth ingage to give to the smith frely for his incruement as followeth:
Tho. Thorp 0-6s-0.

16 Sep 1668:

Peter Whitteare bought accomadations of Sakery Hawkens 3 akers betwene William Fancy and Tho. Thorp.

Page 142: 1666

Obediah Suard plantive Thomas Thorp defendt in an aktion of trespass for strieking me and stitting dogg upon me which did soe biet my legge to me great dameg for which the plative desiers the judgment of the court with cost of sute the plaintive and defendent is ageed betwixt themselves and the court se cause to pay 20s for brech of pece.

Page 126: 1659

It is ordered that the old feild fence shall be mad by the middell of march next ensuing upon the forfeitur of 3s pole of those that neglect it is to beginn at (consiens) and runs westward to the clift as it is staked out in p portions following -

11 - Tho Tharp (My note: Since Thomas married Rebecca Milward in Boston in 1656, it is clear that they relocated to Long Island shortly after the marriage. In fact, there is another entry in Book 2 showing that this couple was in Brookhaven by 3 Apr 1667, when Thomas was chosen as overseer for the new town.)

17 Feb 1672:

Goody Thorp have (paied) Tho Smith the blacksmith of est hampton all that was demanded of her from the begining of the world to this day and the saied smith is satisfyed to content. (Is Goody the same as Rebecca Milward? The early Puritans used the name "Goodwife" before a female name for those who did not come from

royal families. Thus, was this "Goody" a shortening of "Goodwife Rebecca Thorpe"?)

From the source: "Colonial Families of Long Island, New York and Connecticut: Being the Ancestry & Kindred of Herbert Furman Seversmith.." Washington, unknown author, 1939-1958, p. 2581. (thanks again to researcher Teena Troock who supplied this source of information.)

Regarding Sarah Ludlow who married Nathaniel Brewster: "She was a witness at Setauket with her husband to a deed of Robert and Alice Smith to Thomas Thorp, 4 May 1673."

It is clear that the Thorpes continued to own land in Brookhaven, Long Island, well into the 1700's, as evidenced by the following:

Brookhaven Records 1930-1932, p. 102, (excerpts provided by researcher Teena Troock)

Record of the meddowes layd out by moses Burnet and William Helms in the yeares 1720 the last divetion Thomas Thorp #8

Additional Brookhaven records indicate land was owned by Thomas Thorp (1695,son of William?) up until 1743.

Even up to the 1850 Census for Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey, there still remained members of the Thorpe family. By 1850, they had been in Woodbridge for nearly 200 years:

1.Dwelling #482, family #503: John P. Thorp - born NJ, 43 years old, male.

Caroline: 37 years, female, born NJ.

Mary A: 17 years, NJ.

Eliza: 3 years, Female, NJ.

2. Dwelling #265,family #284: Joseph Thorp - born NJ, 42 years, farmer

Mary: 68 years, NJ.

Joseph: 57 years, NJ.

(This Thorpe family lives next door to the Force and Frazee families. The Thorpes lived next door to the Force family for decades, and intermarried with the Frazee family)

3. Dwelling #518, family #550: Nathan Thorp: 56 years, born NJ, merchant

Ann Thorp: 41 years, NJ

Virgina Marsh: 23 years, NJ.

John Byran: 27 years, male, Laborer, England

Hannah Connell, 20 Female, Ireland.

Bridget Cassady: 27 female, Ireland.

4. Dwelling #520, family #552: Augustus Thorp: 28 male, born NJ, merchant

Virginia: 22 female.

Julia D: 1 year, female, NJ.

James Meely: 19 male

Catherine Creen: 21 female.

5. Dwelling #351, family#368: John Thompson: 49 years, male, NJ.

Boarding at this household is John Thorp: 30 years, born NJ

6. James Poland: 46 male, NJ.

Harriet: 41 female, NJ

Migotha Thorp: 71 years, Male, NJ (Harriet's father??)

Sarah Poland: 19 female (d. 1855, m. Joseph Littell)

Asher: 17 male (d. 18 Feb 1904, 70 years)

Nancy: 15 female

Elizabeth: 12 female

Catherine: 10 female

Harriet: 9 female.

On the Poland/Thorpe family of NJ:

Records of the Rahway Public Cemetery, Union NJ:

1. Harriet E., b. 4 Mar 1807, d. 28 Feb 1883
Husb. James Poland.

She is buried next to the following:

2. Harriet, d. 4 Aug. 1862, 42 years(?).
Husband Nathan H. Thorp

3. Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin Thorp, d. 19 Feb 1838, age 33 years
Husband: Charles Merchant

4. Caroline E., b. 14 Mar 1808., d. 18 May 1887
Husband: Nathan Thorp

5. Albert G., d. 11 Oct 1877, age 77 years, 7 months
Wife: Margaret

6. Abigail W., d. 5 Oct 1866, age 72 years, 11 months
Husband: Nathan H. Thorp

7. James, b. 1830, d. 1912

8. Harriet Louisa (buried next to Nathan Thorp).

9. Margaret, d. 26 Dec 1884, age 88 years.
Husband: Albert G. Thorp.

10. Margaret, d. 12 Aug. 1883, age 40 years, 8 months
Husband: John Calvin Tappen.

11. Mary, d. 28 Dec. 1806, age 56 years
Husband: Enoch Thorp.

12. Nathan, b. 1 Apr 1794, d. 28 Dec 1868.
Wife: Caroline E. Thorp.

13. Nathan H., b. 30 Jan 1818, d. 19 Apr 1886
1st wife Harriet, 2nd wife Abigail W.

14. William, son of Albert G. Thorp and Margaret, d. 26 Dec 1885, age 50 years.

The following Thorpes appear on the tax lists of Woodbridge Township, Middlesex County NJ:

YEAR 1778: John Tharp, John Tharp Jr., Jonathan Tharp, Joseph Tharp, Baker Tharp, Benjamin Tharp, Daniel Tharp, David Tharp, David Jr. Tharp, James Tharp, John Tharp

YEAR 1779: Baker Tharp, Benjamin Tharp, David Tharp Jr., Daniel Tharp, Benjamin Tharp, David Tharp, James Tharp, , John Tharp, Ichabud Tharp, Ichobud, Wid. Tharp, Jonathan Tharp, Joseph Tharp, John Tharp, John Tharp Jr.

YEAR 1783: William Tharp (Perth Amboy), Benjamin Thorp, David Thorp, David Thorp Jr., Ellis Thorp, James Thorp, Job Thorp, John Thorp, Millard Thorp, Thomas Thorp, William Thorp, David Thorp (North Amboy), Parker Tharp (Piscataway)

YEAR 1784: Millard Thorp, Joseph Thorp. John Thorp, Jonathan Thorp, Jacob Thorp, James Thorp, David Thorp, Ellis Thorp, Ichabod Thorp, Daniel Thorp, Reuben Thorp, Benjamin Thorp Jr..

YEAR 1785: Benjamin Thorp Jr., Daniel Thorp, Ellis Thorp, Daniel Thorp Jr., James Thorp, John Thorp, Jonathan Thorp, Reubin Thorp, Willard Thorp (Millard??), Icabod Thorp

YEAR 1786: Millard Thorp, Reuben Thorp, Lewis Thorp, Joseph Thorp, John Thorp, Jonabad (Jonathan?) Thorp, Daniel Thorp Jr., Benjamin Thorp Jr., Daniel Thorp, Andrew Thorp (S. Amboy Twp.), Norris Thorp (S. Amboy Twp.), James Thorp, Lewis Thorp

YEAR 1787: Millard Thorp, Jonathan Thorp, Joseph Thorp, John Thorp, James Thorp, Ichabod Thorp, Daniel Thorp Jr., Ellis Thorp, Daniel Thorp, Benjamin Thorp Jr., Benjamin Thorp, Reuben Thorp

YEAR 1789: Norris Tharp (S. Amboy Twp)
 YEAR 1795: David Thorp (No Twp Given)
 YEAR 1810: David Tharp, Benjamin Tharp, James Tharp Jr., James Tharp III, Ichabud Tharp, Ellis Tharp, Elizabeth Praul Tharp, John Tharp III, , John Tharp, John Tharp Jr.
 YEAR 1817: Millard Thorp, Nathan Thorp, William Thorp, James Thorp, James M. Thorp, John Thorp, Joseph Thorp, Mephibosleth Thorp, Benjamin Thorp, Daniel Thorp, David Thorp, Ichabod Thorp
 YEAR 1818: Millard Thorp, Nathan Thorp, William Thorp, B. Torp, James Thorp Sr., John Thorp, Joseph Thorp, Mephibosleth Thorp, Joseph M. Thorp, A.G. Thorp, Benjamin Thorp, Catherine Thorp, Ichabod Thorp
 YEAR 1819: Nathan Thorp, Joseph Thorp, Mephibosleth Thorp, James Thorp, Benjamin Thorp, John Thorp, Ichabod Thorp, James Tharp Jr. Daniel Tharp, Nathan A. Thorp
 YEAR 1830: Nathan Thorp, Joseph Thorp, Mary Thorp, John P. Thorp, Isaac Thorp, John Thorp, David Thorp (Perth Amboy), Robert A. Thorp (Perth Amboy)
 YEAR 1840: N.H. Thorp, Joseph Thorp, John P. Thorp, John Thorp
 YEAR 1850: Sarah Thorp, Nathan Thorp, Joseph Thorp, Migotha Thorp, John Thorp, John P. Thorp, Hannah Thorp, Harriet Thorp, Moses Tharp (N. Brunswick),

More About THOMAS THORPE (THORP, THARP):

Ancestral File Number: 13KB-BVG

Record Change: April 29, 1999

Notes for REBECCA MILWARD:

Since Thomas Thorpe's will mentions his late wife Rebecca, she must have died prior to 1692 when his will was written.

According to Naomi Tharp Spinner, the only reference we have for Rebecca's age is given in the will of her father, which states she is under the age of eighteen years in 1653. NOTE: she was likely born between 1636-1640, since she was married in 1656.

More About REBECCA MILWARD:

Ancestral File Number: 13KB-BWN

Record Change: July 15, 1998

Children of THOMAS (THORP and REBECCA MILWARD are:

- i. THOMAS² THORPE, b. Abt. 1657; d. November 19, 1689; m. ELIZABETH ELLIS.

Notes for THOMAS THORPE:

Following information is from Paul Irwin: "Thomas Thorp - The first son of Thomas and Rebecca (Milward) Thorp. According to Carter, Thomas was the fourth son, and born about 1661, be we shall use the listing furnished by the Library in Salt Lake City where he is the first son, and born about 1657."

More About THOMAS THORPE:

Record Change: July 18, 1998

Notes for ELIZABETH ELLIS:

Elizabeth Ellis married first, unknown Doderidge and had two children. Then married Thomas Thorp Jr. After Thomas died, she married Third Richard Powell.

Sources: "Vital Records of Woodbridge, Middlesex Town Records,"

"Katherine Powell, wife of Richard Powell, d. 16 May 1689."

"Richard Powell and Elizabeth Thorp, widow and Relick of Thomas Thorp deceased married 4 Dec. 1689."

Other Sources: "High Court of Chancery of East New Jersey," Oct 13, 1693:

Richard Powell & wife Elizabeth, Complaints versus Thomas Thorp, Senior, Denfendant

"Sued for L30 laid out by complainant Elizabeth and her then husband, Thomas Thorp, Junior, upon building

on and improving 40 Acres of land on Raway River, which L30 was the patrimony of Philip and Elizabeth Dodaridge, a former husband of the now Complainant, Elizabeth, which money was laid out upon the said land upon the Defendant's promise to convey the land to said Thomas Thorp, Jr. his son, upon his marriage to the said Elizabeth, which promise the Deft. refuses to carry out, now that the house and land, and turned out the said Elizabeth and her present husband, Richard Powell." (EEJC: 251).

"Oct 17, 1693. In the above case, John Pike, in behalf of the Deft., acknowledged that Deft. had promised his son Thomas Jr., then husband of the said Elizabeth, that he would convey the said tract to his said son in his life time & to the heires of his body lawfully begotten & now his said son being dead the land did fall to the next brother of the Deceased. Complainants, by Samuel Dennes in their behalf, answered that there was no such limitation in his promise, and had Deft. made the conveyance as promised, T.T. Jr. would have sold or mortgaged the land for the payment of the L30. of the Orphans' money, and produced witnesses who testified that the promise had been made without any limitation as to the heirs of the son's body; and that on his death bed the son directed that his father be sued for the money. (Ib:252)."

"Oct 27, 1693. The Court ordered proof to be presented as to the amount of the children's money actually laid out for improving the property, and Deft's attorney, Thomas Carhart, claimed that it was beyond the power of Elizabeth to convey the land to the children, as she as feme covert at the time of execution of the Deed of Gift. Elizabeth swore that the deed was given before her marriage to Thopp (sic), Junior, and asked for time to obtain the deed, which was on Long Island. This was granted.

"Dec 1, 1693. Complainants produce the principal deed made by the said Elizabeth to her children, Philip and Elizabeth Dodaridge, dated Aug. 10, 1686. A certificate of Samuel Hale, J.P., was presented, stating that he married Richard Powell and Elizabeth Sep. 5, 1686. Two men were appointed to ascertain how much of the orphans' money had been spent on the land. (Ib:253,254)."

"May 10 & June 18, 1693. The Court, having studied the situation, rule in favor of the complainants to the extent that the estate of T.T. Jr. was to pay L18:10:0, and the Deft. was to pay L11:10:0 and costs. (Ib:260,261)"

According to researcher Charles Gardiner, in "New Jersey Families 1600-1900": "On Dec 3, 1689 Elizabeth Thorp, the widow, gave bond as admx. of the estate of her late husband, Thomas Thorp of Woodbridge, dec.. Richard Powell was her bondsman."

Problem of course with these dates. Richard Powell's wife Katherine is not recorded as dying until May 16, 1689.

2. ii. WILLIAM THORPE, b. Abt. 1659; d. Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey.
3. iii. DANIEL THORPE, b. Abt. 1661; d. Aft. 1750, Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey.
4. iv. ZEBULON THORPE, b. Abt. 1663.
- v. GEORGE THORPE, b. Abt. 1665; m. ELIZABETH PECK (PACK), Bef. 1704; d. 1704.

Notes for GEORGE THORPE:

Researcher Teena Trook sent the following source: "History of Elizabeth New Jersey," by Calton & Lanahn, 1868.

George Thorp was a son-in-law of George Peck of this town, having married his daughter, Elizabeth, who had died in 1704. He was a parishioner of Mr. Harriman from 1694 to 1697, subscribing 5s yearly. He was, doubtless, a son of Thomas Thorpe, Senior, of Woodbridge, wither, probably after his wife's death, he returned (resource is said to be - Harriman's Ledger, p. 83, Whiteheads Perth Amboy, p. 357). (HHE:284)

In 1699, at a meeting of the Eliz. Town Associates, a number of persons were admitted Associates, including George Thorp, with a "first lot right." (HHE:244)

July 31, 1704: Will of George Packe, of Elizabeth Towne, n. son-in-law George Tharpe, whose wife, daughter Elizabeth, is dead. (NJA 23:349).

MY Note: George Pack's daughter, Hannah Pack (sister of Elizabeth) married Joseph Robbins, brother of Lydia Robbins who married William Thorpe. Both Pack and Robbins families first settled in New Haven, Conn. as part of the New Haven Colony, before relocating to New Jersey.

June 18, 1702: Quitclaim. Andrew Foord, heir to Ebenezer Foord, dec'd, to Joseph Thorp, for 16A. in Woodbridge, formerly sold to Zebulon Thorp of Yarmouth, N.E., by said Ebenezer Foord; sold by Z. T. to George Thorp of Elizabethtown, by him to Richard Parham of Eliz. Town, and by him to Joseph Thorp of Woodbridge. The deeds were never recorded, and were destroyed when Parham's house was burnt. (WBTR

A:75).

This deed mentions three of the sons of Thomas Thorpe (1631): George Thorpe, Zebulon Thorpe (who settled in Yarmouth, MA) and Joseph Thorpe.

Other sources: Charles Gardiner's "New Jersey Families 1600-1900."

More About GEORGE THORPE:
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5. vi. JOSEPH THORPE, b. Abt. 1667, Long Island, New York; d. July 19, 1749, Piscataway, Middlesex County, New Jersey.
6. vii. BENJAMIN THORPE, b. Abt. 1669.
- viii. ANN THORPE, b. Abt. 1671; m. JONATHAN DENNIS, February 06, 1709/10.

More About ANN THORPE:
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Generation No. 2

2. WILLIAM² THORPE (*THOMAS THORPE*¹ (*THORP, THARP*))¹ was born Abt. 1659, and died in Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey. He married LYDIA ROBBINS in Woodbridge, Middlesex Co., New Jersey, daughter of DANIEL ROBBINS. She died Bef. 1736.

Notes for WILLIAM THORPE:

1736, Oct 21: Thorpe, William, of Woodbridge, Middlesex Co., yeoman, will of . Children: William, Thomas, Elijah, Rebecka (widow of John Wilkinson), Lydia and Barsheba. Grandson, Israel, youngest child of son Israel, deceased at 21. Land I had of my father, Thomas Thorpe, of said Town, deceased. Executors - brother, Daniel Thorpe, and son Thomas, both of Woodbridge. Witnesses - Charles Murray, Benjamin Morris, Ad. Hude. Proved March 12, 1740. (Lib C. p. 398)

It is obvious from the lack of mention in his will that William's wife, Lydia Robbins, has died prior to 1736.

Members of Woodbridge Presby. Church: Jan 2, 1709: William Thorp.

April 28, 1725: Surv'd for Mr. John Mooterie of Woodbridge, 5 1/2 Acres mdw. there beginning at Wm. Thorpe's cor. on road to Cedar Cove. (NYHSM - Alex)

Dec 3, 1698: Acct. of debts paid out of the estate of Thomas Adams of Woodbridge (who died 1694/5) is one to William Thorp. (NJ 23:5)

The dates for the birthdates of William and Lydia's children appear in the Woodbridge Vital records.

More About WILLIAM THORPE:
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Notes for LYDIA ROBBINS:

Posted at genweb archives, Monmouth County, New Jersey:

DANIL ROBINES, "of croffweks, " Mon. Co., "yeman, being feek of boody." Dated June 22, 1714. Proved by oath of Adam Hude, wit., beofre Thomas Gordon, Surrogate, Aug 18th (?), 1714.

Directs that "my foundrall charges & the charge of the feekenes & tendances" be paid."

Gives: "all ... my land & houfen Laying ... at Crofeweeks witin the country of mounmouth .."unto Sarah Robins & unto Marabe Robins my two grande daughters of my decased Saon Nathanill Robins to "be Equally shared ... in quantity & quality betuen them to them & to the(ir) hairs of their boodys ... & "if it to pleas god that any of .. my two grand daughters shall be Remoued by death & have no hair .. then "the furverever & longft Liver shall have the whol Land .. & if ... both shall die & Leive no hairs ... "then ..the sd land & housen to be Equally divided amongft

all my own children to my sons Dannil, mofes Richard "robins Aron & Benjamin & my daughters Mary, Lydia & Hoope to them there hairs." "Likewise .. unto my sd Tow Grand Daughters Sarah & Mara - Robings ten Shepe & the half Encras which are now in the K(?)ing of my son "Aron Robines"; "unto my son Benjamin Robins two horses & thrie cows"; "that intrefit of Land & goods that falls to me in new heaven in Cannickate Colliny .. in whole and in pairt .. unto my son Danill Robins & to "my daughter Lydia Thorp wife of William Thorp of Woodbridg in sd Jersey to them there hairs -- "Remmaining part of my estat both in goods & chattles...be..Equally divided amongst my ...children Danile Richard Moses Aron & Benjamin Mary Lydia & Hoope after all charges is payd..."

Appoints"my son Danile Robins to be the only Executor ...& to have the care and charge of my Sd grand daughters sarah & marable Robins & that sd son Danill have the full poure of their Estate & charge ...until thy be of age according to law."

Daniel Robins (his mark)

Wits:

Samll Dennes
Daniel Aruent Juner
Adam Hude

Oath of Executor, Daniel Robins, before Thomas Gordon, Surrogate, Aug. 6, 1714.

It should be noted that the Robbins family has ties to New Haven, Connecticut. Daniel Robbin's was married to Hope Potter in New Haven, Conn. in 1663. Also, there was a Benjamin Robbins in New Haven - his widow, Sarah Brooks, married Nathaniel Thorpe, son of William Thorpe of the New Haven lineage. Is there a connection here?

More on the Robbins family: From Freepages.genealogy.rootsweb: Johnson and Schaufelberger Genealogy. Daniel Robbins Sr. (abt 1627, Perthshire, Scotland) had 11 children, including Lydia who married William Thorpe. Daniel's son Joseph Robbins (12 Mar 1670) m. Anna Pack (Peck), daughter of George Pack of Elizabethtown. Anna was sister to Elizabeth Pack, wife of William Thorpe's brother, George. Like the Robbins family, it is believe that George Pack (abt 1634) originally settled in Connecticut as part of the New Haven Colony before relocating to Elizabethtown, NJ. George Pack is listed as one of the original eighty settlers in Elizabethtown, and most of these original families were from the New Haven Colony.

Children of WILLIAM THORPE and LYDIA ROBBINS are:

7. i. REBECCA³ THORPE, b. March 31, 1688, Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey; d. Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey.
- ii. LYDIA THORPE, b. January 22, 1689/90.
- iii. WILLIAM THORPE, b. April 25, 1692.

Notes for WILLIAM THORPE:

Source: Charles Gardiner, "New Jersey Families 1600-1900":

There is a William Tharp in Aug. 1752, in the list of freeholders of Morris Co., New Jersey.

It is unknown at this point whether the William Tharp/Thorp who appears in Morris Co., NJ in the mid-1700's is a descendant of the Woodbridge line. It does seem likely, but there is no clear evidence to establish this link.

From the New York Journal or General Advertiser, Mar. 3, 1768 (NJA 26:63):

New York, March 3: We hear from Morris County in New Jersey, that about ten days ago one William Thorpe, of that County, having been assisting to bring some Persons to justice, for breach of the Laws, they were so enraged at him, that they threatened vengance against him; of which the Justice getting Intelligence, he sent his son to Thorpe to give him Notice; While the young man was at Thorpe's house, the People came there to execute their purpose, whereupon Thorpe got up stairs in his chamber with his gun, and the others attempting to pursue him; he told them that it would be at their peril to advance; but they disregarding that, pushed forward, whereupon he fired, and shot one dead upon the spot; and with his gun and the assistance of the Justice's son, beat off the rest; Thorpe then went and surrendered himself up to Justice. We have not learnt the Name of the person killed.

8.
 - iv. THOMAS THORPE, b. October 18, 1695, Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey; d. 1770, Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey.
 - v. BATHSHEBATHORPE, b. October 07, 1705.
 - vi. ELIJAH THORPE, b. April 05, 1703.

Notes for ELIJAH THORPE:

Notes from Charles Gardiner's "New Jersey Families 1600-1900":

Aug 19, 1748, Joseph Moore, settled for some years on Dockwrae's 3000 acre tract on south side of Pisaick River, says he is threatened by Eliz. Town people, and is willing to enter into bond as Elijah Thorp did on Mar 25, 1743.

The "Dockwra Tract" is in Somerset County, New Jersey. According to researcher Fred Sisser III (from documents provided by Rick Novak), Elijah rented a large tract of land situated in Northern Somerset County, on the "south side" of the Passaic River, in what is now Bedminster and Bernands Townships. Elijah is mentioned in the minutes of the East Jersey Board of Proprietors in 1743. It is unknown whether Elijah left any descendants.

- vii. MARY THORPE, b. June 26, 1716.
 - viii. ISRAEL THORPE, b. October 07, 1700; d. July 05, 1735.

3. DANIEL² THORPE (*THOMAS THORPE¹ (THORP, THARP)*)¹ was born Abt. 1661, and died Aft. 1750 in Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey. He married ABIGAIL NORRIS September 07, 1692 in Elizabethtown, Union County, New Jersey, daughter of HENRY NORRIS and ABIGAIL STRATTON. She was born Abt. 1672.

Notes for DANIEL THORPE:

The following information is provided by researcher Gary L. Tharp:

On 16 Aug 1734, Benjamin Force's will was written, mentioning "lands joining Daniel Thorpe."

On Oct 21, 1736, William Thorpe of Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey, lists his brother Daniel Thorpe as co-executor of his will, along with William's son, Thomas.

More About DANIEL THORPE:

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Notes for ABIGAIL NORRIS:

Henry Norris was one of the founding settlers of Elizabethtown, NJ (Elizabethtown Associate 1664) On Scott McDaniel's family tree, he has Henry born in about 1645 in Suffolk Co., Long Island, NY, dying May 1706 in Elizabethtown, Essex County, NJ.

Other sources: Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Vol. 1, 1670-1730. (Essex Wills):

Norris, Henry. Yeoman; will of. Children - Henry, Abigail, wife of Daniel Sharp of Woodbridge, Hannah Clarke, Esther Crane, Samuel, Ruth, Sarah and Margaret. Real and personal estate. Executors - son Samuel and daughters Ruth and Sarah. Witnesses - Isack and Samuel Whitehead, Benjamin Spining. Codicill of May 4, 1706, appoints Benjamin Price junior and Andrew Hamton of Elizabeth Town as overseers. Witnesses - Samuel Whitehead and Daniel Sate. Proved and Ruth Morris sworn in as executrix- May 21, 1706.

According to researcher James Kimble, Court records place Henry Norris in Easthampton, Long Island, in 1668, along with a Oliver, Robert and Peter Norris in Southhampton, a few miles distant. He believes they were all brothers, "being the only known Norrises in the area at that time and of the same generation." Henry apparently relocated with his wife to Elizabethtown prior to 1670.

Children of DANIEL THORPE and ABIGAIL NORRIS are:

10.
 - i. NORRIS³ THORPE, b. Abt. 1700.

- ii. ABIGAIL THORPE, b. May 20, 1693, Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey.
- iii. ALICE THORPE, b. April 29, 1694, Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey.
- iv. MILLARD THORPE, b. September 01, 1701, Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Notes for MILLARD THORPE:

It is likely that Millard had a son named Millard as well, since there is a Millard Thorpe on the Woodbridge tax list for 1817-1818.

- 11. v. DANIEL THORPE, b. February 01, 1701/02, Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey.
- vi. REBECCA THORPE, b. July 09, 1704.

4. ZEBULON² THORPE (*THOMAS THORPE¹ (THORP, THARP)*) was born Abt. 1663. He married HANNAH DILLINGHAM.

Notes for ZEBULON THORPE:

Information found in: Vital Records, Barnstable, Yarmouth, Massachusetts #163, p. 24.

I have pondered why Zebulon relocated so far away from his Woodbridge family. Hannah is the daughter of John & Elizabeth (Feake) Dillingham. John Dillingham was born 1630 in Bitteshame, Leicestershire, England, d. 21 May 1715, in West Brewster, Barnstable, Massachusetts. It seems clear that Zebulon ended up in Massachusetts because Hannah was born there and her family was based there. There is an interesting connection to Ipswich, MA, here as well. Of course, James Savage, in his "Genealogical Dictionary fo the First Settlers of New England," vol. 1, Baltimore Genealogical Publishing, 1860-62, noted that Thomas Thorp "of Ipswich" married Rebecca Milward. John Dillingham's uncle, also named John (born 1606 in Leicestershire, England) appears as one of the first settlers in Ipswich in Nov. 1634, where he owned 6 acres of land.

In the family tree on Ancestry.com by Robert Vukich, he lists daughter Hannah Thorpe (23 Dec 1694) as marrying Mathew Gage (abt 1687) of Harwich, Barnstable, MA. However, on the family tree of Carol Austin, she lists Matthew's birthdate as about 1690. They also had a daughter named Hannah (18 Jan 1715, Harwich, Barnstable, MA). Hannah then apparently marries Aaron Snow (15 Feb 1710) and they have a daughter Ruth Snow (1732, Harwich, MA). I haven't yet had a chance to verify this information or check for further descendants of this lineage.

Much of the information on this lineage is provided by the family tree (Ancestry.com) posted by Carol Austin. Source she cited include: "The Gage Newsletter," by Dorothy Gage, NER vol. 54, p. 354, 355; "Genealogies of Barnstable Families," Nickerson Genealogy, Archive Sheet; "Harwitch Births, Nantucket Deaths," LDS film #903864 #6.

From a Manuscript found in Wilken's Library, Cape Cod Community College: "Deposition of Jeremiah Joans," 1702, Sept 18: Relating to the theft of farm tools by Zebulon Thorp. Taken in Barnstable at the home of Barnabas Lathrop, Justice of the Peace.

I also obtained information on the Gage branch of the family tree from www.genealogy.com/users/p/e/r/Martin-N-Perrien/FI. No sources are noted.

Another source:

The Thomas Gage Family Who Settled in Yarmouth, MA. First Edition. John A. Gage. Winter Haven, Florida.

More About ZEBULON THORPE:

Record Change: July 18, 1998

Children of ZEBULON THORPE and HANNAH DILLINGHAM are:

- i. REBECCA³ THORP, b. March 12, 1686/87.
- ii. THOMAS THORP, b. April 1692.
- 12. iii. HANNAH THORP, b. December 12, 1694.
- 13. iv. BENJAMIN THORP, b. March 23, 1688/89.

5. JOSEPH² THORPE (*THOMAS THORPE¹ (THORP, THARP)*)^{1,1} was born Abt. 1667 in Long Island, New York, and died July 19, 1749 in Piscataway, Middlesex County, New Jersey. He married HANNAH RICHARDS Abt. 1694 in

Woodbridge, Middlesex Co., New Jersey, daughter of PAULUS RICHARDS. She was born Abt. 1676, and died in Piscataway, Middlesex, New Jersey.

Notes for JOSEPH THORPE:

Historian Carter states that Joseph may have been born in Long Island, NY although he lived most in Woodbridge, NJ. His will of 1730 is in Woodbridge, NJ. Researcher Naomi Tharp Spinner lists Joseph's place of birth as Long Island, NY.

The following information is from the Tharp Family Compilation by Naomi Tharp Spinner:

Joseph Thorp served on the Jury (of Woodbridge?) in 1696/97.

In 1698, Joseph Thorp was a Constable in Woodbridge.

Church member at Woodbridge under pastorate of Rev. Nathaniel Wade (both Joseph and Anna Thorp). No indication what denomination this was by Ms. Spinner.

In the year 1715, Joseph Thorp's profession was "farmer."

Ms. Spinner found the names and birthdates of Joseph's children in the Woodbridge and Vicinity Vital Records.

LEGAL MATTERS:

June 18, 1702, Quitclaim, Andrew fford of Plimoth County in New England, planter, "heir to ye estate of his brother Ebenezer fford, formerly of Woodbridge in ye county of Middlesex in ye province of East New Jersey, deceased," to Joseph Thorp of Woodbridge.

Above said Ebenezer fford sold to Zebulon Thorp of Yarmouth, New England, mariner, who sold to George Thorp of Elizabethtown, who sold to Richard Parham of Elizabethtown, who sold to said Joseph Thorpe. The original deed were never recorded.

"Ye sd Parham's hous was accidentally burnt and all ye above spoken of Deeds consumed in ye fire (excepting ye sd Parkham's to ye sd Joseph Thorp)."

16 A. Bounded E. by John Conger's accomadations, N. low or sunken meadow, 13 ch. broad to a walnut on a small point of land, then S'ly 9 ch. to a maple marked C, thence to cross over to his afsd. accm. on a square line.

Wits and ack. of N.E.

Andrew fford.

(Naomi Tharp Spinner cites "WBTR A:75" as her source for the above information.)

On July 19, 1717, in Perth Amboy, Joseph Thorp asks James Alexander, Esq. to represent him in a lawsuit brought by John Allen and his wife against him.

(No date) Joseph Thorp asks James Alexander, Esq. to represent him in a trespass suit brought against him by Henry Taylor.

(Naomi Tharp Spinner cites to NYstgm - Alex, 10:16.).

Nov. 20, 1718, Henry Taylor gives Power of Attorney to Wm. Elstone to collect and sue for sums due from Joseph Tharpe, et al. All three of Wb. (Naomi cites to "Ejd D2:75")

The following excerpt is from Naomi Tharp Spinner, who cites "N.J. Archives, Liber E., p. 328):

1730, March 24, Thorp, Joseph, of Woodbridge, Middlesex Co., Yeoman; will of. Wife, Anna, Children - Paul, land to the line my father set between my brother Benjamin and me: Jonathan, Zebulon, Job, Mary Kezia. Grandsons, James and William. Executors, Adam Hude and Abraham Tapine. Witnesses, David Campbell,

Jonathan Cambell, Jo'n Stevens. Proved September 19, 1749.

Note: Abraham Tapine was probably Joseph's maternal cousin. Joseph's mother was Rebecca Milward, daughter of Thomas Milward and Ann Goodale (abt 1600). Ann's sister was Susanna Taylor (Susanna's father was not John Goodale, but they had the same mother: Elizabeth Goodale). Susanna married Abraham Toppa (Tapine, Tappan), and the Abraham Tapine who is executor of Joseph's will is most likely Susanna and Abraham's son.

The following is a transcription of the Will of Joseph Thorp, Recorded 20 Sept 1749, by Naomi Tharp Spinner:

In the name of God Amen the twenty fourth day of March in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and thirty. I Joseph Thorpe of the Town of Woodbridge in the county of Middlesex in the province of East New Jersey Yoeman being very sick and weak in body but in perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God therefore calling unto mind the uncertainty the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed unto all men to die Do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say Principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul unto the hands of God that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the descretion of my Executor nothing doubting but at the general ressurection I shall raise the same again by the mighty Power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give and devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form Imprimis I give and bequeath unto Anna my dearly beloved wife all my household good and moveable Estate excepting Seven Ews and lambs Item I give unto my well beloved son Paul (Thorpe) all the neck of land that said Pauls house is buit on quite up to the line my Father set between my brother Benjamin and I excepting three or four acres down by the mill from mouth of the sluice to the old Bridge and after my mill (?) that I have begun and keep it till it has paid him for his trouble and then he shall give whereto the mill Lands (?) clear up to the old Bridge and also the Damm and ? Lodge that I have of Job Conger that likewise I give to my son Jonathan Item I give unto my sons Zebulon and Job all my land on this side of the crick up to the road that leads to Rawahock meadow to be equally divided between them Item I give to my sons Job and Jonathan all my Town rights in Elizabeth Town to be equally divided between them Item I give seven Ews and Seven lambs to my sons Zebulon and Job and Jonathan and my daughter Mary Kezia and my grandsons James and William the said seven Ews and lambs to be equally divided between them seven above mentioned and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every (?) former testaments wills legacies and Executors excepting Adam Hude and Abraham Tapin whom I constitute and ordain my only and sole Executors of this my last will and testament ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my and the Seal of the day and year written above.

Joseph Thorp (signature)

Witness: David Cambell, Abraham Cambell, John Stevens.

More About JOSEPH THORPE:
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Notes for HANNAH RICHARDS:

Hannah (or Anna) Richards is supposedly the daughter of Paulus Richards, a wealthy New York merchant, according to the historian Monette. Paulus Richards had many business dealings/connections with Long Island, NJ. Since Thomas Thorpe/Rebecca Milward resided in Long Island up until the 1670's or 1680's, (when they relocated to Woodbridge, Middlesex County, NJ), it is likely that Joseph initially met Hannah Richards while still living in Long Island.

I have many transcriptions of business records for Paulus Richards, but have not been able to obtain any records pertaining to his personal life. I believe he may have been associated with the Dutch Reformed Church. He may have been Dutch himself, or possibly French Huguenot.

However, I have come to doubt that Hannah is the daughter of Paulus Richards. Paulus Richards died intestate,

despite his immense wealth. Although he clearly had a son name Stephen (who married Maria Van Brugh), there is no indication he had any other children.

Researcher Tami Gaugler found this source from LDS English records:

Robert Richards and Joane Fleete married at the Church of England in Froxfield, Hampshire, England, on 14 Jan 1644 and had a son named Paulus Richards, born 1654 Fareham, Hampshire, England.

From the Rowner Parish Records: Paulus Richards married Mariah Haster in Dec 1672 in Rowner, Hampshire, England. They had daughter Hannah Anna Richards, about 1676, Woodbridge, Middlesex County, NJ.

I have not verified the information regarding Hampshire Richards family. More investigation of this possible link needs to be made.

Children of JOSEPH THORPE and HANNAH RICHARDS are:

- i. JOSEPH³ THORPE, b. March 15, 1694/95, Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey; d. December 01, 1733, Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey; m. JANNA PAINE.

Notes for JOSEPH THORPE:

1733, Dec. 1. Thorpe, Joseph, of Woodbridge, Middlesex Co., Int. Adm'x, Janna Paine, Widow. Adam Hay, Doctor of Medicine, and Lawrence Smyth, fellow bondsmen. Witnesses - John Hamilton, John Michell. Middlesex Wills, 819 L.

Charles Gardiner, in "New Jersey Families 1600-1900," notes that Janna Paine is the widow (daughter???) of Nathaniel Paine, who was probably born in England.

- ii. HANNAH THORPE, b. September 03, 1697, Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey; d. Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey.
- iii. ZEBULON THORPE, b. November 06, 1699, Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey; d. September 13, 1705, Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey.
- iv. PAUL THORPE, b. April 04, 1704, Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey; d. Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey.

Notes for PAUL THORPE:

Source: "New Jersey Families, 1600-1900," by Charles Gardiner.

May 17, 1731: Paul Tharp wit. will of John Gosney, of Woodbridge. (NJA 30;202)

1736: Acct. of adm'r of est. of David Watkins of Eliz. Town shows payments to numerous persons, incl. Paul Thorp. (NJA 30:518).

14. v. MARY KEZIA THORPE, b. April 06, 1706, Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey; d. Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey.
15. vi. ZEBULON THORPE, b. August 25, 1707, Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey; d. Bef. 1764, Elizabethtown, Union County, New Jersey.
- vii. CALEB THORPE, b. March 25, 1711, Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey; d. November 01, 1719, Piscataway, Middlesex, New Jersey.
16. viii. JOB THORPE, b. May 02, 1714, Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey; d. 1761, Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey.
- ix. JONATHON THORP, b. June 09, 1717, Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey; d. Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey.

Notes for JONATHON THORP:

Naomi Tharp Spinner, taken from the New Jersey Archives and Records: Jonathan Thorp, Private, Captain Matthew Freeman's Company of State Troops - raised under Act of June 7, 1780, to be in the field by July 3, 1780, to be stationed at Woodbridge, New Jersey, and to serve until January 1, 1782.

Private, Captain Asher Fitzrandolph's Company of State Troops; received one months pay, August 30, 1783, for service in 1781 or 1782. Note as well that Benjamin Thorpe, son of Jonathan's brother Job (and Sarah Sharp) also served in the same company.

Received certificates No. 14 and No. 58, dated April 1, 1786, signed by Aaron Dunham, for the depreciation of his continental pay for services as Private in the New Jersey militia; received certificates No. 369 and No. 697, dated June 8, 1784, signed by Thomas Stelle, for the depreciation on his continental pay in the Middlesex County Militia.

6. BENJAMIN² THORPE (*THOMAS THORPE*¹ (*THORP, THARP*)) was born Abt. 1669. He married UNKNOWN WRIGHT in Woodbridge, Middlesex, Nj.

Notes for BENJAMIN THORPE:

Charles Gardiner, in "New Jersey Families 1600-1900," lists Abner Thorpe (1731) who married Eunice Brown, as the son of Benjamin Thorpe. Abner was born in Woodbridge, but came to settle later in life in Monmouth County. Eunice's father, Andrew Brown, lived in Woodbridge. His will was witnessed by Thomas Thorpe (most likely Thomas born 1695, son of William and Lydia (Robbins) Thorpe). I find Gardiner's belief that Benjamin was Abner's father highly unlikely, since Benjamin would have been in his 60's when Abner is born. For more information on Abner's line, see Daniel Thorpe (1702), son of Daniel and Abigail (Norris) Thorpe.

1733, April 10. Tharp, Benjamin, of Woodbridge, Middlesex Co., Int. Adm'r, Thomas Edgar. Lib B., p. 380.

The children of Benjamin Thorp are list by Gardiner, including birthdates. These notes are very difficult to read, but it appears his source was the Woodbridge Presbyterian Church records.

More About BENJAMIN THORPE:

Record Change: July 18, 1998

Children of BENJAMIN THORPE and UNKNOWN WRIGHT are:

- i. JOHN³ THORPE.

Notes for JOHN THORPE:

These entries on John Thorpe come from the source: Charles Gardiner, "New Jersey Families 1600-1900."

Nov. 7, 1750: Inv. of pers. estate of James Jackson, late of Woodbridge, lists of 250 persons indebted to the estate, incl. John Tharp. (NJA 30:261).

1778 Tax list, Woodbridge, NJ: John Thorp, 46a.

Also, John Thorp, Jr. 56.a.

Unknown at this point whether the two John Thorpe's, father and son, descend from Benjamin Thorpe/Unknown Wright.

- ii. BENJAMIN THORPE, b. Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Notes for BENJAMIN THORPE:

Source: Charles Gardiner, "New Jersey 1600-1900," Rutgers University Library.

Jan 30, 1749. Benjamin Tharp/wit. will of Job Conger of Woodbridge, which was proved 1758. (NJA 30:106). My note: Job Conger married Keziah Thorp, daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Richards) Thorpe. Keziah and Benjamin Thorpe would be first cousins.

Mar 12, 1730. Benj. Tharp wit. will of John Moore of Woodbridge, proved 1736. (note: this could be Benjamin's father).

Feb 12, 1734/5. Inv. of John Morris of Eliz. Town, dec'd., incl. bond due from Benjamin Tharp. Also, book debt due from Grant Thorp. (NJA 30:347).

Nov. 7, 1750. Inv. of James Jackson of Woodbridge, dec'd, lists some 250 persons indebted to the estate, incl. Benjamin, Solomon, William, John and Jacob Thorp. (NJA 30:261).

Nov 15, 1756. Benjamin Thorp named as an ex'r in will of Joshua Stone, of Woodbridge. (NJA 32:311).

We know little about this branch of the Thorpe family. I am listing the following info. on Benjamin Thorpe. I have no idea if there is a relationship between the Benjamin who appears in Monmouth County to the earlier Benjamin Thorpe found in Woodbridge. I suspect there is, but have no direct evidence of this. It is unlikely that the Benjamin Thorpe in Monmouth Co. is the same person as Benjamin Thorpe, born about 1700, son of Benjamin & Unknown (Wright) Thorpe - more likely their grandson, but again, this is speculation.

In the 1778 Tax list of Woodbridge, there appears the name of Benjamin Thorp, single man. However, it is very likely that this Benjamin is son of Job and Sarah (Sharp) Thorpe of Woodbridge. This Benjamin is born about 1759 in Woodbridge, and doesn't live New Jersey with his brothers until the 1790's.

I strongly believe that the Thorpe's found in neighboring Monmouth County are also descendants of the Woodbridge line. There is no indication of another early (1600's) separate Thorpe lineage in Monmouth. In fact, the DNA test results of a volunteer from the line of Benjamin Tharp (abt 1770, m. Elizabeth Maxson) support the idea that Thorpe's from Monmouth are descendants of the Woodbridge line. Gardiner believed Abner Thorpe who settled in Monmouth was also a direct descendant of Benjamin Thorpe/Unknown Wright. There appears to be children of this couple who we don't know about, as Gardiner noted. It is of course possible that they had a son named Daniel (father to Abner and brother to Benjamin listed above), but at this point I've chosen to place Abner as a descendant of Daniel Thorpe/Abigail Norris.

1. Hoffmire, Mener, Middletown, and Benjamin Thorpe, Middletown, 1761 Sept. 30. Source: "Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New Jersey, Marriage Licenses," p. 200.

2. Oct 1779: Middleton Twp, Monmouth County:

Daniel Tharp, 30 ac., 13 pound value 1,2,0 (horse, horned cattle, hogs)
Benjamin Tharp and son 60 ac 12 pounds 4, 4, 6
both were householders

On the (third??) tax listing of 1780, there is:
Daniel Tharp 30 ac. 10 pound value 0,2,3
Benjamin Tharp with no land but a householder with no animals
Ezeikel Tharp 60 ac. 10 pound value 3,3,0

1781:
Benjamin Tharp householder no land or animals
Daniel Tharp 30 ac., 8 pounds 0,1,3
Ezeikel Tharp 80 ac. 8 pounds 2,4,0

1784:
Daniel Tharp 30 ac. 8 pounds, 2,5 (horse, horned cows)

The name of Daniel Tharp continues to found in the Middletown tax records through 1797, but is gone with the next listing in 1808.

July 1784, Shrewsbury Twp.
Benjamin Tharp 25 ac 20 pounds 1,2 householder

July 1785
Benjamin Tharp 21 ac 15 pounds 1,2

July 1786
Benjamin Tharp householder only

Jun-Aug 1789
Benjamin Tharp householder only

Jun-Aug 1784
Benjamin Tharp 100 ac. 5 pound value

1795
Benjamin Tharp 80 ac. unimproved land 2 pound value 1 horse

1796
Abner Tharp 100 ac 15 pound value
Benjamin Tharp

Source: Tax lists, Monmouth County, as provided by researcher Cynthia Graham.

- iii. ELIZABETH THORPE, b. October 05, 1708.
- iv. MARY THORPE.
- v. ANNA THORPE, b. May 02, 1710.
- vi. EZEKIEL THORPE.

Notes for EZEKIEL THORPE:

There is an Ezekiel Tharp found in the 1778 Tax list for Bedminister Co, NJ (householder). He appears there

with a Isaiah Tharp. I don't know if there is a relationship between the Ezekiel born in Woodbridge about 1710, and the Ezekiel found nearly 60 years later in Bedminister.

Generation No. 3

7. REBECCA³ THORPE (*WILLIAM², THOMAS THORPE¹ (THORP, THARP)*) was born March 31, 1688 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey, and died in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey. She married JOHN WILKINSON. He was born February 15, 1677/78 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey, and died Bef. 1740 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Notes for REBECCA THORPE:

From the Ancestry.com family tree of Georgene Walker Berman:

1740, Aug. 20. Wilkinson, Rebecca, widow of John Wilkinson, late of Woodbridge, Middlesex Co., mason; will of. Children: Edward, Charity, Rebecca, Mary (a minor). Granddaughter: Jean Wilkinson, daughter of son Aaron, deceased. Executor: son, Edward, and daughter, Rebecca Wilkinson. Real and personal estate. Witnesses: Joseph Bunn, Micajah Bunn, William Hider. Proved June 6, 1741.

1745-6, Feb. 3: Rebecca Frazee, late Rebecca Wilkinson, qualified as executrix. Lib D, p. 165: New Jersey Colonial Documents: Calendar of Wills, 1730-1750, p. 529. According to the family tree of Sheila Stewart (Ancestry.com), this reference is to John Wilkinson's daughter, Rebecca, not to his widow Rebecca Thorpe.

Children of REBECCA THORPE and JOHN WILKINSON are:

- i. AARON⁴ WILKINSON.
- ii. EDWARD WILKINSON, b. Abt. 1718, Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey; d. 1794, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania; m. MARTHA RINEAU (RENAULT); b. Abt. 1732, Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Notes for EDWARD WILKINSON:

Posted by Roy D. Sculley at Ancestry.com: Edward Wilkinson (Wilkerson) was born about 1718 in Woodbridge, NJ. In 1775, he moved to Shamokin Creek, Northumberland County. He was married to Martha Ryno/Renault at that time, but his will shows his wife's name to be Sarah (my note: probably Edward's second wife). Edward died in Nov. 1794 and his will was proven at Sunbury, Jan. 1, 1795. Edward's children are listed as:

John (?), Allen, Joseph, Aaron, Azariah, James, Jane, Eunus, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Mary and Jean.

Notes for MARTHA RINEAU (RENAULT):

Martha's parents were George Renault and Hannah Pack (daughter of Job Pack and Elizabeth Marsh). I am wondering about the relationship of Hannah Pack to George Pack, one of the original settlers of Elizabeth Town, NJ, and father to Elizabeth Pack (who married George Thorpe).

- iii. CHARITY WILKINSON.
17. iv. REBECCA WILKINSON, b. Abt. 1715, Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey.
- v. MARY WILKINSON.

8. THOMAS³ THORPE (*WILLIAM², THOMAS THORPE¹ (THORP, THARP)*) was born October 18, 1695 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey, and died 1770 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey. He married UNKNOWN.

Notes for THOMAS THORPE:

Much of the information I have on this branch comes from the notes of Charles Gardiner, "New Jersey Families, 1600-1900," found in the Rutgers University Library, New Jersey.

1770, Feb. 14: Thorp, Thomas, of Woodbridge, Middlesex County; will of. Being old. Grandson, Thomas Thorp, son of Solomon Thorp, deceased, 10 shillings. Daughter, Sarah Runyon, 6 pounds and apparel. Sons, Jonathan and David, to pay my debts. To my sons, Jonathan and David, and grandchildren, the 4 sons and daughter of my son, Elisha Thorp, the land I purchased of Robert Hude, of 212 acres, the said grandchildren being Thomas Thorp, Campble Thorp, Edward Thorp, Enoch Thorp and Dorcus Thorp. Jean Thorp, the widow of Elisha Thorp, is to have the use of the land given to the grandchildren. My 8 acres of land in said Township, laid out for Zebulon Thorp, and the 8 acres laid out to William Thorp, to be sold by my friend, Robert Clarkson.

Executors - Robert Clarkson and my sons, Jonathan and David. Witnesses - Jacob Frazee, Ebenezer Bishop, David Crow. Proved May 20, 1778.

Oct 16, 1750: Thomas Thorp of Woodbridge was bondsman for Hannah Thorp (the widow) and William Moore as admrs. of estate of Solomon Thorp, dec'd int., all of Woodbridge (NJA 32:325).

Children of THOMAS THORPE and UNKNOWN are:

18. i. SOLOMON⁴ THORPE, b. Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey; d. 1750, Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey.
- ii. JONATHAN THORPE.
- iii. DAVID THORPE.
19. iv. ELISHA THORPE, b. Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey.
- v. SARAH THORPE, b. Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey; m. UNKNOWN RUNYON.

9. ISRAEL³ THORPE (*WILLIAM*², *THOMAS THORPE*¹ (*THORP*, *THARP*)) was born October 07, 1700, and died July 05, 1735. He married MARY UNKNOWN.

Notes for ISRAEL THORPE:

Israel is mentioned in William Thorpe's will as "my youngest son, deceased."

Charles Gardiner, in his "New Jersey Families 1600-1900," lists Israel's children, but not his spouse. He also lists the following:

May 1728: Acct. of Admrs. of Wm. Elston, Woodbridge, shows payt of 5 sh. to Isrel Tharp. (NJW:645/647L.

1735, July 5. Tharp, Israel, of Woodbridge, Middlesex Co., yeoman, will of. Children - Jonathan, Thomas, Lydia, and Anna. (MY note: Gardiner has listed Israel Jr. as a son of this Israel and Mary (Thorpe), but there is no mention of a son named Israel in this will), all under age. Lands brought of John Beal, Shobal Smith, William Bingle and Edward Crowell. Executrix - wife, Mary. Witnesses - John Bilyou, Moses Freeman, Jonathan Shepard. Proved Feb 13, 1735. (Lib C., p. 68)

1736, May 31. Tharpe (Thorpe) Mary, of Woodbridge, Middlesex Co., widow, and executrix of last will of Israel Tharpe., Int. (intestate??) Adm'rs Thomas Thorpe and Jonathan Shepherd, both of Woodbridge, Joe Leigit, fellow bondsman. Witnesses, James Smyth, Lawrence Smyth. (Lib C. p. 161).

I believe the Thomas Thorpe who appears as admin. of Israel's will is his brother, Thomas (1695). Both are sons of William and Lydia (Robbins) Thorpe.

Here's where the confusion comes in: 1766, June 2, Thorp, Israel, of Woodbridge, Middlesex Co. Account by Thomas Thorp, of estate of Mary Thorp, who was widow and sole executrix of Israel Thorp. To boarding and clothing Israel Thorp, son of said Israel, 12 years, \$120, schooling said Israel, 4 years, \$4; boarding for other son, Thomas, 4 years and one-half, \$45; to necessities for Israel after he was bound and apprenticed, and ran away from his master. File No. 4371 (Lib C. p. 68).

Israel appears to be the son of Israel who died 1735 (but is not mentioned in his will??). Also, did Israel II also marry a woman named Mary? Israel II appears to have two sons, Thomas and Israel III. Will is witnessed by his brother, Thomas?

Children of ISRAEL THORPE and MARY UNKNOWN are:

20. i. THOMAS⁴ THORPE, b. Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey.
- ii. ISRAEL JR. THORPE, b. Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey; d. June 02, 1766, Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey.
- iii. ANNA THORPE.
- iv. LYDIA THORPE.
- v. JONATHAN THORPE.

10. NORRIS³ THORPE (*DANIEL*², *THOMAS THORPE*¹ (*THORP*, *THARP*)) was born Abt. 1700. He married UNKNOWN.

Notes for NORRIS THORPE:

While it seems obvious that Norris is the son of Daniel Thorpe/Abigail Norris, no direct record of link has been located. It should be noted that the name switches back and forth between Norris - Morris. This true as well for Morris (Norris) Spencer, half-brother to the children of Job and Sarah (Sharp) Thorpe. After Job's death, Sarah Sharp remarried William Spencer of Sussex Co, NJ. They named a son "Morris" Spencer (misleading many researchers who did not previously know Sarah's maiden name to mistakenly believe she was "Sarah Morris.")

Mar 1743/4: Norris Tharp paid for lodging, wit. at trial in Amboy of D.(??) Cooper & John Crane. (NYHS M-Alex'r, 56)

July 4, 1754: Norris Thorp of Perth Amboy, bondsman on marriage bond of Samuel Force and Sarah Freeman of Woodbridge. (NJMB F:58). Note that Benjamin Force lived next door to Norris's father, Daniel Thorpe.

Oct 5, 1751: Norris Thorp wit. will of Ichabod Smith of Woodbridge.

1763, Jan. 7, Thorp, Morris, City of Perth Amboy, Middlesex County, will of. To son, John, 5 shillings. Rest of Estate to be given equally to son, John, son Morris, daughter Sarah Patterson, daughter Abigail Thorp, and daughter Mary Thorp. Executors - sons, John and Morris, and daughters Sarah and Abigail and Mary, when they come of age. Witnesses - William Byrnet, Isaac Bunnell, William Kinnan. Proved Jan 9, 1765.

It is clear from Norris Thorpe's will that his wife must have died prior to 1763.

From the USGENWEB Archives, Cayuga County, New York Guardianships (no dates given):

Minor: Andrew B. Thorp. Deceased: Daniel Thorp. Residence of Deceased: Genoa, NY. (see 6-A-23)

Minor: Ellen Thorp. Deceased: Nathan. Residence: Milton, NY. (See ^-A-23).

Minor: Hannah Thorp. Deceased: Nathan Thorp. Residence: Milton, NY. Petitioner: Daniel Thorp (see 6-A-47).

Minor: Harriet Thorp. Deceased: Daniel Thorp. Residence of Deceased: Genoa, NY. (6-A1-458)

Minor: Isaac Thorp. Deceased: Noris Thorp. Residence of Deceased: Livonia, NY. Petitioner: Joseph Thorp (see 6-A-189)

Minor: John Thorp. Deceased: Nathan Thorp. Residence of Deceased: Milton, NY. Petitioner: Daniel Thorp (see 6-A-46)

Minor: Lorinia Thorp. Deceased: Norris Thorp. Residence of Deceased: Livornia, NY. Petitioner: Joseph Thorp (6-A-191)

Minor: Maria Thorp. Deceased: Norris Thorp. Residence of Deceased: Livornia, NY. Petitioner: Joseph Thorp (6-A-190)

Minor: Patience Thorp. Deceased: Nathan Thorp. Residence of Deceased: Milton, NY. Petitioner: Daniel Thorp (6-A-53).

Given the unusualness of the name "Norris Thorp," it seems highly likely that these Thorpes are descendants of the Woodbridge clan. Additionally, Norris Thorpe's descendants appear in the records of the First Presby. Church in NYC, so there is a connection to the state of New York.

The following names appear on the tax lists for Woodbridge NJ:

1. Nathan Thorp (1817, 1818)

2. Joseph Thorp ((1817, 1818)

Children of NORRIS THORPE and UNKNOWN are:

- i. JOHN⁴ THORPE, m. ELIZABETH BEDFORD, May 17, 1759, New York City, New York.

Notes for JOHN THORPE:

Information found in the Trinity Church Parish Register, New York City. I assume this is John Thorpe, son of Norris, since his sister was also married in the church two years later. Other source: Charles Gardiner, "New Jersey Families, 1600-1900."

Also, found in the Church Register: Apr 28, 1783. Married James Gray and Eunice Thorp. (NYGBR 72:162). Possibly the daughter of John Thorpe.

21. ii. NORRIS THORPE, b. Abt. 1736, Perth Amboy, Middlesex County, New Jersey; d. October 02, 1791.

- 22. iii. SARAH THORPE.
- iv. ABIGAIL THORPE.
- v. MARY THORPE.

11. DANIEL³ THORPE (*DANIEL², THOMAS THORPE¹ (THORP, THARP)*) was born February 01, 1701/02 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey. He married ELIZABETH UNKNOWN.

Notes for DANIEL THORPE:

I have attached Abner Thorpe who married Eunice Brown to Daniel Thorpe (1702), as Daniel's son. Charles Gardiner's, "New Jersey Families 1600-1900," has the following will:

Will of Daniel Thorp, of Middletown, Mon. Co.

Sept 15, 1801 - Dec 7, 1801.

To Wf. Elizabeth, use of pers. estate during her life, her own goods and furniture excepted.

Son Abner, my gun and wearing apparel

Dau. Sarah Morris, pers. est. after my wife's death.

Executor - son Abner.

Dec. 9 1801. Inv. \$144, made by Barnes H. Smeck & Daniel Smith (NJA 39:446).

Note that Daniel Thorpe is clearly the right age to be Abner's father (he would have been 29 years old when Abner was born). But if this is the same Daniel born 1702 in the will from Mon. Co., NJ, then Daniel lived for nearly 99 years!

It should be noted that for whatever reason, Charles Gardiner felt strongly that Abner was a descendant of Benjamin Thorp (1669).

Children of DANIEL THORPE and ELIZABETH UNKNOWN are:

- 23. i. ABNER⁴ THORPE, b. 1731, Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey; d. Monmouth County, New Jersey.
- ii. SARAH THORPE, b. Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey; m. UNKNOWN MORRIS.

12. HANNAH³ THORP (*ZEBULON² THORPE, THOMAS THORPE¹ (THORP, THARP)*) was born December 12, 1694. She married MATTHEW GAGE December 04, 1712. He was born Abt. 1690.

Children of HANNAH THORP and MATTHEW GAGE are:

- i. SUSANNAH⁴ GAGE, b. April 11, 1713, Harwich, Barnstable, Massachusetts.; m. AMOS RAYMOND, July 18, 1732.
- ii. HANNAH GAGE, b. January 18, 1714/15, Harwich, Barnstable, Massachusetts; m. AARON SNOW; b. 1732, Harwich, Barnstable, Massachusetts.
- 24. iii. JAMES GAGE, b. December 15, 1717, Harwich, Barnstable, Massachusetts.
- 25. iv. LOT GAGE, b. October 16, 1720, Harwich, Barnstable, Massachusetts.
- v. JOHN GAGE, b. July 01, 1722, Harwich, Barnstable, Massachusetts.
- 26. vi. ZEBULON GAGE, b. December 15, 1724, Harwich, Barnstable, Massachusetts.
- 27. vii. WILLIAM GAGE, b. September 11, 1727, Harwich, Barnstable, Massachusetts; d. 1795.

13. BENJAMIN³ THORP (*ZEBULON² THORPE, THOMAS THORPE¹ (THORP, THARP)*) was born March 23, 1688/89. He married MARCY WEBBER July 18, 1717 in Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Notes for BENJAMIN THORP:

Information on Benjamin Thorp provided by the Thorpe family compilation by researcher Thomas R. Tharp Sr.

Children of BENJAMIN THORP and MARCY WEBBER are:

- i. EBENEZER⁴ THORP, b. October 07, 1717.
- ii. MARCY THORP, b. December 15, 1718.
- iii. BENJAMIN THORP, b. May 25, 1720.
- iv. THOMAS THORP, b. April 01, 1722.
- v. UNIS (EUNICE) THORP, b. April 15, 1724.

14. MARY KEZIA³ THORPE (*JOSEPH², THOMAS THORPE¹ (THORP, THARP)*) was born April 06, 1706 in

Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey, and died in Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey. She married JOB CONGER Abt. 1726 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey. He was born June 09, 1694 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey, and died 1758.

Notes for MARY KEZIA THORPE:

Information on the Conger & Thorpe families provided by a number of researchers: Laura Anderson and Dick Henthorn, as well as the family compilation by Naomi Tharp Spinner, which briefly follows some descendants.

According to researcher Teena Trook, there is no "Mary Keziah," but two children: Mary Thorpe, born 6 Apr 1706, and Keziah Thorpe, born 2 May 1714.

Notes for JOB CONGER:

See Middlesex County Wills, vol. 2, p. 106. Jan 30, 1749, Will of Conger, Job, of Woodbridge and Raway Neck, Middlesex Co.; Yeoman; will of. Children - Enoch, Moses, Ruth (wife of Nathaniel Price), Sarah (wife of Daniel Coddington), Elizabeth (wife of Reuben Hierd), Esther and Barbara Conger, both under age. Executors - Wife, Keziah (Coziah), son Enoch and friend Wiliam Moore. Witnesses - Job Pack, Benjamin Tharp, Thomas Chapman. Proved Feb. 17, 1758. Lib. F., p. 497.

Children of MARY THORPE and JOB CONGER are:

- i. JOB⁴ CONGER, b. Abt. 1728; m. LYDIA CODDINGTON.
- ii. ENOCH CONGER, b. Abt. 1730, Rahway, Union County, New Jersey; m. BERZILLAH CODDINGTON.
- iii. MOSES CONGER, b. Abt. 1732; m. ELIZABETH MARSH.
- iv. RUTH CONGER, m. NATHANIEL PIERCE.
- v. SARAH CONGER, m. DANIEL CODDINGTON.
- vi. ESTHER CONGER, m. JOHN LIVINGSTON.
- vii. BATHIA CONGER.

15. ZEBULON³ THORPE (*JOSEPH², THOMAS THORPE¹ (THORP, THARP)*) was born August 25, 1707 in Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey, and died Bef. 1764 in Elizabethtown, Union County, New Jersey. He married GRACE DEAKE, daughter of RICHARD DEAKE and MARY LEWIS. She was born 1712 in Westerly, Washington County, Rhode Island, and died in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Notes for ZEBULON THORPE:

As noted by researcher Naomi Tharp Spinner, the descendants of Zebulon Thorpe lived in Elizabethtown, Union County, New Jersey.

St. John's Epis. Chh. Records, Elizabeth Town, New Jersey:

April 8, 1752: Bapt. children of Zebulon and Grace Thorp, viz: Mary, John and Lawrence. (GMNJ 3:15)
Jan 4., 1764: Bapt. Ellis, son of Zebulon Tharp, dec'd. (Ib. 3:85).

Feb 12, 1734/5: Inv. of pers. est. of John Morris of Eliz. Town lists Zebulon Tharp among those indebted to the estate on book account. (NJA 30:348).

Notes for GRACE DEAKE:

I came across some information on Richard Deake (1687, England - bef 25 Feb 1754, Rhode Island) on the computer and discovered his daughter, Grace, married Zebulon Tharp/Thorp of Woodbridge when she was 41 years old! A wonderful discovery, since she has been Grace "unknown" for a long time to researchers. The researcher noted that Grace (Deake) Thorp probably died in Woodbridge, NJ.

For some reason, family trees found on Ancestry.com have listed Zebulon born in Rhode Island, which is simply incorrect. It is unknown at this point how Grace and Zebulon met.

Children of ZEBULON THORPE and GRACE DEAKE are:

- i. MARY⁴ THORPE.
- ii. JOHN THORPE.
- iii. LAWRENCE THORPE, d. May 20, 1813, Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Notes for LAWRENCE THORPE:

From Charles Gardiner's "New Jersey Families 1600-1900": Will of Lawrence Thorp of Woodbridge, leaves \$50 to Charity Thorp, wife of David Thorp. (NJA 42:426).

See David Thorp, son of Job Thorp (1717) and Mary Wright, for more information.

28. iv. ELLIS THORPE.

16. JOB³ THORPE (*JOSEPH², THOMAS THORPE¹ (THORP, THARP)*) was born May 02, 1714 in Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey, and died 1761 in Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey. He married (1) MARY WRIGHT April 23, 1741 in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. She was born Abt. 1722 in Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey, and died Abt. 1750 in Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey. He married (2) SARAH SHARP January 10, 1749/50, daughter of BENONI SHARP. She was born April 07, 1733 in Middlesex, New Jersey, and died Bef. 1792 in Wantage, Sussex, New Jersey.

Notes for JOB THORPE:

Information from various sources including researcher Jo Weaver indicates Job was married 21 April 1741 at St. Peter's Church, Perth Amboy, New Jersey to Mary Wright.

Birthdates for the children of Job Thorpe and Sarah Sharp written in the Thorpe family bible. According to researcher Jo Weaver, the bible was once owned by Thankful Thorpe Liston, a granddaughter of Reuben Thorpe. It is now owned by Edward Thorp King, great-grandson of Thankful Thorpe Liston. The Bible was published by McCarty and Davis No. 171 Market Street, Philadelphia, 1 Ashmean and Company, printers, title page bears date 1831. Edward Thorp King published a book tracing the line of Everhart Liston and his wife, Thankful Thorp, entitled, "Genealogy of Some Early Families in Grant and Pleasant Districts, Preston County, West Virginia," published 1933 by the Genealogy Society of Utah.

Sarah Sharp's remarried William Spencer after Job's death. The Spencer children and their birthdates are also listed in the Liston Bible.

According to Naomi Tharp Spinner, in her book entitled "New Jersey to Pennsylvania to Ohio and Beyond: Our Tharp Family," several researchers have listed Job as the twin of Jonathan born in 1717. Dalley's Woodbridge and Vicinity lists Job only as the son of Joseph and Anna and no date is provided. The original town records from Woodbridge give the date of "Feb (?) 8," with no date attached.

The following transcription of Job Thorpe's will, recorded December 12, 1761, is provided by Naomi Tharp Spinner's book:

In the name of God Amen the 10th day of February in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine I Job Thorp of Woodbridge in the county of Middlesex and province of East New Jersey being in good health and perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to dye so make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of God that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general ressurection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and so touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless men in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form --

In the first place my will is that all my lands useages and tenements and all my moveable estate be sold by executors except a piece of Salt marsh or meadow and all my just and lawfull debts and funeral charges paid and discharged out of the same - Imprimis I give and bequeath unto Sarah my dearly beloved wife the sum of one hundred pound current money of East New Jerces and eight shillings pr ounce in full of the lew of her dowry. Item I give to my well beloved son Joseph Thorp the sum of one hundred pounds current money at eight shillings pr oz. Item I give to my well beloved son Icabod Thorp the sum of one hundred pounds of current money as above said. Item I give to my well beloved son David Thorp the sum of one hundred pounds current money as above said. Item I give to my well beloved son Paul Thorp the sum of one hundred pounds current money as above said. Item I give to my well beloved daughter Mary Thorp the sum of one pound current money as above said. Item I give to my well beloved daughter Cumah Thorp the sum of one pound current money as above said. Item I give to my well beloved son Ruben Thorp the sum of one pound current money as above said. Item I give to my well beloved daughter Jennet Thorp the sum of one pound current money as above said. And further my will is that after all my just debts and funeral charges and the above written legacys be paid and discharged the remainder of my estate I give to my well beloved wife Sarah Thorp. And if either of my four eldest sons should

dye without esshue lawfully begotten his or their legaces shall be equally divided among the surviving one brothers, the sons which I had by my first wife Mary Thorp - and otherwise I constitute make and ordain my trusty friends Jacob Fitzrandolph and David Evans for my one and sole executors of this my last will and testament and do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannull all and every other former testaments wills legacy and executors by me in any ways before this time named willed and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness thereof I have hereto set my hand and seal the day month and year above written

Signed JOB THORP (seal)

Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the said Job Thorp as his last will and testament in the presence of us the subscribers --

Notes for MARY WRIGHT:

Naomi Tharp Spinner notes:

"1762, Feb. 23 Thorp, Joseph, of Woodbridge, Middlesex Co., Ward. Aged 20 years and one of the children of Job Thorp, of Woodbridge, deceased. Guardian Richard Wright. Fellowbondsman - David Wright: both of said place." Lib H., p. 77.

Under the Vital Records of Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey, Extracted from the Story of A New Jersey Town, by Rev. Joseph W. Dally, New Brunswick, New Jersey (1873), he notes the following births:

Richard Wright and Sarah:

1. Abner Wright, born 3 Dec 1703.
2. Nathan Wright, born Sept 1705.
3. Jeremiah Wright, born 3 Feb 1707
4. Moses Wright, born 22 Oct 1710.
5. Mary Wright, born 31 May 1714.
6. Richard Wright, born 29 Feb 1716.
7. David Wright, born 28 Feb 1721.

Also listed were the children of Robert and Hannah Wright:

1. Hannah Wright, born 2 Aug 1701.
2. Ann Wright, born 25 Aug 1703.

From researcher Lois Grzenda on the line Abner Thorpe/Eunice Brown: David Wright, Mary's brother, and his wife Ruth, appear in a deed from Middlesex Co, 1768, involving Solomon Tharp (wife Hanna) and sons Thomas, John and Enoch. Also witnessed by Abner Thorp (who married Eunice Brown).

Also, from "New Jersey Calendar of Wills," vol. II, 1730-1750, Part II, Lib. C. p. 133, p. 551:

Wright, Richard. Yeoman; will of. Children: Abner, Jeremiah, Richard, David, Camino (?) and Mary. Real and personal estate. Executors: wife Sarah and Joseph FitzRandolph. Witnesses: Joseph FitzRandolph, Solomon Tharp, Charles Murray. Proved Dec 5, 1730.

Information regarding Job's marriage to Mary Wright and the subsequent birth of their children can be found in Woodbridge Presbyterian Church records.

Notes for SARAH SHARP:

Sometimes Sarah Sharp is listed as "Tharp" - in old documents, the capital "S" often looked like a "T". On the marriage license, it looks a lot like "Tharpe." However, older records of Benoni's mother provided by researcher Tami Gaugler indicate the correct spelling is "Sharp(e)". And according to Naomi Tharp Spinner, the New Jersey Colonial Documents, Vol. 22, page 394, shows Sarah "Sharp."

Further information and sources on the ancestry of Sarah Sharp:

Henry Combs
Birth: abt 1638, Essex, England
Death: Bef 13 Jun 1709, Marblehead, Essex, Massachusetts
Spouse: Elizabeth Barlow
Birth: abt 1640, Essex, England
Death: Bef. 13 Jun 1709, Marblehead, Essex, Massachusetts
Marriage: abt 1655
Children: Deborah Combs (1664-1728)

Deborah Combs
Birth: 1664
Death: 19 Sep 1728, Bridgewater, Scituate, Plymouth, Massachusetts
Spouse: Unknown Sharp(e), Joseph Gannett, Joseph House
Marriage: abt 1691, Scituate, Plymouth, Massachusetts

Source: "History of the Early Settlement of Bridgewater, In Plymouth Colony, Massachusetts," by Nahum Mitchell. Kiddler & Wright: Boston, 1840. Reprint by Heritage Books, 1983.

Pg 169, GANNETT: Thomas Gannett was at Duxbury 1642 and "able to bear arms" as early as 1643; was one of the original proprietors and first settlers of Bridgewater, d. there 1655, the first death in the town found on any record; he made a will, and left a widow, Sarah, but no children. His estate went to his brother Matthew of Scituate. His widow afterwards married a Faxon in Hingham, and afterwards about 1651 removed to Scituate, he d. 1695, and had two sons, Matthew and Joseph. Joseph Married a widow Sharp (she had a son Benoni Sharp, by her first husband) and Joseph died before his father.

Deborah (Combs) Sharp also had children with Joseph Gannett:

1. Hannah: 4 Aug 1684 - 27 Mar 1767
2. Matthew: 12 Oct 1688 - abt. 1764
3. Deborah (abt 1690)
4. Joseph: 14 Sep 1693 - 30 Apr 1774.

Deborah married Joseph House, her third husband, on 17 Jun 1703, in MA.

Benoni Sharp(e)
Birth: abt Jun 1682, Scituate, Plymouth, Massachusetts
Death: after 1750, Fayette County, Pennsylvania..

Source: Gen. Column of the "Boston Transcript," 1906-1941.

See also: Vital Records of Scituate, Massachusetts, to the year 1850, by the New England Historic Genealogical Society (Boston, MA), vol. 1-2.

Children of JOB THORPE and MARY WRIGHT are:

29. i. JOSEPH⁴ THORP, b. February 21, 1741/42, Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey; d. December 21, 1808, Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey.
30. ii. ICHABOD THORP, b. September 18, 1743, Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey; d. 1801, Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey.
- iii. DAVID THORP, b. April 11, 1746, Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey; d. May 15, 1812, Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey; m. CHARITY UNKNOWN.

Notes for DAVID THORP:

Will of David Thorp, of Woodbridge Tp.
May 15, 1812 - Feb 25, 1815

To wf. Charity, house and land (14 acres) bo't of my bro., Ichabod Thorp; 2 A. adjoining same, bo't of Zephaniah Force; 1/2 of the tract purchased of William and Samuel Jaques, reserving a drift way along 1/0 Thomas Force; 2 beds and bedding, 2 cows, 1 horse, 1/2 the sheep, use of my clock for life, and at her decease to Catherine Thorp.

To Catherine Thorp, dau. of my nephew, Job Thorp, 10 A. bo't of Isaac Laing; 8 A. bo't of my bro. Ichabod; also other 1/2 of afsd. Jaques tract, when she is 18; but if she should die without issue, then same to David Martin, son of Enoch. One half of my debts to be paid by sd Catherine Thorp.

Ex'r: Wf. Charity.

Wits: Joseph Shotwell, Willson Shotwell.

Feb 24, 1815, Inv. (not totalled); made by Isaac Laing and Daniel Moores.

Both David & Charity signed by mark.
(NJA 42:426)

David appears on the tax list for Woodbridge in 1778 for 76A. (NJPRO).

31. iv. PAUL THORP, b. May 21, 1748, Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey; d. 1837.

Children of JOB THORPE and SARAH SHARP are:

32. v. REUBEN⁴ THORPE, b. January 16, 1755, Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey; d. February 08, 1848, Fayette County, PA.
vi. MARY THORPE, b. April 30, 1752.

Notes for MARY THORPE:

Mary is listed in Thankful Thorp Liston's Bible as born 31 April 1752.

- vii. HANNAH THORPE, b. October 12, 1753.
viii. JENNET THORPE, b. March 21, 1757.
33. ix. BENJAMIN THORPE, b. February 23, 1759, Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey; d. 1837, Morgan Township, Green Co., Pennsylvania.
x. EUNES THORPE, b. 1761.

Notes for EUNES THORPE:

She does not appear in Thankful Thorpe Liston's Bible. Perhaps she died at birth or as a child?

Generation No. 4

17. REBECCA⁴ WILKINSON (*REBECCA³ THORPE, WILLIAM², THOMAS THORPE¹ (THORP, THARP)*) was born Abt. 1715 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey. She married WILLIAM FRAZEE Abt. 1741 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey. He was born Abt. 1711 in Elizabethtown, Union County, New Jersey, and died Bef. April 03, 1755.

Notes for REBECCA WILKINSON:

William Frazee was the son of John Frazee (1675, Elizabethtown, NJ) and Sarah Oliver (1681). William died intestate, with inv. taken 26 April 1755.

Notes for WILLIAM FRAZEE:

New Jersey Colonial Documents, Calender of Wills - 1751-1760:

1755, April 3, Frazee, William, of Woodbridge, turner. Int. Adm'rs - Rebeckah Frazee, widow, and Jonathan Frazee, Esq., of Woodbridge. Bondsman - Michael Moore, of same place, yeoman. Witnesses - Thomas Bartow. Lib. F, p. 257.

Other sources cited by Annora Blanche Frazee Renoe: "Ancestral Lines of the Doniphan, Frazee and Hamilton Families," by Frances Frazee Hamilton, William Mitchell Printing Co., Indiana, 1928.

Child of REBECCA WILKINSON and WILLIAM FRAZEE is:

- i. HIRAM⁵ FRAZEE, b. December 25, 1745; d. March 18, 1831; m. (1) MARGARET MARTIN, Bef. 1777; m. (2) HANNAH OLIVER, Bef. 1781; b. August 21, 1749; d. 1814.

Notes for HIRAM FRAZEE:

I had previously read (Ancestry.com postings by descendants, including that of Rick Swayne) that Hiram Frazee married his cousin through the Thorpe side, Margaret Martin (daughter of Enoch Martin and Francis Thorpe). Information provided by Annora Blanche Frazee Renoe (Ancestry.com). However, after consulting with Rick via email, we agree that it appears that Margaret Martin who married Hiram Frazee was probably

born in the mid-1700's - too early to have been Enoch and Francis (Thorpe) Martin's daughter. More likely she is Enoch's sister, aunt or cousin.

For further information on the Frazee lineages, refer to the following source:
Ancestral Lines of the Doniphan, Frazee and Hamilton Families, by Frances Frazee Hamilton, William Mitchell Printing Co., Greenfield, Indiana, 1928.

A lot of the information on descendants was obtain through the family trees of Rick Swayne, Sue Ream and Sheila Stewart.

Hiram Frazee apparently served in the Revolutionary War as Private in the Middlesex County Militia. In the division of his land, dated 4 June 1833, names sons Ezra and William, daughters Hannah Hooper, Phebe Alston, granddaughters Harriet and Susan Thorp, grandson Moses J. Frazee. His obituary notice is dated 18 Mar 1832 at Woodbridge, NJ, age 86. Some heirs of his estate are noted to be under age, Book B, Page 27, Div. of Lands, New Brunswick.

18. SOLOMON⁴ THORPE (*THOMAS*³, *WILLIAM*², *THOMAS THORPE*¹ (*THORP*, *THARP*)) was born in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey, and died 1750 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey. He married HANNAH UNKNOWN.

Notes for SOLOMON THORPE:

It should be noted that researcher Charles Gardiner, in "New Jersey Families, 1600-1900," believed that Solomon, d. 1750, was the son of Benjamin Thorp/Unknown Wright.

1750, Oct 16. Thorp, Solomon, of Woodbridge, Middlesex Co., yeoman. Int. Adm'rs - Hannah Thorp, the widow, and William Moore, both of Woodbridge. Bondsman - Thomas Thorp, of said place. Witness: Thomas Bartow.

Information on Solomon Thorpe's children provided by Lois Gzenda, who possesses transcription of part of deed involving Thomas Thorpe Jr. and Hannah Thorpe. "Thomas Thorp Jr of Martha's Vineyard in Mass is the eldest son and heir of Solomon Thorp, deceased, who died intestate and had land from his father, Thomas Thorp. Hannah Thorp is the widow of Solomon Thorp. Thomas Thorp Jr. has brothers Enoch Thorp and John Thorp. Witnesses are Abner Thorp and William Martin. Dated June 6, 1768."

Children of SOLOMON THORPE and HANNAH UNKNOWN are:

- i. THOMAS⁵ THORPE.
- ii. JOHN THORPE.
- iii. ENOCH THORPE.

19. ELISHA⁴ THORPE (*THOMAS*³, *WILLIAM*², *THOMAS THORPE*¹ (*THORP*, *THARP*)) was born in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey. He married JEAN UNKNOWN.

Children of ELISHA THORPE and JEAN UNKNOWN are:

- i. THOMAS⁵ THORPE.
- ii. CAMPBELL THORPE.
- iii. EDWARD THORPE.
- iv. ENOCH THORPE.
- v. DORCAS THORPE.

20. ISRAEL JR.⁴ THORPE (*ISRAEL*³, *WILLIAM*², *THOMAS THORPE*¹ (*THORP*, *THARP*)) was born in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey, and died June 02, 1766 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Children of ISRAEL JR. THORPE are:

- i. ISRAEL⁵ THORPE, b. 1754.
- ii. THOMAS THORPE, b. 1762.

21. NORRIS⁴ THORPE (*NORRIS*³, *DANIEL*², *THOMAS THORPE*¹ (*THORP*, *THARP*)) was born Abt. 1736 in Perth Amboy, Middlesex County, New Jersey, and died October 02, 1791. He married ISABELA HERRIOT April 09, 1765. She was born Abt. 1744, and died April 1808.

Notes for NORRIS THORPE:

Source: "Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New Jersey, Marriage Licenses." Pg. 200 (provided by researcher Cynthia Graham):

Thorp, Norris, Perth Amboy, and Isabella Herriot (Herriott), 1765 April 9.

Norris Tharp appears on the 1786 Tax list for Middlesex County (South Amboy), p. 13. (see NJ Early Census Index).

Source, Charles Gardiner, "New Jersey Families, 1600-1900":

Norris Thorp d. Oct 2, 1791, aged 55 years.

Isabel Thorp, d. April 1808, in 64th years.

Martha, dau. of Norris & Isabel Thorp, d. June 1, 1855, aged 80 years

Sarah, dau. of Norris & Isabel Thorp, d. Dec 28, 1828, aged 63 years.

(source: Jones, "History of St. Peters Church, Perth Amboy," p. 482).

Nov. 1, 1791. Adm. on est. of Norris Thorp, Sr. of Perth Amboy, was granted to Norris Thorp and David Thorp. Fellow Bondsman was Jacob Buchanan.

It appears likely from the 1791 adm. hearing that Norris Thorp "Senior" likely had a son, Norris Thorp, Jr.?

Nov. 22, 1791. Inv. appr. by David Herriot & Ephraim Herriot (NJA 37:359)

"Morris" Thorp was a vestryman at St. Peter's church in Perth Amboy in 1785. Source: "The History of St. Peter's Church in Perth Amboy, NJ," written by Unknown, 1923. This source also notes that Norris relocated at some point to Burlington, New Jersey, as well as providing a list of Norris's descendants.

Children of NORRIS THORPE and ISABELA HERRIOT are:

- i. MARTHA⁵ THORPE, b. 1775, Perth Amboy, Middlesex County, New Jersey; d. June 01, 1855, Perth Amboy, Middlesex County, New Jersey.
- ii. SARAH THORPE, b. 1765, Perth Amboy, Middlesex County, New Jersey; d. December 28, 1828, Perth Amboy, Middlesex County, New Jersey.
- iii. NORRIS JR. THORPE, d. 1816.
- iv. DAVID THORPE, d. November 05, 1836; m. CHARLOTTE ARNOLD; d. June 29, 1831.

Notes for DAVID THORPE:

David is noted as being from Perth Amboy in "The History of St. Peters Church in Perth Amboy." He is also noted as being a vestryman of the St. Peters Church 1810-1829. His will was probated 1836. David states in his will that Eliza Thorp is "my only remaining unmarried child." There is also a reference to this family listed in church records under the surname "Chapman." Apparently, David has a son named Joseph Chapman.

22. SARAH⁴ THORPE (NORRIS³, DANIEL², THOMAS THORPE¹ (THORP, THARP)) She married MATTHEW PATTERSON December 25, 1761 in New York City, New York.

Notes for SARAH THORPE:

Information on marriage found in the Trinity Church Parish Reg., New York City, New York. Other Source: Charles Gardiner, "New Jersey Families 1600-1900."

Information on the baptisms of the children of Sarah Thorp and Matthew Patterson found in the First Presbyterian Church register, NYC, New York:

1. May 25, 1767, Bapt. James Beard, son of Matthew Patterson & wf. Sarah Thorpe.

2. March 19, 1770: Bapt. Jane McLean, dau. of Math. Patterson & Sarah Thorp.

Information on the descendants of Margaret Paterson provided by "unknown"

(truggles@gator1.Brazosport.cc.tx.us) at Ancestry.com. I haven't found the source for this information, so it hasn't been verified.

Also found in the records of the First Presbyterian Church, New York City, New York:
June 14, 1767. Bapt. Prudence, dau. of Richard Thorpe & w. Rachel Specksey, born June 11 1760.

This seems a good place to mention a theory of Charles Gardiner. He strongly suspected that the Thorpe's found in the Dutch Reformed Church records of NYC beginning in the 1730's were descendants of the Woodbridge Thorpes, in particular Daniel Thorpe/Abigail Norris. This theory seemed farfetched to me at first, though I now believe that Gardiner was probably correct.

New York Ref. Dutch Chh. Rec.:

Sept. 22, 1754: Bapt. Cornelius, son of Dirk Thorp and Rachel Spekse., Wit: Cornelius Thorp & wife Apollonia Uit Den Bogart (NYGBR 27:136)

Dec 25, 1755: Cornlius Terp and wf. Appolonia Uit Den Boogart, wit. Bapt. of Pieter Boekhout & wf. Sara Gardenier.

Oct 1, 1758. Bapt. Dirk & Elizabet, "tweelingen," chn. of Dirk Tarp & Rachel Spiekze. Wit: Dirk Uyt den Bogert and wife Bregje V. den Berg, and Daniel Tarp and wf. Rachel Van Court.

July 20, 1760, Cornelius Tarp & wf. Aplonia Uit den Bogaart wit. bpt. of child of Daniel Tarp and wf. Aplonia Tarp (sic). (NYGBR 28:140).

Gardiner found there were three Thorpe brothers who married into Dutch families: Cornelius, John and (Timotheus?). Cornelius married Apolona Uit Den Bogert (Daughter of Dirck uit den Bogert) about 1729. Their children include: Dirk (1730, m. Rachel Spiekze), Abigail (1735), Daniel (1736), Elizabeth (1738), and John (1740, m. Eleanor O'Niel). Cornelius's brother's married two sisters - John Thorpe married Apolona Hermaus (Hermanns?) abt 1727, and the third brother, Timotheus, married Margrietje Hermaus (daughter's of Egbert Hermaus of NY, 1705). John & Apolona's children: Margrietje (1728), Abigail (1731), Daniel (1735, m. Rachel Van Cort), Anna (1735). The third brother's children: Thomas (1733), Rebecca (1735).

Sep 6, 17? Ingeschreven (Married) Cornelius Tarp, j.m. v. WOODBRITS, and Apolonia Uitdeboomgaard, beide woonende alhier.
(NYGBR 15:128) (MY NOTE: "Woodbrits" is undoubtedly "woodbridge" in Dutch).

New York Reformed Dutch Church Records: June 30, 1727: Married John Tarp j.m. V "WOODBRITS" and Apolonia Hereman, J.d. V. NY., beide woonende alhier. (NYDCR (M): 14)

There was a Cornelius Thorpe listed in the 1790 census of the Town of Cheesecocks, Orange Co., NY, his family consisting of 2 males and one female under 10, and one each between 26 & 45. (NYGBR 64:292) MY NOTE: interesting location, since in the 1770's-1780's, there are many Woodbridge Thorpe's in Orange Co, NY, including Reuben Thorpe (who fought in the Rev. War in this area) and Abner Thorpe, who relocated to Orange Co., NY before moving back to NJ (Mon. County). Also, a number of Reuben's children married into families from Orange County: Leonards, Lobdells, etc.

MY NOTE: I am wondering if "Dirk" Thorpe isn't Dutch for "Dick" or "Richard" Thorpe (who m. Rachel Spekse). Interesting that this same couple appear in the same church as descendants of Norris Thorpe of Perth Amboy.

More records: New York Ref. Dutch Rec.:

Oct 7, 1759 (Ingesch. Oct 6) Married: Daniel Thorp & Prudence Thorp. (NYDCR (M):200)

Will of Daniel Thorp, of Chester Twp., Morris Co.

Aug. 21, 1800 - Oct 8, 1801. Inv. Sep. 22, 1801

To wife Prudence, use of real & pers. estate, for life.

To nephew Daniel Thorp, of New York City, remainder of estate, after wife's death.

Ex'rs: Friend James Thorp, of Essex Co. and nephew Daniel Thorp of NYC.

Sept 22, 1801. Inv. \$135.17, made by John Riggs & Nathaniel Terrey. (NJA 39:446).

It is interesting to note that Baker Thorpe, originally of Woodbridge, had also moved into Essex Co., NJ by the

1800's, possibly earlier, eventually dying there in 1809. Additionally, there are members of a Bogart family in Fayette Co, Pennsylvania, at approximately the same time that Reuben Thorpe and his brothers move there from Woodbridge. Nicholas Bogart, Springhill Twp, 1788; Cornelous Bogort, German Twp, 1789; Jacob Bogort, German Twp. 1789; Cornelus Bohart, German Twp, 1792 - I have not yet determined if there is a relationship between these Bogarts and the one's from NYC who intermarried with the Thorpes. Nor have I been able to locate any descendants of the "Dutch" Thorpe families.

Other Dutch Family names that are related or involved with the Dutch Thorpe families: Stoutenburg (Stoutenberg), Potter, Eckerson (Eckerszen), Swits, Paulding, Vandenberg.

Children of SARAH THORPE and MATTHEW PATTERSON are:

- i. JAMES BEARD⁵ PATTERSON, b. Abt. May 24, 1767.
- ii. JANE MCLEAN PATTERSON, b. Abt. March 19, 1770.
- iii. MARGARET PATTERSON, m. STEPHEN MITCHELL.

23. ABNER⁴ THORPE (*DANIEL³, DANIEL², THOMAS THORPE¹ (THORP, THARP)*) was born 1731 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey, and died in Monmouth County, New Jersey. He married (1) EUNICE BROWN, daughter of ANDREW BROWN and SARAH UNKNOWN. She was born November 15, 1738 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey, and died August 12, 1801 in Monmouth County, New Jersey. He married (2) ANNA UNKNOWN Aft. 1801.

Notes for ABNER THORPE:

May 25, 1759. Will of Andrew Brown of Woodbridge, NJ. (unreadable) Sarah; dau. Eunice Thorp & s. Andrew Thorp. Will wit. by Thomas Thorp (NJ 32:42). Source: Charles Gardiner, "New Jersey Families, 1600-1900."

Charles Gardiner gives Abner's birthdate: Feb 22, 1731 (this is the date on his tombstone). Died Dec 4, 1812, Monmouth County, New Jersey. He entered service in the Rev. War in 1776 and was actively employed in the army until the close of the War. He was an ardent Whig and the personal friend of "the father of his country."

He gives Eunice's date of death: Aug. 12, 1801, in her 63rd year.

However, a descendant of this line (Lois Grzenda) states that there is a family bible that gives Abner's birthdate as 17 Mar 1731. Lois also noted that Abner Thorp appeared on a Middlesex Co. deed for Solomon Thorp and wife Hannah, along with Solomon's sons Thomas, John & Enoch. (This is Solomon Thorp, son of Thomas Thorpe (1695), grandson of William and Lydia (Robbins) Thorpe. However, Lois thought the deed was from 1768, which is after Solomon's death date of 1750. I have not yet found a copy of this deed). Also appearing in the deed is David Wright and wife Ruth. (Note: David is the brother of Mary Wright, who married Job Thorpe (1717))

There is also a deed from 1769 in which Abner & Unice Thorp of Woodbridge sell land to William Edgar (Thank you to Cindy Graham and the Monmouth Co. Historical Society). The deed reads as follows:

This indenture made the 13th day of the fourth month called April in the year of our Lord 1769, between Abner Thorp of the Township of Woodbridge in the county of Middlesex, an Eastern Division of the Province of New Jersey, yoeman, of the other part, witnesseth that the said Abner Thorp for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred and sixty-eight pounds current money of the province aforesaid at eight shillings the ounce, to him in hand well and truly paid before ensealing and delivery being by the said William Edgar in receipt where of the said Abner Thorp hereby acknowledges and himself therewith fully satisfied, contented and paid hath granted, bargained, sold, allined, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents doth grant, bargain unto the said William Edgar, his heirs and assigns forever all that certain tract or parcel of land salt meadow situate lying and being in Woodbridge aforesaid at Rahway, butted and bounded as followeth, beginning at a large white oak tree standing in the line that divides the land of the said Abner and John Thorp from said beginning running along said line south nine degrees, 40 minutes, east 19 chains, 27 links to a stake planted on the north edge of the highway south 58 degrees, 40 minutes, east 9 chains, thence south 49 degrees, 15 minutes, east 7 chains, thence south 65 degrees, east 5 chains and 18 links to a stake planted being the southwest corner of a certain tract or lot of land Benjamin Thorp conveyed to Joshua Stone, deed, thence north 15 degrees, east 8 chains, 31 links, to a stake planted in the north side of a small creek, thence north 75 degrees, east 2 chains and 45 links to a stake planted by

said creek, being the southwest corner of lands and meadows belonging to David Edgar, then along the said David Edgar beginning, containing (after an allowance made for broken or bad marsh meadow) 88 acres and half of land and meadow bounded west of the said John Thorpe land, southwest by the highway aforesaid, easterly in part by the aforesaid Joshua Stone's land, in the possession of a David Fling (Flin, Flan??) and part by the land of the said David Edgar, southerly by the aforesaid small creek and northeast by Rahway River aforesaid (all which land and premises hereby granted the said Abner Thorp purchased severally of his father and the aforesaid Benjamin Thorp and James FitzRandolph, as by a deed of sale under hand and seal of the said Benjamin Thorp 20th of the month called March Anna Domini, 1759; also two deeds of sale, under the hand and seal of the said James FitzRandolph, on dated May 1, 1760, and the other dated April 1, 1761, as by the above mentioned deeds of sale reference thereunto being had doth and more fully and at large appear.

Signed, Abner Thorp & Unice Thorp
Witness: John Noe, John Moore
June 24th, 1769

Recorded March 12th, 1852, in deed book S7, page 204, New Brunswick, New Jersey, Middlesex Co. A true copy made by Freeman Worth Gardiner, 9-18-26.

As noted by researcher and descendant Lois Grzenda, William Edgar is the son of Thomas Edgar (1681-1759). Thomas Edgar married Janet (Jenet) Knox, the daughter of Annabel Gordon and William Knox. Annabel later married George Brown of Woodbridge after William's death, and thus became Eunice (Brown) Thorpe's grandmother!

Annabel Gordon was born in Scotland in 1661 and came to America unmarried, having sailed in 1685 from Leith on the Henry and Francis. George Brown had crossed the Atlantic on the small boat at the same time. The Browns and the Gordons were Covenanters. (See "Pioneer Families of Northwestern New Jersey").

The John Thorpe referred to in Abner's deed could be John, son of Benjamin Thorpe (1669), or John, son of Norris Thorpe (grandson of Daniel Thorpe (1661) and Abigail Norris).

Notes from the Monmouth County Historical Society (as interpreted by Ellen Coffman and Cindy Graham): Jeremiah Stone died at Woodbridge, NJ, Nov. 15, 1756. His executors were his wife, Rhoda Thorp Stone, and her father, Benjamin Thorp. The Orphan's Court first appointed David Flin (?) guardian of his son Jeremiah Stone in 1772. Jeremiah Stone (son of Joshua and Rhoda (Thorp) Stone) petitioned the Orphan's Court to appoint his grandfather, Benjamin Thorp, as his guardian ? appointments. David Flin was appointed his guardian in 1769.

In the will of Benjamin Thorpe, dated 1814, son of Abner & Eunice (Brown) Thorpe, the land of Abner Thorpe in Woodbridge is purchased from the Administrator, William Edgar (deceased) and left to his 6 children (Benjamin apparently had 8, but only 6 are mentioned in the will). The children listed are: James, Nathan, Hester, Elizabeth, Albert and Daniel Lyon Thorpe.

Further information on Abner's branch can be found in: Pioneer Families of Northwestern New Jersey, by William C. Armstrong.

Abner Thorpe is buried at Farmingdale, Monmouth Co., NJ, near a cross road called "West Farm." This cemetery is also known as "Captain Matthew's Cemetery." His son Benjamin Thorpe (1759) is also buried there. His gravestone reads: "Born on the 22nd day of February, 1731. He entered the service of his country in the Quartermaster's Department in the year 1776, and remained actively employed in the army to the close of the War of the Revolution.

He was an ardent and devoted Whig and the personal friend of the Father of his Country.

At the close of the war he retired to his farm in Monmouth County, where in the discharge of every parental and society duty and in the enjoyment of a lively faith in the mercies of his Divine Master, he continued to dispense his benevolence until his pure spirit was summoned home on the 4th of December, 1812, in the 82nd year of his age."

Abner Thorpe had 9 sons, but only three of them remained in NJ/NY area: Benjamin Thorpe of Monmouth Co., New Jersey; George B. Thorpe (alderman) of New York City and Orange, NJ; John B. Thorpe, a merchant tailor

in New York City. The other six sons went to Kentucky near Maysville, not all going at the same time; later, they drifted northward across the Ohio River to Cincinnati.

At the time of the Revolution, Abner was living with or near his son-in-law, Silas Reynolds (son of Daniel Reynolds) at Smith's Clove (near Monroe), Orange Co., NY. (near Bloomingdale). While living in NY, Abner purchased from Hendrick and Barnes Smock the land in Monmouth County, NJ. "From this farm was sold the first marl ever marketed as fertilizer; and so this homestead was named the Marl Valley Farm." (From: "Pioneer Families of Northwestern New Jersey, " by William Armstrong).

Abner's farm was very close to Shrewsbury Township. It is therefore likely that there is close connection between Abner's branch and that of Benjamin Tharp (abt 1770) who married Elizabeth Maxson , daughter of Zebulon Maxson and members of Shrewsbury 7th Day Baptist Church. DNA test results have indicated that Benjamin Tharp is a descendant of Thomas Thorpe Sr. (1631)/Rebecca Milward, though the exact line of descent is unknown at this point in time.

Sources listed in "Pioneer Families of Northwestern New Jersey," for information on Abner Thorpe's descendants:

1. An old family bible of Abner' Thorpe's, which in 1799 he gave to his son, Abner Jr., on Junior's 20th Birthday, when Junior was about to leave NJ and go to Kentucky. At the time that William Armstrong wrote his book, the bible was owned by Abner Thorpe Jr's great-granddaughter, Mrs. Edward Lane, 100 Oak Hill Ave., Delaware, Ohio.

2. Memoranda kept by William Cook, son of Jesse and Ann Eliza Thorpe Cook.

3. Document: A Power of Attorney granted to John B. Thorp, merchant tailor of New York City, dated May 1, 1824.

4. Document: A Quitclaim deed dated May 31, 1827, and acknowledged in Hamilton County, Ohio. Both documents are signed by the same parties: Andrew Thorpe, Daniel Thorpe, Joanna Thorpe, Ezekiel Thorpe, Abigail Thorpe, Hannah Reed, Abner Thorpe, Mary Thorpe, Joseph Newman, Elizabeth Newman, and David Thorpe and his wife Sarah, plus five husbands or wives of Abner's children.

More information on Abner's branch can be found in the book, "A Branch of the Reynold's Family" and "Silas Reynolds & GA Descendants," by Charlotte Byron. Much of the information found in "A Branch of the Reynolds Family," was supplied by Mary B. Schmuck, great-granddaughter of Ezekiel Thorpe (1782).

Interesting, in Charles Gardiner's notes on the Thorpes in "Early New Jersey Families 1600-1900," information on John Jacob Tharp (19 Feb 1776, m. Mary Benham) was supplied by a Mrs. M.B. Schmuck. This family tree shows Daniel Thorpe (1661) having a son John Thorpe, who married Rebecca Harrison, then Prudence Harrison. Their son, James (5 Mar 1745, Bridgetown, or Lower Rahway, NJ) married Martha Walton. Children include: Hannah, Phoebe, Ann, John Jacob, Mark Walton, and Silas.

Although Daniel Thorpe/Abigail Norris did not have son named John, Daniel's brother Benjamin (1669) did. Nothing is know about Benjamin's son John Thorpe. He may be the John who owns land next door to Abner's property in Woodbridge.

More About ABNER THORPE:

Burial: West Farms, Farmingdale, Monmouth Co, New Jersey

More About EUNICE BROWN:

Burial: West Farms, Farmingdale, Monmouth Co, New Jersey

Notes for ANNA UNKNOWN:

Anna was Abner Thorpe's second wife. According to William Armstrong in "Pioneer Families of Northwestern New Jersey," Anna was a childless widow in 1812. In 1814, she sold to her stepston, Benjamin Thorpe, her dower right in land on the south side of Manasquan River, NJ. See also Deed Book, Freehold, NJ.

Children of ABNER THORPE and EUNICE BROWN are:

- i. ANNIPEL⁵ THORPE, b. August 02, 1756; d. March 18, 1813, New Jersey; m. JOHN DEMAREST, 1774, Goshen, Orange County, New York; b. September 22, 1745; d. July 16, 1835, Brooklyn, New York.

Notes for ANNIPEL THORPE:

Alternative date of death given by researchers is 1816. The "1813" date comes from William Armstrong's book, "Pioneer Families of Northwestern New Jersey." The "1816" date apparently comes from John E. Stillwell, "Historical and Genealogical Miscellany New Jersey." She died in her 59th year.

Alternate birthdate also given as Nov. 20, 1757, Monmouth County, New Jersey.

More About ANNIPEL THORPE:

Burial: Pleasant Cemetery, Freneau, New Jersey

Notes for JOHN DEMAREST:

John was the son of Jacob B. Demarest. He was a revolutionary war soldier, serving in the 2nd Regiment, Orange County, New York.

- ii. SARAH THORPE, b. August 02, 1756; d. Abt. 1827, Staten Island, New York; m. SILAS REYNOLDS; b. Abt. 1750, England; d. Aft. 1827.

Notes for SARAH THORPE:

This couple lived at Smith's Clove (now Monroe), Orange County, New York. By 1827, they were living in New York City. Silas Reynolds was a Revolutionary War soldier.

Sarah was also known as "Sally."

The list of the Reynold's children was found in William Armstrong's "Pioneer Families of Northwestern New Jersey." However, sources on the Reynolds family list two other children not found in Armstrong's book: Penelope Reynolds, born Jan 1790, New York, died 19 Jan 1878, Lyon Township, Oakland County, Michigan.

Also, a John A. Reynolds, born 1798, Goshen, Orange County, New York, died 1876, Atlanta, Dekalb County, GA.

And further, an Elizabeth Reynolds, no dates given.

These sources do not list a "Billach" or "Abba" Reynolds.

- iii. ANDREW THORPE, b. October 15, 1758; d. January 02, 1827; m. SUSANNAH BILYOU, 1776, Prob. Howell Township, Monmouth Co., NJ; b. March 20, 1755; d. November 24, 1820.

Notes for ANDREW THORPE:

In 1782-82, Andrew and Susannah Thorpe went from New Jersey through Virginia to Washington, county seat of Mason County, Kentucky. In 1828, Andrew was spoken of as "late of Howell township, Monmouth County, New Jersey." (See "Pioneer Families of NJ," William Armstrong).

Andrew and Susannah are buried in a pioneer burial plot near Washington, Kentucky, in Mason County.

More About ANDREW THORPE:

Burial: Mason County, Kentucky

More About SUSANNAH BILYOU:

Burial: Mason County, Kentucky

- iv. BENJAMIN THORPE, b. October 21, 1759; d. August 25, 1814; m. (1) ABIGAIL LIPPINCOTT; m. (2) SARAH LYON, 1787, Westfield Presbyterian Church, Westfield, NJ; b. November 08, 1766, Essex, New Jersey.

Notes for BENJAMIN THORPE:

Benjamin was the administrator of his father's estate. He is spoken of as living in Newark, NJ. Newark is close to Westfield, where he married Sarah Lyon.

It became obvious to me and some of the other researchers I was working with that Benjamin's first wife must have been Sarah Lyon. Not only did the date of their marriage in 1787 fit perfectly with birthdates of their children, but the fact that a son was named "Daniel Lyon" was revealing.

Sarah Lyon's family tree goes back to Joseph FitzRandolph (1 Mar 1656, Barnstable, MA) and Joanna Conger

(1 Aug 1670, Woodbridge, NJ): Both FitzRandolph and Conger families intermarried early on with the Woodbridge Thorpes. In fact, Joanna Conger was the aunt of Job Conger who married Mary Keziah Thorpe, daughter of Joseph & Anna (Richards) Thorpe.

I was able to trace descendants of this branch of Abner's family with the help of two other researchers: Cindy Graham (descendant of Benjamin Tharp/Elizabeth Maxson) and Lois Grzenda (descendant of Abner Thorpe/Eunice Brown).

Historian William Armstrong cautions that Benjamin Thorpe (1759), son of Abner, should not be confused with Benjamin Thorpe (1745), son of a David Thorp who settled in the Monmouth Co. area of New Jersey in 1740.

From a note provided by the Monmouth Historical Society, from the will of Benjamin Thorpe, dated Nov 3, 1814. Proved Dec 10, 1814. "Begins thus - To my two sons James and Nathan - parcels of land containing 17 1/2 A., 40 A. and 26 A. the last including 24 A. of land purchased of the administrator of William Edgar (deceased). To daughter Hester and Elizabeth and two other sons Albert and Daniel Lyon Thorp 83 A. divided evenly."

This Daniel Lyon Thorp was born Dec 5, 1810 at Short Hills, NJ (according to Monmouth Co. Historical Society Notes), died Aug 10, 1867 in New York City. He had a general store for years in Owasso, Michigan & married 1849 Maria Louisa Ingersoll at Detroit, Michigan, in St. Paul's Church. He had a number of children - one of whom is Albert Ingersoll Thorpe b. 1869. Lived at Parsippany, NJ.

According to researcher Cindy Graham, you can find D. Lyon Thorpe on the 1850 census for Shiawassee Co., Michigan, born NJ, wife born NY.

More About BENJAMIN THORPE:

Burial: West Farms, Farmingdale, Monmouth Co, New Jersey

- v. GREER THORPE, b. April 01, 1762.

Notes for GREER THORPE:

William Armstrong, in "Pioneer Families of Northwestern New Jersey," has the name of their child, born April 1, 1762, as "Grace."

- vi. DAVID THORPE, b. April 27, 1764; m. (1) SALLY DAVISON; m. (2) SALLY LAIRD; d. Abt. 1834.

Notes for DAVID THORPE:

David and Sarah Laird Thorpe moved to Adams County, Ohio, and then to Cincinnati in 1820.

More About DAVID THORPE:

Burial: Abt. 1833, Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, Ohio

More About SALLY LAIRD:

Burial: Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, Ohio

- vii. ELIZABETH THORPE, b. July 11, 1767, Shrewsbury Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey; d. June 28, 1834; m. JOSEPH NEWMAN, September 07, 1786, Point Pleasant, Monmouth County, New Jersey; b. January 11, 1762, Shrewsbury Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey; d. January 22, 1834.

Notes for ELIZABETH THORPE:

Joseph Newman was the son of John Newman and Alice Goodbody. Joseph and Elizabeth moved before 1802 to Franklin Township, Ohio. Joseph was employed as a Justice of Peace in Adams County, Ohio from 1803-1815.

More About ELIZABETH THORPE:

Burial: Abbot-Brown Burial Ground, Franklin Twp., Brown Co, Ohio

- viii. HON. GEORGE BROWN THORPE, b. June 17, 1772; d. Abt. 1846; m. (1) NANCY DAVISON, February 14, 1805; b. August 26, 1781, New Jersey; d. February 14, 1819; m. (2) ELIZA AMOS, February 11, 1819.

Notes for HON. GEORGE BROWN THORPE:

George Thorpe was an Alderman in New York City in 1817-1821 and 1836-1838.

- ix. DANIEL THORPE, b. January 24, 1770; d. July 1833; m. JOANNA DAVISON, 1790, Monmouth County, New

Jersey; b. August 01, 1769; d. March 19, 1861.

Notes for DANIEL THORPE:

Daniel and Joanna Thorpe first migrated to Adams County, Ohio, then later to Cincinnati, Ohio.

- x. HANNAH THORPE, b. November 21, 1774; d. March 19, 1861; m. LUTHER REED, 1802; d. February 23, 1814.

Notes for HANNAH THORPE:

Hannah and Luther Reed migrated in 1809 to Franklin Township, Brown County, Ohio.

More About HANNAH THORPE:

Burial: Abbot-Brown Burial Ground, Franklin Twp, Brown Co, Ohio

Notes for LUTHER REED:

Luther served in the Ohio militia during the War of 1812.

More About LUTHER REED:

Burial: Abbot-Brown Burial Ground, Franklin Twp., Brown Co, Ohio

- xi. COL. JOHN BROWN THORPE, b. November 13, 1777; d. May 29, 1843; m. HANNAH DAVISON, March 30, 1809, New York, New York; b. June 24, 1790; d. November 30, 1834.

Notes for COL. JOHN BROWN THORPE:

John and Hannah lived in New York City where John became a successful tailor and clothing manufacturer.

Their marriage took place in the Dutch Reformed Church in Greenwich Village, New York, NY. Again, this raises the question of the connection between the Woodbridge Thorpes and the Dutch Reformed Church of New York City (refer to my notes on the "Dutch Thorpe's" under Thomas Thorpe Sr. (1631)).

Hannah Davison was the daughter of John "Squire" Davison and Sarah English.

- xii. ABNER THORPE, b. August 31, 1779; d. November 09, 1861, Sycamore, Hamilton County, Ohio; m. MARY TOWNLEY LAWRENCE, February 07, 1799, Monmouth County, New Jersey; b. 1777; d. 1851, Hamilton County, Ohio.

Notes for ABNER THORPE:

Death date provided by researcher Lois Grzenda is Nov, 1849. This differs from the date in William Armstrong's book.

Lois Grzenda's research shows Abner's wife was named "Mary Chamberlain," again another difference from Armstrong's book. She apparently came from Freehold, New Jersey.

Abner and Mary migrated first to Limestone, Kentucky, and later to Hamilton County, Ohio.

- xiii. EZEKIEL THORPE, b. January 06, 1782; d. May 29, 1833; m. ABIGAIL THORPE.

Notes for EZEKIEL THORPE:

Abigail Thorpe is a relative of Ezekiel Thorpe. Unfortunately, William Armstrong, in "Pioneer Families of Northwestern New Jersey," does not mention how the two are related.

- xiv. ABI THORPE, m. CHARLES DEMAREST.

- xv. EZRA THORPE.

Notes for EZRA THORPE:

In William Armstrong's book, he notes that Ezra is mentioned in "the Greenleaf genealogy as belonging to this household." There is no further record of him.

24. JAMES⁴ GAGE (HANNAH³ THORP, ZEBULON² THORPE, THOMAS THORPE¹ (THORP, THARP)) was born December 15, 1717 in Harwich, Barnstable, Massachusetts. He married (1) SARAH BAKER February 12, 1741/42. She was born July 15, 1726 in Yarmouth, Barnstable, Massachusetts. He married (2) MERCY BAKER July 18, 1747.

Notes for JAMES GAGE:

Again, information on this lineage provided by the family tree (Ancestry.com) of Carol Austin.

Children of JAMES GAGE and SARAH BAKER are:

- i. SARAH⁵ GAGE, b. May 17, 1745, Harwich, Barnstable, Massachusetts; m. THOMAS ELDREDGE, November 26, 1762, Harwich, Barnstable, Massachusetts; b. May 15, 1742, Harwich, Barnstable, Massachusetts.
- ii. HANNAH GAGE, b. 1747; m. JONATHAN BASSETT.
- iii. MATTHEW GAGE, b. Abt. 1748.
- iv. JAMES GAGE, b. 1750.
- v. ABIGAIL GAGE, b. 1752; m. JOHN SMALL, 1772.
- vi. LYDIA GAGE, b. Abt. 1761.
- vii. ANNA GAGE, b. 1760; m. SETH ALLEN.

25. LOT⁴ GAGE (*HANNAH³ THORP, ZEBULON² THORPE, THOMAS THORPE¹ (THORP, THARP)*) was born October 16, 1720 in Harwich, Barnstable, Massachusetts. He married ABIGAIL SMALL September 12, 1750. She was born 1730.

Children of LOT GAGE and ABIGAIL SMALL are:

- i. LOT⁵ GAGE, b. 1766; m. ABIGAIL PERCIVAL, October 18, 1783.
- ii. THANKFUL GAGE.
- iii. ELIZABETH GAGE.
- iv. DESIRE GAGE, m. DAVID SCUDDER, October 21, 1788.

26. ZEBULON⁴ GAGE (*HANNAH³ THORP, ZEBULON² THORPE, THOMAS THORPE¹ (THORP, THARP)*) was born December 15, 1724 in Harwich, Barnstable, Massachusetts. He married HANNAH CLARK January 24, 1748/49. She was born 1730.

Children of ZEBULON GAGE and HANNAH CLARK are:

- i. DAVID⁵ GAGE, b. 1751.
- ii. ISAAC GAGE, b. 1757.
- iii. THOMAS E. GAGE, b. 1759.
- iv. ZENAS GAGE, b. 1761.
- v. JOSHUA GAGE, b. 1763.
- vi. REBECCA GAGE.
- vii. RELIANCE GAGE, b. 1756; m. ANTHONY KELLEY, November 30, 1779.
- viii. MARY GAGE, b. 1765.
- ix. PHOEBE GAGE, b. 1767; m. UNKNOWN BUTLER.
- x. MEHITABLE GAGE, b. 1768; m. ISRAEL NICKERSON.

27. WILLIAM⁴ GAGE (*HANNAH³ THORP, ZEBULON² THORPE, THOMAS THORPE¹ (THORP, THARP)*) was born September 11, 1727 in Harwich, Barnstable, Massachusetts, and died 1795. He married HANNAH DOWNES October 03, 1750. She was born 1733, and died 1806.

Children of WILLIAM GAGE and HANNAH DOWNES are:

- i. JONATHAN⁵ GAGE, b. 1754.
- ii. WILLIAM GAGE, b. 1757.
- iii. JOSIAH GAGE, b. 1764.
- iv. NATHANIAL GAGE, b. 1760.
- v. ANTHONY GAGE.
- vi. JOSEPH GAGE.
- vii. HANNAH GAGE, m. JOSEPH O'KELLEY.
- viii. CATHERINE GAGE.

28. ELLIS⁴ THORPE (*ZEBULON³, JOSEPH², THOMAS THORPE¹ (THORP, THARP)*) He married UNKNOWN.

Notes for ELLIS THORPE:

Ellis may have been named for his aunt Elizabeth Ellis, the wife of Thomas Thorpe Jr.

We know the names of Ellis's children because they are mentioned in "Uncle David's will." See "History of St. Peter's Church in Perth Amboy," Unknown, 1924.

I don't believe this is David Thorpe m. Charity, son of Job & Mary (Wright) Thorpe. He mentions his brother Ichabod Thorpe, but leaves his estate to his nephew Job Thorpe's daughter, Catherine Thorpe (as well as David Martin, son of Enoch Martin). I don't have a David Thorpe listed as a child of Zebulon and Grace (Deake) Thorpe. There is another David Thorpe, son of Thomas Thorpe, born 1695 (son of William and Lydia Thorpe).

Children of ELLIS THORPE and UNKNOWN are:

- i. JAMES⁵ THORPE.

Notes for JAMES THORPE:

There is a James Thorp, householder, who shows on the 1778 Woodbridge tax list. There is also a James Tharp (along with a Jonathan and William Tharp) of Alexandria, NJ, who served in the Huntington Co. Militia. (GMNJ 9:48) Source: Charles Gardiner, "New Jersey Families 1600-1900).

James and his brother Isaac had a guardian appointed March Term 1817 (See "History of St. Peters Church in Perth Amboy" Unknown author, 1923).

- ii. ISAAC THORPE.

29. JOSEPH⁴ THORP (*JOB³ THORPE*, *JOSEPH²*, *THOMAS THORPE¹* (*THORP*, *THARP*)) was born February 21, 1741/42 in Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey, and died December 21, 1808 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey. He married ANNE UNKNOWN.

Notes for JOSEPH THORP:

From Charles Gardiner, "New Jersey Families 1600-1900,":

Will of Joseph Thorp of Woodbridge, Dec 21, 1808 - Feb 10, 1809. Names wife Anne and children:

Joseph (He and son-in-law John Toms, ex'rs.)

Janet Jaquis

Mary Thorp

Mercy Toms.

Feb 7, 1809. Inv., not totalled, but appr. by Clarkson Edgar & Isaac Toms.

Joseph Thorp appears on the 1778 Woodbridge Tax list with 42a.

It believe "Jaquis" is a misspelling of the "Jaques" surname so prevalent in Woodbridge, NJ records.

Children of JOSEPH THORP and ANNE UNKNOWN are:

- i. JOSEPH⁵ THORP.
- ii. JANET THORP, m. UNKNOWN JACQUES.
- iii. MARY THORP.
- iv. MERCY THORP, m. JOHN TOMS.

30. ICHABOD⁴ THORP (*JOB³ THORPE*, *JOSEPH²*, *THOMAS THORPE¹* (*THORP*, *THARP*)) was born September 18, 1743 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey, and died 1801 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey. He married ANNA UNKNOWN.

Notes for ICHABOD THORP:

There is much confusion over Ichabod Thorpe because there is many with this name living at the same time in NJ, Ohio and PA. There is indication of an Ichabod Thorpe who went to Fayette County, Pennsylvania with Reuben Thorpe (1755) and his brothers, clearly all descendants of Thomas Thorpe/Rebecca Milward. In fact, there appears to be an older and younger Ichabod residing in Fayette County in the early 1800's, possibly father and son. See Fayette County Census 1790 (Wharton Twp, spelled "Ichabode Tharp") and 1800 census (Wharton Twp., "Echabud Tharp", and Dunbar Twp, "Ecubud Tharp").

Information provided by researcher Tami Gaugler:

1800 Census, Fayette County, Pennsylvania:

Ekabud Tharp, age over 45

3 males under 10
1 male 16-26
1 female 10-26
2 females 16-26
female over 45

Other who appear in the census with Ekabod are David (Amos) Thorp (son of Reuben): age 16-26, and wife Nancy, age 16-26.

Reuben Thorpe, age over 45, 3 males under 10, 2 males 10-16, 1 male 26-45, 2 females 26-45, 1 female over 45.
John Tharp, age 16-26, female 16-26, 1 male under 10.

Benjamin Tharp, age over 45, 3 boys under 10, 1 female under 10, 1 female 10-16, wife 26-45 (most likely Reuben's younger brother, who married Phebe Martin).

The Ichabod appearing in the 1800 census above is the right age to be Ichabod, born 1743, son of Job & Mary Thorpe. However, it also appears that there is an Ichabod Thorpe who remained in Woodbridge, New Jersey. This Ichabod also is clearly a descendant of Thomas Thorpe/Rebecca Milward. Ichabod's brother, Paul Thorpe moved to Fayette Co., Pennsylvania. However, their brother David Thorpe also remained in New Jersey. Information on Icabod Thorp/Anna Unknown provided by researched Charles Gardiner's notes in: "New Jersey Families 1600-1900."

Ichabod Thorpe appears on the census for Woodbridge, Middlesex Co., NJ for 1779, 1784, 1787, 1817, 1818 and 1819. Since Ichabod died in Woodbridge in 1801, I haven't determined who the Ichabod appearing in the 1817-1819 census is.

Information on Ichabod Thorpe/Esther Trembley provided by researchers Jo Weaver and Teena Troock. This Ichabod is buried in Franklin Co., Ohio (died 1806) and is connected with the line of Asher Tharp of Morris Co., NJ. Asher supposedly married Esther's sister, Mary Trembley. I've never been able to confirm these connections, but suspect some evidence can be found in the records of the New Providence Church, Morris Co., NJ. It is unclear whether these Tharps are connected to the Woodbridge line.

Children of ICHABOD THORP and ANNA UNKNOWN are:

- i. FRANCES⁵ THORP, m. ENOCH MARTIN.

Notes for FRANCES THORP:

Information regarding Ichabod and Job Martin, children of Frances (Fanny) Thorpe and Enoch Martin, was obtained from the Notes of Charles Gardiner, "New Jersey Families 1600-1900." See his section on the Martin Family of New Jersey

Ichabod Martin, Deed 22, pg. 628, unreadable New Brunswick, ?County New Jersey. Ichabod Martin to Joseph Toms 7-7-1829. Ichabod Martin being the child of Enoch and Fanny Martin sells (unreadable) right in (unreadable) what Ichabod Thorp granted in his will (unreadable) Fanny wife of Enoch Martin. Rec. 8-19-1831.

Job Martin: Deed (Dec'd) 23, pg. 639, Co. Clerk, New Brunswick, NJ. Job Martin wife Jane 2-7-1831 of Woodbridge Twp. to Joseph Toms (unreadable) right in (unreadable) Ichabod Thorp granted in his will to his daughter Fanny wife of Enoch Martin and their children of which Job Martin is one. Rec 8-19-1831.

- ii. MARY THORP, m. JOHN COMPTON.
- iii. JOB THORP, d. Bef. 1801.
- iv. SARAH THORP, m. JONATHAN PAIN.

31. PAUL⁴ THORP (*JOB³ THORPE*, *JOSEPH²*, *THOMAS THORPE¹* (*THORP*, *THARP*)) was born May 21, 1748 in Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey, and died 1837. He married ISABELLA.

Notes for PAUL THORP:

According to researcher Tami Gaugler, Reuben Thorpe mentions his brother Paul in his sworn testimony regarding his Rev. War service.

Paul also served in the Rev. War. In an email sent by Marta Burns, 5 Oct 2003:
Penn Pensioners 1835, from US Senate. Report from the Secretary of War, in Obedience to Resolutions of the Senate of the 5th and 30th of June, 1834, and the 3rd of March, 1835, In relation to the Pension Establishment of the United States (Penn. section), Washington, DC: Duff Green, 1835

Name: Paul Thorp
Rank: Private
Annual Allowance: 80.00
Sums Received: 240.00
Description of service: Pennsylvania Continental
When placed on the pension roll: Nov. 29, 1833
Commencement of pension: March 4, 1831
Age: 86

See also Naomi Tharp Spinner's family compilation on the Thorpe's for information on the children of Job and Mary (Wright) Thorpe. She notes the following:

"1762, Feb. 23 Thorp, Joseph, of Woodbridge, Middlesex Co. Ward. Aged 20 years and one of the children of Job Thorp, of Woodbridge, Deceased. Guardian Richard Wright. Fellowbondsman - David Wright; both of said place."

More About PAUL THORP:
Burial: old Hopwood Cemetery, Fayette County, PA

Children of PAUL THORP and ISABELLA are:
i. MARGARET⁵ THORP, b. February 15, 1785; d. February 04, 1850; m. ISAAC HUTCHINSON.
ii. ELIZABETH THORP, m. HUGH ELDERTON.

32. REUBEN⁴ THORPE (*JOB*³, *JOSEPH*², *THOMAS THORPE*¹ (*THORP, THARP*)) was born January 16, 1755 in Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey, and died February 08, 1848 in Fayette County, PA. He married HANNAH LOBDELL July 23, 1778 in New Jersey, daughter of DAVID LOBDELL and PHEBE BURT. She was born September 11, 1760 in Middlesex, New Jersey, and died November 14, 1826 in Stewart Twp., Fayette County, PA.

Notes for REUBEN THORPE:

Reuben was a weaver by trade. His family moved to Fayette Co., PA in 1792, according to "History of Fayette County," by Ellis (1882). They purchased one hundred fifty acres of land of the "Askins Tract" for one hundred pounds. According to Tami Gaugler, Askins Tract was land claimed by David Askins of 10 square miles which he called "Little Kentucky" now know as Kentuck. He allowed the following families to purchase some of his land: Morris, Thorpe, and Mitchell. The Askins family moved west after 1800.

Reuben later had a public house and caried on a distillery in the days when the old Turkeyfoot road was one of the lines of travel from Somerset, PA, to Uniontown, PA. Tami Gaugler: Reuben had a Tavern License Recommendations for Wharton Twp., Fayette Co, PA, for 1806-1808.

Reuben also purchase several tracts of land in Perry County, Ohio, where some of his descendants later settled.

Reuben used "Thorpe," but some descendants used "Thorp" or "Tharp."

Reuben was buried on the his farm, which became the "Belle Grove Cemetery," and is now known as "Irwin Momorial Cemetery," Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

He served in the Rev. War, New Jersey militia for a year and a half. He was used as a scout against the Indians and the British, and was often responsible for guarding British sympathizers. I have his Rev. War file: more to follow about this.

History of Fayette County by Ellis mentions Jacob Thorpe under Bullskin Township, pg. 486, land surveys made 1785-1788: Reuben Thorpe owned 239 acres and Jacob Thorpe owned 440 acres. Is this the "other" Thorp/Tharp family from NJ consisting of Jacob Tharp (who married Phebe Crawford) who settled in Fayette County,

Pennsylvania. However, none of Jacob and Phebe's children remained in Pennsylvania, all relocating to Ohio and further west. Thus, all the Thorpe's of Fayette County descend originally from Thomas Thorpe/Rebecca Milward.

According to Reuben's sworn testimony for his Rev. War pension, he was born in 1755 in Woodbridge Twp., Middlesex, NJ. He was listed as Reuben Thorp, yeoman of Wantage, Sussex, NJ, in the will/probate of his stepfather William Spencer in 1781. 1789 he is listed in the Tax Rate Tables of Middlesex, NJ.

In 1792, he moved to Ohiopyle, PA (according to his testimony). He opened a public house and Distillery. Hannah Thorpe served fried chicken, hot butter cakes, beef fried with onions, Johnny cakes, coffee, tea, and apple/peach brandy in their public house.

He later received a large amount of land in Perry, Ohio (in repayment for Rev. War service???)

1800 census of Wharton Twp (became Stewart Twp), Fayette, PA, written page 263, line 3:
Ruben Tharp, 1 male over 45, 1 male 26-45, 2 males 10-16, 3 males under 10, 1 female over 45, and 2 females 26-45

1810 census of Saltlick Twp., Fayette PA, pg. 116:

His sons Reuben and James Thorp were named as executors in his will. He said that the lots he owned in Smithfield should be sold to help pay his debts, expenses and legacies not already paid and that one year after his death his plantation should be sold and the money divided amongst his sons: John W. Thorp, Reuben, Jobe, James, Asa, and William (David was the only child not mentioned because he had predeceased his father). His daughters received some inheritance as well.

Military: Served in the NJ militia for nearly two years. In 1832 he was placed on the pension roll in Fayette, PA. He appeared in open court on 21 Aug 1832 to state his service in order to receive his pension. His Annual pension allowance as 70.00.

His pension file number is 1378018 Record of Service can be found in Adjutant General's Office, State of NJ. In the Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Pensions and in the Adjutant General's office, War Dept., Washington DC.

Other sources of Military Information: 1840 Thasp, Reuben, Fayette Co., PA p.119, Age 86, Wharton, PA 1840 Pensioners list PA39212282.

Thasp, Reuben 1755, Pennsylvania, Rev. War census of pensioners for Rev. military services. Washington, DC 1841. (195p.): 119 (household of son William)

County: Fayette Co., Name: Reuben Thorp
Rank: Private Annual Allowance: 70 00
When placed on pension roll: Nov. 13, 1832
Commencement of pension: March 4, 1831
Age: 79

Card in the files of the New Jersey Archives show he served as a private in the Middlesex County Militia under Thomas Hadden (winter of 1775), a private under Captain Joseph Harker, a private in Sussex Co. Militia under Capt. Isaac Halsey and Stephen Baldwin. He is also listed as a Minute Man.

It is likely that Reuben met his wife Hannah Lobdell while fighting in the Sussex Co., NJ/Orange Co., NY area. The Lobdell's were based in this area, and you will find Samuel Lobdell in the 1778 Tax Assessment for Orange County, NY, along with families that intermarried with the Lobdell's - Benedicts and St. Johns. You will also find Constant Leonard (abt 1755) in the 1778 Orange Co. Assessment - many of the Leonard children married Reuben and Hannah (Lobdell) Thorpe's children. Constant and his wife, Elizabeth Hamilton, relocated to Fayette County, Pennsylvania, at approximately the same time period (1790's) as Reuben Thorpe and family.

The Thorpes certainly made their impression on Fayette County: there is an area looking out towards the slopes of Laurel Ridge with Ohiopyle Borough nestled along the river valley's floor - it is called "Tharp Knob." It resides above a picnic area and is accessible via the Kentuck Knob Trail.

More About REUBEN THORPE:

Burial: Irwin Memorial Cemetary, Ohipyle, Fayette Co., PA

Notes for HANNAH LOBDELL:

See Lobdell file.

More About HANNAH LOBDELL:

Burial: November 1826, Irwin Memorial Cemetary, Fayette Co., PA

Children of REUBEN THORPE and HANNAH LOBDELL are:

- i. HANNAH⁵ THORPE, b. May 23, 1779, Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey; m. WILLIAM GRAHAM; b. Abt. 1775.
- ii. DAVID AMOS THORPE, b. March 09, 1781, Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey; d. February 02, 1828, Pennsylvania; m. NANCY SHIPLEY, Abt. 1801, Fayette County, PA; b. Abt. 1780, Maryland; d. December 05, 1858.

Notes for NANCY SHIPLEY:

New reference for the Shipley family: "The Shipley's of Maryland," published 2002.

- iii. MARY THORPE, b. July 28, 1783, Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey; d. Abt. 1848, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; m. (1) CONSTANT MAHLON LEONARD; b. Abt. 1780, Sussex Co., New Jersey; d. April 1808, Fayette County, PA; m. (2) FRANCIS MORRISON II, Abt. 1820; b. February 13, 1783, Chartiers Valley, Peters Twp., Washington Co., Pennsylvania; d. November 14, 1845, Sugar Loaf, Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

Notes for MARY THORPE:

Much of the information regarding Mary Thorpe's children with Constant Leonard, and their descendants, was provided by researcher Tami Gaugler, particularly the census information and dates of birth.

Mary Thorpe remarried Francis Morrison after Constant Leonard died. According to Tami Gaugler, all her children with Constant were raised by Reuben Thorpe. I believe the source of this information is Ellis's book, "The History of Fayette Co., PA."

Notes for CONSTANT MAHLON LEONARD:

The information that Constant Mahlon's father, Constant Leonard, was buried at Hillgrove came from Meredith Leonard, g-g-g-g granddaughter of Constant Leonard (descended from Constant and Mary Thorpe). She visited the site and photographed the grave. She also noted where his son, Constant Mahlon Leonard, was buried. She wrote his middle name as "Mahlon." Researcher Tami Gaugler also found that his daughter, Mary Potter, noted in the census that her father was "Constant Mahlon Leonard" and that he was born in New Jersey.

When looking at the early Fayette Co. census information, the Leonard information can be confusing. There is another Leonard family that settled in Fayette starting in the 1780's - the family of Enoch Leonard. Perhaps someday we will find out whether this Leonard family was related to Constant's. It is my guess that they probably are distantly related, but that pure conjecture. Another Leonard family, that of Edmund Leonard, a descendant of the Caleb Leonard clan from Washington Co., PA, settled in Fayette Co., PA, in the mid-1850's.

More About CONSTANT MAHLON LEONARD:

Burial: Indian Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, Fayette County, Pennsylvania

- iv. JOHN WALLACE THORPE, b. July 04, 1785, Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey; d. February 10, 1839, Perry County, Ohio; m. (1) HILA JANE LEONARD, Abt. 1803, Fayette County, PA; b. Abt. 1780, Sussex Co., NJ; d. Bef. 1850, Perry County, Ohio; m. (2) JANE WILEY, 1803, Fayette County, PA; b. Abt. 1780, Sussex Co., NJ; d. Bef. 1850, Perry County, Ohio.

Notes for HILA JANE LEONARD:

Hila Jane Leonard is the sister to Constant Leonard who married John Wallace's sister, Mary Thorpe.

- v. REUBEN THORPE, b. July 24, 1787, Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey; d. August 30, 1850, Fayette County, PA; m. SARAH PEACH; b. Abt. 1792, Maryland; d. November 11, 1868.
- vi. JOB THORPE, b. March 06, 1790, Fayette County, PA or Woodbridge, NJ; d. February 12, 1847, Perry County, Ohio; m. LUCY, Abt. 1815, Fayette County, PA; b. February 10, 1796, Maryland; d. September 27, 1857, Perry County, Ohio.
- vii. JAMES THORPE, b. June 28, 1793, Fayette County, PA or Woodbridge, NJ; d. July 30, 1881, Fayette County,

PA; m. HULDAH RUSH, March 16, 1815; b. September 11, 1796, Fayette County, PA; d. July 28, 1878.

Notes for JAMES THORPE:

Some of the information about his descendants was gained through Bible records once owned by Thankful Thorp Liston, granddaughter of Reuben Thorpe. Bible now owned by Edward Thorp Kind, great-grandson of Thankful Thorp Liston.

- viii. ASA THORPE, b. February 22, 1796, Fayette County, PA; m. JEMIMA MITCHELL.
- ix. WILLIAM THORPE, b. April 26, 1798, Fayette County, PA; d. October 05, 1865, Fayette County, PA; m. MARION MITCHELL, Abt. 1822, Fayette County, PA; b. October 21, 1802; d. September 24, 1865.

Notes for MARION MITCHELL:

Marion is undoubtedly the sister or cousin of Jemima Mitchell, married to William Thorp's brother, Asa Thorp. Mitchell family was quite prevalent in Stewart Township, being allowed to settle in Askins Track along with the Thorpe & Morris families (See Ellis's History of Fayette Co., PA).

33. BENJAMIN⁴ THORPE (*JOB*³, *JOSEPH*², *THOMAS THORPE*¹ (*THORP*, *THARP*)) was born February 23, 1759 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey, and died 1837 in Morgan Township, Green Co., Pennsylvania. He married PHEBE MARTIN.

Notes for BENJAMIN THORPE:

Benjamin's will was probated August 22, 1837.

Source: Thorpe family compilation by Thomas R. Tharp, Sr.:

Private Benjamin Tharp served under the command of Captain Asher Fitz Randolph's company of State Troops in the Revolutionary War raised for the defense of the frontiers of the State under Act of December 26, 1780, to be stationed in Middlesex County on the north side of the Raritan River, to be in the field by March 15, 1781, and to serve until January 1, 1782; served part of the time as a light horseman, on an excursion to Staten Island about September 25, 1781. He gained intelligence that the enemy were to come over to Woodbridge that night, and he returned to Woodbridge and spread the alarm.

Received certificates No. 107 & No. 548, dated June 8, 1784, and signed by Thomason Steele, for \$24:16:0 and \$0:18:4, respectively, for the depreciation of his continental pay in the Middlesex County Militia (source noted was MSS. Nos. 10415-A, 10236, 3815, Indents, A. Rev. War, p. 202).

Benjamin migrated with his two brothers, Paul and Reuben, to Fayette County, PA, in 1792, but later settled in Greene County, PA. He bought a farm called "Willow Bottom" in Morgan Township on Sept. 17, 1801, from John and Ruth Martin. It consisted of 325 Acres, for which he paid 50 lbs. Penna. money. Thomas R. Tharp Sr. noted that he may have married Phebe Martin (daughter of John & Ruth Martin) in NJ before coming to Pennsylvania, since their first child was born 1791.

Children of BENJAMIN THORPE and PHEBE MARTIN are:

- i. ELIZABETH⁵ THORPE, m. JOHN HEATER.
- ii. MARY THORPE, m. JESSE LAIRD.
- iii. MARGARET "JANE" THORPE, m. ISRAEL EDGAR.
- iv. ISABELLE THORPE.
- v. SARAH THORPE, b. March 19, 1790; m. BENJAMIN DAY.
- vi. REUBEN THORPE.
- vii. DAVID THORPE.
- viii. BENJAMIN THORPE, b. February 13, 1805; d. June 07, 1896; m. ELIZABETH UNKNOWN.
- ix. ICHABOD THORPE, b. January 10, 1807; d. May 06, 1857; m. SARAH ANN CARY.
- x. ABNER THORPE, b. 1809; d. August 03, 1898; m. SARAH MITCHELL.
- xi. JOHN THORPE.

Endnotes

1. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Ancestral File (TM), June 1998 (c), data as of 5 JAN 1998.