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# JACOB JEMSON OF MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

### [16900-17199]

## NOTES

The Jemsons or Jamisons of Monmouth and Middlesex county, NJ came over in the person of Jacob Jemson, who like his peers, was in all probability a Jacobite, having opposed the Hanoverian succession to the Scottish/English throne of George I. These Non-Jurors, as they were also called, were in cahoots with the House of Stewart in their attempts to over-throw the Hanover King. Having gone against the established rule too many times and in too many attempts many of the Stewarts who led the opposition fled to France, while a great number of Jacobites fled across the Atlantic and settled in New Jersey. These Jemsons and their neighbors had their roots in and around Aberdeen, most likely Norse in origins, protestant, and by association with the Stewarts greatly influenced in the customs of the old Kingdon of Armorica<sup>\*(1)</sup>. They were of a middle and/or upper class group with some education. While we can speculate all we want, many of the discontented emigrated and settled in middle Jersey. Jamesons abound throughout the area, but the documentation definitely shows that the Jemsons of this family were from Monmouth and later Middlesex counties. Perth Amboy plays a part in the following and its history details sparsely some of the interplay between Jamison and other families in the area. Joseph Jamison/Jemson, was baptised at Perth Amboy in 1737 at the Anglican Church at Shrewbury. Twenty years later Arthur **Van Kirk** took out a marriage license on May 2, 1757 to marry his second wife, Mary Jamison<sup>\*(2)</sup>.

Topanemus was located a little north and west of Freehold in Monmouth county, NJ. It is a forgotten town which died an untimely death when the county seat was established in Freehold. "To reach the site of the town proper, which clustered about a meeting house which became one of the first, if not the first outposts of the Church of England in the State, or colony, one must go downhill toward an old apple orchard and thence to the right, toward the property line. Then one can see the gravestones, similar to those brown markers, topped with carved skulls, crossbones, and fantastic angel faces, recalled from Kingston and other ancient cemeteries of New York State. The meeting house which stood here, surrounded by the little graveyard of long ago, was built in 1692 through the influence of George **Keith**, who returned to England after a fuss with his associate Quakers, was converted to the Church of England and was sent back to the colonies as a missionary. Keith led many of his Quaker followers to Confirmation but here at Topanemus he persuaded the whole meeting of Friends to become Episcopalians."<sup>\*(3)</sup> A few other rudimentary facts wend their way upward from these older days. but the devastation that has occurred on town and county records in New Jersey has created a difficul-ties in determining the factual relationships of these earlier Jemsons. The Revolution and the time element have both worked their incipient demands upon the original documents which has left the researcher, professional and amateur, alike, wondering what's to be done. It is hope that the following will provide a much-needed outline of the events and activities of this family and the resultant

work left up to the ambitions of future readers.

**16900-1 JACOB JEMSON**, was born circa 1700, Scotland. He may have married Mary \_\_\_\_\_, and emigrated to America about 1720. He settled Topeanamus, Monmouth co., NJ. and died in 1770, Middlesex co., NJ.

Children known:

(1) 16910 Jacob Jr., b. 10/5/1735; d. 1791; m.c. 1760, Rebecca **Pangborn**;

(2) 16911 xx John, b.c. 1739; res. Freehold, 1779-1780;

Notes:

Mr. Jemson in 1722 bought a tract of land in Topeanamus, Monmouth co., NJ. This purchase represented one of several from a group of people known as Non-Jurors or Jacobites, people who refused to accept the succession to the throne of England of the Hanovarian dynasty. Court probate records place him there in Topeanamus in 1723 in which he was one of three men appointed to inventory an estate. In the following year Lawrence **Van Hook** died and among the many mortgages he held was one Jacob Jemson. In 1729 Mr. Jemson purchased a tract of land on Millstone Brook located in the southeast of Hightstown between the bounds of Middlesex and Monmouth counties. He moved there some time after 1735 just after the baptism of his son, Jacob Jemson Jr., on October 5th at St. Peter's Anglican Church in Topeanamus. When the Monmouth county courthouse was built in nearby Freehold, just three or four miles down the road, people moved over leaving the small town deserted.

Occasionally, a Mary Jemson was recorded in the records of Topeanamus among various wills as a witness, but not enough facts can tell us if she was Jacob's wife. John Jamison, was a householder in Freehold from July of 1779 to January of 1780. He was listed with 2 horses, 3 cattle, 2 pigs in '79, and no horses or pigs, and only 2 cattle in 1780. His descendants removed eventually to Gloversville, Fulton co., NY.

Jacob Jemson was part of a migration that had its roots with a group of people known as Non-Jurors or, as they were more popularly known as, Jacobites. When England's Elizabeth I died in 1603, King James VI of Scotland became James I of England, the marriage placing the Scottish House of Stewart on both thrones. In 1687, King James II, a converted Roman Catholic, tried unsuccessfully through his Declaration of Indulgence to win over the support of the Dissenters and the Roman Catholics. Desposed of his Protestant faith, James II's son, insured the Roman orthodoxy to the throne when he came to power. Alarmed over this expectant situation James II's opponents sent for Prince William of Orange. The King fled to France when William arrived with his army and the Prince ruled in the interim until the rightful heirs, James II's two sisters, Queen Mary and later Queen Ann, both Protestants succeeded to the throne. When Ann died in 1714 with no living heir, an act of Parliament placed George I, her cousin, on the English throne passing over the House of Stewart because of their religion. Unable to accept George I as the rightful King many English and Scotsmen opponents would not swear fealty (an oath of faith) to George I. This group of people, situated around the Scottish city of Aberdeen, were Jacobites and not particularly concerned with the religion but with the proper succession to the throne. They were not overly happy that the German dynasty of Hanover, which developed along the rich and

fertile Leine River in Lower Saxony <sup>\*(4)</sup>, pushed aside the rightful King. Working with James II and the Jacobites, the Stewarts engaged in a series of tactics to bring down the Hanoverian House. From 1715 to

1745 they failed in their attempts to restore the proper heir to the throne and the Anglican or Episcopalian Non-Jurors, fearing of retaliation, fled Scotland and settled in New Jersey from that time period. Jacob Jamison/Jemson/Jemmeson was an early arrival to the New World and probably realized earlier than most the way of the present situation and emigrated sooner.

#### References:

1] The Genealogical Magazine of NJ, v.49, p.83; 2] Funk and Wagnalls Encyclo-pedia: articles on Jacobites, Stewarts, English history; 3] History of Monmouth county, New Jersey;

**16910-2 JACOB JEMSON/JAMISON II** [Jacob], was born October 5, 1735, Topeanamus, Monmouth co., NJ., the son of Jacob and Mary Jemson (16900). He died 1791, Freehold, Monmouth co., NJ. Mr. Jamison married about 1760 in Freehold, NJ., to Rebecca **Pangborn**, born circa 1737 the daughter of Stephen and Rebecca (**Imlay**)\*<sup>(5)</sup> Pangborn. They resided in Freehold, Monmouth co., NJ.

#### Children:\*<sup>(6)</sup>

(Born Freehold, NJ)

- (1) 16930 James, b.c. 1776; m. 1/11/1801, Catherine **Clinton**;
- (2) 16931 Jacob, b.c. 1778; m. 12/15/1803, Rachel **Applegate**;
- (3) 16932 Joseph, born 1781; d. 1831; m.c. 1809, Rachel **Brown**;

#### Notes:

The Pangborns had settled on Long Island, had married into the Tuttle family who were settled along the Sound in Connecticut. Stephen Pangborn, married second, Anne **Montgomery**, daughter of William and Isabel **Burnett** Montgomery. Isabel Burnett's father, Robert Burnett, was one of the original Scottish proprietors of New Jersey. Mr. Jamison was a private during the Revolutionary War. He was baptised at the Anglican Church in Topanemus by the rector of Christ Church, Shrewsbury, in 1737. Both Burnett and Montgomery were Scottish Quakers and when George **Keith**, one of several leaders of the Quaker emigration to the New Jersey, became an Anglican priest the members of the Topanemus Quaker church en masse changed their religious affiliation as well. The Browns of Scottish descent emigrated to New Jersey and perhaps as Mary Jamison states in one of her letters to this author that "we found that the first John **Clayton** who settled in Monmouth County married a Leah **Brown** in 1692. We also found in the Tax Rateables in Upper Freehold Township in 1758 a Clayton Brown. Could this be the grandfather or even the father of Rachel Brown Jamison?"\*<sup>(7)</sup>

#### References:

1] Revolutionary Census of NJ, Kenn Stryker-Rodda, 1972, p.111; 2] DAR, Patriotic Index, p.365; 3] History and Genealogical Miscellany, John E. Stillwell, 1903, v.1, p.159; 4] The Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey, v.31, p.43; 5] DAR Patriotic Index, p.365 (provides, birth, death, & marriage);

**16930-3 JAMES JAMISON** [Jacob, Jacob], was born some time around 1776, Freehold, Monmouth co., NJ. He died after 1840, Middlesex co., NJ. Mr. Jamison married January 11, 1801, Middlesex co., NJ., Catherine **Clinton**, b.c. 1780-1790. They resided in Cranbury, NJ.

Children Known:

(Born Cranbury, Middlesex co., NJ)

(1) 16940 Elisha, b.c. 1810-1815;

(2) 16941 daughter, b.c. 1815-20;

(3) 16942 son, b.c. 1820-25;

Notes:

Mr. and Mrs. Jamison were married at the Cranbury Church.

References:

1] 1830 NJ Census, roll#83,p.289; 2] 1840 NJ Census, roll#256,p.138; 3] The Genealogical Magazine of NJ, v.31,p.42(Marriage);

**16931-3 JACOB JAMISON the III** [Jacob, Jacob], was born between 1778, Freehold, Monmouth co., NJ. He died some time after 1840. Mr. Jamison married December 15, 1803, Cranbury, Middlesex co., NJ., Rachel **Applegate**, b.c. 1780. They resided in Cranbury, Middlesex co., NJ.

Children:

(Born Middlesex co., NJ)

(1) 16950 son, b.c. 1804;

(2) 16951 son, b.c. 1808;

References:

1] 1840 NJ Census, roll #256,p.141;

**16932-3 JOSEPH JAMISON** [Jacob, Jacob], was born 1781, Freehold, Monmouth co., NJ., the son of Jacob and Rebecca (Pangborn) Jemson/Jamison (16910). He died 1831, Monmouth co., NJ. Mr. Jamison married circa 1809, Monmouth co., NJ., Rachel **Brown**, the daughter of Clayton Brown. They resided in Freehold, Monmouth co., NJ.

Children:

(Born Monmouth co., NJ)

(1) 16960 Clayton, b. 1812; d. 1847; m1) 8/14/1833, Harriet **Girton**; m2) 9/8/1836, Mary **Shinn**;

m3) Lucretia **Brewer**;

(2) 16961 Joseph Jr., res. Freehold, 1830;

Notes:

Mrs. Jamison remarried a man named **Karr**.

References:

1] 1840 NJ Census; 2] History and Genealogical Miscellany, John E. Stillwell, 1903,v.1,p.159; 3] Mary Jamison, Newtown Sq., PA, JAMISON FAMILY NEWSLETTER, Spring 1984, p.2;

**16960-5 CLAYTON JAMISON** [Joseph, Jacob, Jacob], was born 1812, Monmouth co., NJ., the son of Joseph and Rachel (Brown) Jamison (16930). He died 1847 Tom's River in Monmouth co., NJ. Mr. Jamison was married three times, the first time to Harriet **Girton** in Monmouth co., NJ on August 14, 1833. She died prior to 1836. He married second September 8, 1836, Little Egg Harbor(Tuckerton), Monmouth co., NJ., Mary **Shinn**, who died in 1844, Monmouth co., NJ. the daughter of John Shinn. Lastly, Mr. Jamison married Lucretia **Brewer** in Tom's River, Monmouth county. They resided in the vicinity of Freehold, NJ.

Children:

((1) b. West Creek; (2) b. Manchester, Monmouth co., NJ)

(1) 16990 Josephine, b. 1839;

(2) 16991 Shinn Clayton, b. 7/1/1841; d. 7/17/1921; m. 11/15/1863, Katherine **Hatman**;

Notes:

Mr. Jemison(as spelt in the 1840 census was listed as age 20-30 with one daughter age 0-5 years old. The Girtons resided in Upper Freehold, NJ. When Clayton's mother remarried, he removed to Stafford at the southern point of Monmouth county. Here he met up with some of his Pangborn cousins and at the time met Mary Shinn at Tom's River.

References:

1] 1840 NJ Census, roll #248,p.318; 2] History and Genealogical Miscellany, John E. Stillwell, 1903,v.1,p.159;

**16991-5 SHINN CLAYTON JAMISON** [Clayton, Joseph, Jacob, Jacob], was born July 1, 1841, Lakehurst(Manchester), Monmouth co., NJ., the son of Clayton and Mary (Shinn) Jamison (16960). He died July 17, 1929, Tom's River, Monmouth co., NJ. Mr. Jamison married November 15, 1863, Monmouth co., NJ., Katherine **Hatman**, born August 1, 1844, New York City, NY., and died November 7, 1926, Tom's

River, NJ where they resided.

Children:

(Born Tom's River, NJ)

(1) 17030 John, b. 1873; d. 1947; m. Frances **Comstock**; res. CT;

(2) 17031

(3) 17032 Charles Chambers, b. 8/29/1880; d. 10/9/1952; m. 1/19/1901, Julia Elizabeth **Pote**;

res. Long Island, NY;

Notes:

Mr. Jamison was orphaned at the age of 6. Changed his name to Jamison while he took a three year enlistment in the NJ 6th Volunteer Infantry under the U. S. Army during the Civil War.

References:

1] Charles & Mary (Charles) Jamison, Newtown Sq., PA-correspondence-12/2/1985;

**17030-6 JOHN JAMISON** [Shinn, Clayton, Joseph, Jacob, Jacob], was born 1873, Tom's River, Monmouth co., NJ., the son of Shinn and Katherine (Hatman) Jamison (16991). He died 1947, CT. Mr. Jamison married about 1900 to Frances **Comstock**. They resided in Connecticut.

Children:

(1) 17060 daughter, b.c. 1903;

Notes:

References:

1] Charles & Mary (Charles) Jamison, Newtown Sq., PA-correspondence-12/2/1985;

**17032-6 CHARLES CHAMBERS JAMISON** [Shinn, Clayton, Joseph, Jacob, Jacob], was born August 27, 1880, Tom's River, Monmouth co., NJ., the son of Shinn and Katherine (Hatman) Jamison (16991). He died October 9, 1952, Bayshore, Long Island, NY. Mr. Jamison married January 19, 1901, Jersey City, NJ., Julia Elizabeth **Pote**, born March 6, 1878, Brooklyn New York City, NY., died January 4, 1940, Bayshore, L.I., NY., the daughter of William Marcellus and Anna Isadore (**Carhart**) Pote. They resided in Bayshore, Long Island and in Brooklyn, NY.

Children:

(Born Brooklyn, NY)

(1) 17100 Charles Chambers Jr., b. 12/13/1902; d. 1/5/1971; m. 1/17/1924, Dorothy Grace

**Kennedy;**

Notes:

William M. Pote was born May 24, 1846, New York City and died September 6, 1922, Bayonne, NJ. He married May 31, 1871, Anna I. Carhart, born Nov. 4, 1851, Mechanicsville, Monmouth co., NJ. and died March 17, 1916, Bayonne, NJ.

References:

1] Charles & Mary (Charles) Jamison, Newtown Sq., PA-correspondence-12/2/1985;

**17100-7 CHARLES CHAMBERS JAMISON JR.** [Charles, Shinn, Clayton, Joseph, Jacob, Jacob], was born December 13, 1902, Brooklyn, NY., the son of Charles and Julia (Pote) Jamison (17032). He died January 5, 1971, Ithaca, Tompkins co., NY. Mr. Jamison married January 17, 1924, Sayre, Bradford co., PA., Dorothy Grace **Kennedy**, born August 13, 1904, Ithaca, Tompkins co., NY., died May 20, 1971, Ithaca, NY., the daughter of Alva Burritt and Nellie Grace (**Works**) Kennedy of Ithaca. They resided in Ithaca most of their lives where the children were born.

Children:

(B. Ithaca, Tompkins co., NY)

(1) 17150 Charles Chambers III, b. 2/27/1924; m. 7/27/1946, Mary Luella **Charles**;

Notes:

Alva B. Kennedy was born Mar. 17, 1864, Ithaca, NY and died Mar. 12, 1934 at the same place. His parents were Peter L. Kennedy, b. 10/15/1833, Syracuse, NY, d. 11/16/1922, Ithaca, NY. and Frances Maria **Burritt**, born May 4, 1838, Ithaca, NY, and died Apr. 2, 1894, Ithaca. They were married Apr. 14, 1859 in Ithaca, NY. Nellie G. Works was the daughter of Adam Clark Works, b. 2/28/1834, Jay, NY, d. 6/19/1908, Xima, NY, and Ellen Paulina **Mihills**, born May 22, 1848, Wilmington, NY and died Mar. 14, 1919, Xima, NY. They were married 8/27/1870, East Beekmantown, NY.

References:

1] Charles & Mary (Charles) Jamison, Newtown Sq., PA-correspondence-12/2/1985;

1. See Historical Brief in the Introduction.

2. See Mary Jamison(NJ) for additional details under the Non-Allocated section of this anthology.

3. More Forgotten Towns, Beck.

4. And area bounded on the north by the North Sea, on the west by the Netherlands, on the south by the Harz Mountains, and on the east by Brunswick. Long known as the House of Brunswick, it soon acquired the name of its principal city, Hanover.

5. Mrs. Rebecca Pangborn was the widow of Mr. Imlay.

6. The following represents another part of this Jemson family. It is not known who Williams' parents were but that he was firmly entrenched here makes it rather obvious who he was related to. It's possible that his father may have been John Jemson, son of Jacob, but that's merely speculation on this author's part. Whether William's brothers and sisters are correct as listed below is not certain. Catharine Day Jamison may, more than likely be, since William names one child Margaret Dey Jamison. Mary, perhaps, too, since William again names a child John Embly after Mary Jamison's husband. And maybe Diana D. Jamison was also a sister. She married John Dey in 1815. Henry can not be ascertained, he is merely thrown in as a possible candidate since the time of births are all so close to William Jamison. Yet the information on William, his history, his children are correct as found in the records thus far.

**WILLIAM JAMESON**(NJ), b. 9/11/1790, Cranbury, Middlesex co., NJ; bpt. 11/14/1812; m. Mary P. \_\_\_\_\_, children: b. in Cranbury, Middlesex co., NJ.; & baptised at Cranbury Presbyterian Church;

(a) John Embly, b. 10/17/1816; bpt. 5/10/1817;

(b) Sarah Ann, b. 8/10/1819; bpt. 1820; m. Mr. **Voorhees**;

(c) David, b. 7/7/1822; bpt. 6/29/1823;

(d) Margaret Dey, b. 5/29/1824; bpt. 9/26/1824;

Notes:

The following is a partial tree on Mr. Jamison's family:

(1) Mary, b.c. 1788; m. 9/8/1811, John **Embly**;

(2) William, b. 9/11/1790; m. Mary P. \_\_\_\_\_;

(3) Diana D., b.c. 1793/4; m. 3/18/1815, John **Dey Jr**;

(4) Catharine Day, b. 4/7/1796; m. 2/5/1820, Robert **Longstreet**;

(5) Henry, b.c. 1798/9; m. 1/11/1820, Hannah **Little**;

All marriages, births, and baptisms were conducted at the Cranbury Church, Cranbury, Middlesex co., NJ. The chances are good, too, that either JACOB JAMISON, who married RACHEL **APPLEGATE** or JAMES JAMISON, who married CATHERINE **CLINTON**, was William's father. The 1830 and 1840 censuses indicate that James and Jacob were born between 1770 to 1780.;-Genealogical Magazine, v.29,ps.38,82; v.30,ps.37,43,76; v.31,p.39,76,77; 1830 NJ Census, roll83,p.270; 1840 NJ Census, roll256,p.139;

7. Mary (**Charles**) Jamison, spouse of Charles Chambers Jamison the III. See Index #17150.

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