

Meeker Genealogy

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: SECOND GENERATION

1. Stephen Ball[2] Meeker (Timothy Jr., 3)[1]. Born, 1781, in Northfield Par., Springfield Twp., Essex Co., NJ. Died, 26 Jan 1866, in New Albany, Floyd Co., IN. Census: 1820, in Butler Co., OH. Occupation: Steamboatman. Migrated to Clermont Co., OH along with Rev. Moses Edwards and a group from his congregation.

He married[1], first, Catherine Reeves[2], 13 Aug 1800, in Essex Co., NJ[3]. Born, 1780, in Essex Co., NJ. from the Parish of Northfield, in the township of Springfield and County of Essex, NJ Children:

- i. Stephen[1] Meeker[4]. Born, 1802.
- ii. Frederick Meeker[4]. Born, 1803.
- iii. Mathias Meeker[1]. Born, 31 Jul 1804, in Essex Co., NJ. Died, 27 Apr 1876, in Lovejoy Twp., Iroquois Co., IL. Census: 1850, in 45th District, Harrison Co., IN[5]. Occupation: Ships Carpenter. He married[1] Elizabeth Alstott[4], 16 Oct 1833, in New Albany, Harrison Co., IN. of Floyd, Harrison, & Vigo Co.s, IN - Clark & Iroquois Co.s IL. This family moved to Corydon, IN in 1855, Vermillion Co., Co., IN in the 1860's , and Iroquois Co., IL in 1867. Three sons and three sons-in-law served in the Union army during the Civil War.
- iv. Meeker[4]. Born, 1807.
- v. Halsey Meeker[1]. Born, 1808, in Essex Co., NJ. Died, circa 1870. Census: 1838, in Franklin co., IN. He married[1] Catherine Smith, 5 Apr 1863, in Franklin Co., IN. Halsey Meeker, possibly in his mother's household in 1830, had settled in Franklin Co., IN by 1838, the date of his first deed there, and remained there until his death sometime between 1870 and 1880. He was married late in life and it is believed that they had one daughter. He and his brother Hamilton were engaged in the lumber business in Franklin Co. many years and were involved in several deeds together from 1838 until about 1868. Descendants of Hamilton Meeker were told that Halsey was blind in his later years and

was buried near the site of their old business. Attempts to locate his grave have been unsuccessful because the area is so overgrown with weeds.

vi. Henry Meeker[1]. Born, circa 1812, in Essex Co., NJ. Died, 4 Nov 1881, in New Albany, Floyd Co., IN. Burial in Floyd Co., IN[6]. Census: 1840, in Floyd Co., IN. Census: 1870, in Floyd Co., IN. Occupation: boatcaulker. He married[7] Ellen Rice[2], 20 Sep 1836, in New Albany, Floyd Co., IN.

vii. Hamilton Meeker[1]. Born, circa 1814, in Essex Co., NJ. Died, 20 Jul 1882, in Brookville, Franklin Co., IN. He married[7] Catherine (Katy) Maxwell[7], daughter of John Maxwell and Prudence Royer, 2 Jul 1834, in Butler Co., OH. Hamilton remained in Butler Co., OH with his family probably until around 1843, believed to be the time that his mother died. Family obituaries reported that the family lived in a one-room cabin at first and had to build fires to scare the wolves away. His wife cooked beside an old stump. After removeing to Franklin Co., IN c1843, he engaged in the lumber business with his brother Halsey for many years, shipping logs down the Ohio River. Apparently successful in business, they suffered some losses in the later 1800's. He was also in the liquor business and had a wheat farm near Brookville. It is not known if some land in Franklin Co. that Hamilton sold to his brother Halsey in 1838 came from Maxwell family or from a Meeker grant.

viii. Calvin Meeker[1].

He married[4], second, Nancy (2), before 1843. Children:

ix. Elizabeth Meeker. Born, circa 1835. Died, circa 1874. She married[8] Marion Minor[9].

x. Charlotte Meeker. Died, circa 1934. She married[8] Asa Curtis[9].

xi. William C Meeker. Died, 1840.

He married[10], third, Patience Job[10], 30 Oct 1843, in Floyd Co., IN. Born, 1785, in PA. Children:

xii. Morris Meeker. Born, circa 1858. Died, circa 1919.

xiii. Susan Meeker. She married[8] William C Brace[9].

2. Nancy[2] [4].

She married[4] Stephen Ball Meeker (1).

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3. Timothy^[3] Meeker Jr. ("Old" Timothy, 5)^[11]. Born, Mar 1752, in Northfield, Livingston Twp., Essex Co., NJ. Died, 24 Apr 1834^[12]. RWS, Sgt, N.J., Served as an orderly sergeant under his brother, Joseph's company in Col. Spencer's Regiment. Timothy stated in his pension application that "he and his father and ten brothers served throughout the war of the Revolution." Was in the battles of Ash Swamp, Short Hills, Springfield, & Connecticut Farms. An old story, traced back to the Burnet Collection of the New Jersey Historical Society, was published in the "Short Hills Item" about 1896 as follows: "In the summer of 1780, a few days after the Battle of Springfield, Timothy Meeker was at work putting up the fences on his farm, for his meadows had been filled with cattle, sheep and hogs that had been driven up the Valley road, past the "Old Forge" where later stood Samuel Campbell's paper mill, out of the way of the British. "Five or six gentlemen rode up on horseback and saluting the farmer courteously, asked him if he were a friend to the American cause, Meeker replied, with much emphasis that he was and that he despised any man who was unfriendly to it. He was asked if there were any Tories in that neighborhood, and he assured the strangers that no Tory dared show his face there. One of the party then asked if there was a man named Timothy Meeker living near there, and upon Mr. Meeker's replying that that was his name, as well as his father's, he was informed that they had heard that Timothy Meeker with his nine sons and

four sons-in-law had fought in the Battle of Springfield. "Mr. Meeker testified to the truth of this, and that he was one of the nine sons referred to. During the conversation that followed, inquiry was made as to whether the people were displeased because Washington had not come into the action with his troops? his Army being but a few miles away. Mr, Meeker replied, "Mo, Washington was right, he can take his Army where he pleases, and he was right to let the Militia fight 'em, for we can lick 'em. Let the Redcoats come on - we can lick 'em".

"By this time the dinner horn blew, and Mr. Meeker invited the strangers to dine with him. The invitation was readily accepted and they rode up to the house, slipped the bridles off their horses and turned them into a meadow to graze during the dinner hour. Upon entering the house Mrs. Meeker reproached her husband for not having sent one of the children to tell her that visitors were coming, so that she might have made other preparations for dinner. But her husband replied that if they were friends of the Cause and friends of Washington they would be satisfied, and one of the gentlemen remarked that he thought Washington would be glad to sit down to such a dinner, for no doubt he had many times fared much worse.

"When after dinner and much pleasant conversation, the visit came to an end, the horses were bridled and the gentlemen mounted. One of them, after speaking a few words in low tones to the others, turned to Mr. Meeker and said, "Friend Meeker, you have treated us with such kind hospitality and have opened your mind to us so freely, that it would seem ungrateful in me not to tell you who I am. I am George Washington, Commander-in-Chief of the American Army, and these gentlemen are my staff officers". Mr. Meeker was so much surprised as to be speechless for a moment, but quickly recovering himself, he said, "Genera 1, I don't know but I have been spilling wheat, but you must charge it to my

ignorance that I have been talking with so much vanity." To which Washington replied, "I know that you have spoken only the sentiments of your heart."

A silver cup that Washington gave to Timothy Meeker on this occasion is now in the Historical Room of the Springfield Public Library. It has been named the "Washington Cup" and is made of heavy copper. silver plated outside and gold plated inside. It is one of several cups made for Washington by a Jeweler in Philadelphia. It was a gift to the Library by Claudius Batar whose great grand father, George Cook, bought Meeker's farm and was given the cup at that time.

He married^[12] Sarah Parsil (4), 12 May 1774, in Springfield, Essex Co., NJ. Children:

- i. Jeptha^[2] Meeker^[1]. Born, 16 Mar 1774, in Essex Co., NJ. Died, 10 Jan 1850, in Northfield, Livingston Twp., Essex Co., NJ. Burial in Northfield, Livingston Twp., Essex Co., NJ^[13]. He married, first, Abigail Allen^[14], 12 May 1774. He married^[4], second, Rachel Allen^[4]. Said to have been a giant in size. of Northfield, NJ.
- ii. Bethual Pierson Meeker^[2]. Born, 1776. He married Jemima Townley^[15], daughter of Everitt Townley. of NJ
- iii. Diadema Meeker^[4]. Born, 1778, in NJ. never married. of NJ.
- iv. Jonathan Meeker^[4]. Born, 13 Sep 1779, in Essex Co., NJ. Died, 1851, in Millburn Twp., Essex Co., NJ. Occupation: Shoemaker/Farmer. He married^[4] Mary" Polly" Denman^[4], daughter of John Denman, 22 May 1803, in Essex Co., NJ. of NJ
- 1 v. Stephen Ball Meeker.
- vi. Luther Meeker^[4]. Born, 1784. Died, 1835, in Utica, NY. Census: 1830, in Benton, Yates Co., NY. He married^[4] Elizabeth Townley^[16], daughter of Everitt Townley, 1807. of NY Lived in Essex Co., NJ in 1810, 1812, 1813, 1814, 1815.
- vii. Calvin Meeker^[4]. Born, circa 1785, in Essex Co., NJ. Buried, Jun 1831, in OH. He married^[17] Anna (Annie) Meeker^[17], daughter of Jonas Meeker Jr. and Charity , 1804. Calvin migrated to Clermont Co., OH with Rev. Moses Edwards along with a group from his congregation.
- viii. Zadoch/Zodac Meeker^[4]. Born, 29 Jul 1788, in Essex Co., NJ. Died, 13 Jul 1872, in Irvington, NJ. Census: 1830, in Essex Co., NJ. Census: 1850, in Essex Co., NJ. Occupation: farmer. He

married[1] Hannah Tichenor[2], 6 Nov 1811, in Essex Co., NJ.
Lived in Essex Co., NJ in 1810, 1812, 1813, 1814, 1815.
ix. Enroch Meeker[18]. Born, circa 1790.

4. Sarah[3] Parsil (, 7). Born, 1750. Died, after 1841. Sarah was still living on 28 Dec 1841 at age 91 when she made an affidavit for a pension.

She married[12] Timothy Meeker Jr. (3).

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5. "Old" Timothy[4] Meeker (Thomas, 8)[19]. Born, 1708, in Elizabeth, Essex Co., NJ. Died, 22 Dec 1798, in Northfield, Essex Co., NJ[20]. Burial in Northfield, Essex Co., NJ[21]. Service Rec: 1776, in RWS, Springfield, NJ. RWS, MM, N.J., Timothy served in the Revolution at the Battle of Springfield on 23 Jun 1780 at age 70 with 9 of his sons, 4 sons-in-law, and two grandsons. At that time, the Springfield area had seen the British soldiers several times. Old Timothy's participation in the militia was recorded in the New York "Gazette and Weekly Mercury" on 29 Jul 1776.

He married, first, Sarah Pierson[22], daughter of Joseph Pierson and Hepzibah Camp, 1736. Born, circa 1719. Died, 21 Jan 1737/8. Death(2): 10 Jan 1736/7[23]. Burial in Essex Co., NJ[24]. Sarah (Pierson) Meeker's tombstone states that she was age 18. It shows the following quote. "Here lyes a blooming youth. She lives in love and died in truth." Children:

i. Capt. Joseph[3] Meeker[4]. Born, 1736, in Springfield, Elizabeth Bor., Union Co., NJ. Died, Sep 1799, in Mendham, Morris Co., NJ.

Census: 1779, in Newark Twp., Essex Co., NJ[25]. Occupation: Farmer. He married[17] Mary/Molly Smith (Harrison?)[4], daughter of Isaac Smith, 1816 (??) in NJ. Joseph was captain of a company of rangers on scout the whole time of the Battle of Springfield watching the movements of the British and Tories.

ii. Sarah Meeker[26]. Born, 21 Jan 1737/8, in Springfield, Essex Co., NJ. Died, 1 Jan 1792, in Springfield, Essex Co., NJ. Burial in Essex Co., NJ[27]. She married Isaac Smith Jr.[26], son of Isaac Smith.

He married, second, Hannah Munn[4], daughter of John Munn, circa 1738.

Aunt of Judge Aaron Munn born 1765. Children:

iii. Jonas Meeker[26]. Born, circa 1740, in Essex Co., NJ. Died, circa 1763, in Essex Co., NJ. He married Sarah Osborne[28]. MAY HAVE BEEN SON OF SARAH PIERSON. Further research by LeRoy Meeker

indicates that an explanation of the deed to Jomas Meeker found in the old stone house may be explained by the fact that Miss Munn was the mother of Jonas Meeker. She was a daughter of John Munn and a sister of Benjamin Munn (1730-1818). This made Jonas the nephew of Benjamin Munn. If Benjamin and his wife, Jemima (Pierson) Munn (1734-1819), cared for Jemima's mother, Hepzibah Camp Pierson (1696-1769) after her husband Joseph Pierson's death (1693-1759), deeding her old stone house to Jonas would be keeping it in the family. Jonas would have been about twenty-three at the time of the deed (1763). Since Joseph and Hepzibah (Camp) Pierson were also the parents of Timothy Meeker's first wife, Sarah (Pierson) Meeker, they were grandparents to Jonas's half-brother and sister, Joseph and Sarah Meeker.

iv. John Meeker[19]. Born, circa 1742, in Essex Co., NJ. Died, 14 Nov 1802, in Springfield Twp., Essex Co., NJ. Will Made: 22 Nov 1802, in Essex Co., NJ[29]. Prob of Est: 29 Jan 1803, in Essex Co., NJ[29]. Occupation: Rev.Spy. He married, first, Miss Perry[26], 1767[30]. He married, second, Rachel Force. John was a Pvt. in the Essex Co., NJ Militia. Known to be a spy working for George Washington. Fought in the battle of Springfield. He was a shoemaker and moved to Sussex Co., NJ in 1769-8. 1802, Nov. 22, Meeker, John of Wantage Twsp., Sussex Co; will of. Wife, Rache, best bed and bedding. Son, Jonas, \$12.50. Residue of real and personal estate to be divided between sons, Manning, Ural and Benjamin and daughter, Mary Meeker, when son Benjamin is 21. Executors-friend, Samuel Vanfleet and son, Ural Meeker. Witnesses-Jonathan Meeker, Isaac Meeker, Abner Ball Proved Jan

29, 1803. Lib. 40, p. 292 1803, Jan. 28. Inventory, \$283.89; made by William Elston and John Wintermoot. File 983. S.

He married[31], third, Desire Cory (6), Jan 1739/0, in New Providence, RI. Marriage(2): 1744[4]. Children:

v. William Meeker (twin). Born, 1745, in Essex Co., NJ. Died, 14 Sep 1790, in Essex Co., NJ. He married[17] Hannah Tichenor, 20 Jan 1766, in New Providence, RI[32]. Twin of Amos c1745 Mother was Probably Desire Cory. Of Essex Co., NJ. Settled in OH. William fought in the Battle of Springfield along with his brothers and father. In the pension application of his brother, Timothy Meeker, Jr., only Joseph Meeker is mentioned by name. Timothy, Jr. said his father and 10 brothers fought in the Battle of Springfield on 23 Jun 1780. Cory Meeker, another brother, said in his pension application that he fought with his father and nine brothers, as did the New York Gazette on 29 Jul 1776.

vi. Amos Meeker (twin)[4]. Born, circa 1745, in Northfield, Livingston Twp., Essex Co., NJ. Died, before 1832, in Plymouth, Luzerne Co., PA. Census: 1779, in Newark Twp., Essex Co., NJ[33]. Census: 1800, in Huntington Twp., Luzerne Co., PA[34]. Occupation: Farmer. He married Johanna Force[4], daughter of Obediah Force. Amos was a twin to William. Timothy Meeker Jr. Pension Application papers stated that Amos Meeker was a private in the Essex Co. Militia - Revolutionary war. He lived in Huntinton Twp., Lucerne Co., in PA. By 1790 census they had eight children; five were males. The Burnett MSS adds two more children of Amos Meeker (1745). John Robertson Burnett 1806 - 1874 was a genealogist for the Dodd family published 1863. In early years John Robertson Burnett lived with his grandfather Abner Ball 1760 - 1848 in Springfield - Essex Co., NJ on the Springfield road, near the Baptist Church. This was below

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Timothy Sr's farm. Abner Ball was a contemporary of Timothy Meeker.

vii. Hannah Meeker[4]. Born, 1747, in Essex Co., NJ. Died, 25 Jun 1793, in Essex Co., NJ. She married[1] Capt. John E Edwards[35], son of Jacob Edwards and Effie Speirs, 1768, in Essex Co., NJ.

viii. Mary (Polly) Meeker. Born, 1750. Died, 1793. She married, first, Pecoock. She married, second, Daniel Day.

3 ix. Timothy Meeker Jr.

x. Cory Meeker[4]. Born, 20 Mar 1752, in Livingston, Newark Twp., Essex Co., NJ[36]. Died, Jul 1846, in Cranbe, Butler Co., PA.

Census: 1779, in Newark Twp., Essex Co., NJ[37]. He married Vannelia (Valeria) (Vanity) Ward[4], daughter of Theophilus Ward and Betsy . RWS, Pvt, NJ, LIVED IN BUTLER CO. PA in 1832.

xi. Abigail Meeker[4]. Born, 1754, in Essex Co., NJ. Died in OH. Census: 1814, in Essex Co., NJ. Census: 1820, in Clermont Co., OH. She married, first, James Walsh, after 1764. She married[2], second, Daniel Day[4], before 1814. Removed to OH

xii. David Meeker (twin)[18]. Born, 1758, in Northfield, Livingston Twp., Essex Co., NJ. Died, 10 Sep 1832, in NJ. Occupation: Sergeant. He married[17] Phoebe Parsil/Parcel[17], 1780, in NJ. RWS TWIN TO JONATHAN 1758-1830 SERGEANT , N.J. David also listed

by DAR as b. a.1750 d. 1787 m. Phoebe Pasel and Phebe Parcel. Noted pugelist & remarkable for strength and handihood. This family lived in Essex Co., NJ in 1789 and 1815.

xiii. Desire Meeker[2]. Born, circa 1758, in Essex Co., NJ. Died, 23 Sep 1793, in Northfield, Livingston Twp., Essex Co., NJ. She married[15] Rev. Moses Edwards[35], son of Jacob Edwards and Effie Speirs, 1777.

xiv. Jonathan S Meeker (twin)[19]. Born, circa 1758, in Livingstone, Essex Co., NJ. Died, Aug 1816, in Livingstone, Essex Co., NJ. Prob of Est: 10 Aug 1816, in Essex Co., NJ. He married[2], first, Lydia Saunder[2], 1780. He married[3], second, Phebe Tomkins[4], 17 Jan 1796, in Essex Co., NJ. He married[2], third, Eunice Kent, daughter of John Kent and Rhoda Meeker, 16 Oct 1802, in Essex Co., NJ. Jonathan was the twin brother of David Meeker. He was a Pvt. in the Essex Co., NJ Militia during the Revolutionary War. He served in the Battle of Springfield as stated by his brothers, Timothy, Jr. and Cory. His third wife was the niece of John Kent, the husband of Rhoda Meeker and the cousin of Eunice Kent who married Peter Meeker.

xv. Phebe Meeker. Born, circa 1762. Census: 1800, in Washington Co., PA. She married John Adam Feayler/Fesles or Tezler[26].

xvi. Isaac Meeker[11]. Born, circa 1797, in Livingston Twp., Essex Co., NJ. Died, circa 1825, in Livingston Twp., Essex Co., NJ. Burial in Northfield, Livingston Twp., Essex Co., NJ[13].

Occupation: Farmer. He married[4] Margaret (Peggy) McChesney[4], daughter of Robert McChesney, 9 Aug 1795, in Lyons Farms, Essex Co., NJ[38]. Essex Co., NJ, RWS in Josiah Pierson's 2nd Regiment

6. Desire[4] Cory[31], daughter of Joseph Cory. Born, 1719. Died, 2 Jun 1793, in Essex Co., NJ.

She married[31] "Old" Timothy Meeker (5).

7. [4] Parsil (, 10)[39].

He married an unknown woman. Children:

i. Phoebe[3] Parsil/Parcel[17]. Born in Milburn, NJ. Died, 8 Feb 1823. Occupation: RW Nurse. She married[17] David Meeker (twin)[18], 1780, in NJ.

4 ii. Sarah Parsil.

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8. Thomas[5] Meeker (Benjamin, 11)[40]. Born, circa 1685, in Elizabeth, Essex Co., NJ. Died, circa 1754, in Essex Co., NJ. Settled in the Westfield area on or before 1759.

He married[41] Mary Ball Fox (9), circa 1706. Children:

5 i. "Old" Timothy[4] Meeker.

ii. Daniel Meeker[41]. Born, 1712, in Essex Co., NJ. Died, circa 1747, in NJ. He married[4] Susannah Winans[4], daughter of Jacob Winans and Mary Marsh, 1730, in NJ.

iii. David Meeker[41].

iv. Catherine Meeker[4]. Born, 1714, in Essex Co., NJ. Died, 1 Nov 1765, in Elizabeth, Essex Co., NJ. Burial in Elizabeth, Essex Co., NJ[42]. She married[4] Elias Boudinot[4].

v. Robert Meeker[4]. Born, 1716, in Essex Co., NJ. Prob of Est: 4 Dec 1779, in Essex Co., NJ[43]. Adm'rs--William Garthwait. Fellowbondsman--Abner Sayre; both of said Co. Witness--Catharine Boudinot.

9. Mary Ball[5] Fox (Capt. David, 13)[44].

She married[41] Thomas Meeker (8).

10. [5] Parsil.

He married an unknown woman. Children:

7 i. [4] Parsil.

ii. Peter Parsil.

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11. Benjamin[6] Meeker (William (Goodman) (Mecar) Sr., 15)[45]. Born, 17 Mar 1648/9, in New Haven Colony, CT. Died, 28 May 1707, in Lyons Farms, Elizabeth, Essex Co., NJ. Will Made: 28 Apr 1705, in Elizabeth, Essex Co., NJ. Prob of Est: 10 Jun 1709, in Elizabeth, Essex Co., NJ. Occupation: Carpenter/Smith. Carpenter, landowner & planter; built the house known as the Meeker homestead at Lyons Farms, about 1677. AUTHOR OF THE ELIZABETH PETITION OF 1796.

He married[45] Elizabeth Thompson (Tomson) (12), 18 Jun 1673, in Perth Amboy, Middlesex Co., NJ[46]. Children:

i. William[5] Meeker[40]. Born, 13 Oct 1677, in Lyons Farms, Essex Co., NJ. Died, 21 Dec 1744, in Lyons Farms, Essex Co., NJ. Will Made: 18 Nov 1741. Prob of Est: 5 Mar 1744/5. He married Hannah Potter, daughter of Samuel Potter and Deborah . Eldest son of Benjamin.

- ii. Jonathan Meeker[40]. Born, circa 1679, in Essex Co., NJ. Died, Mar 1768, in Elizabeth Bor., Essex Co., NJ. Will Made: 3 Mar 1763, in Elizabeth Bor., Essex Co., NJ[47]. Prob of Est: 16 Mar 1768, in Elizabeth Bor., Essex Co., NJ. He married Mary [4]. Will of. Daughter, Martha Woodruff, the use of L30, and, at her death, to her surviving children. Daughter, Mary Ogden, L30. Daughter, Jemimah Chandler, L40. Daughter, Keziah Woodruff, L100, who is a widow with children. Daugher, Elizabeth Thompson, L5. Executors--William Harriman and John Parson. Witnesses--Nathaniel Woodruff, Jonathan woodruff, Jr., Nathan Woodruff. Proved March 16, 1768. Lib. I, p. 231.
- iii. Mr. Daniel Meeker[40]. Born, 1680, in Elizabeth, Essex Co., NJ. Died, 1 Oct 1757, in Elizabeth, Essex Co., NJ. Will Made: 25 Sep 1757, in Elizabeth, Essex Co., NJ. Prob of Est: 29 Oct 1757, in Elizabeth, Essex Co., NJ[47]. Occupation: Yeoman/farmer. He married[4] Rachel Hedden[40], daughter of John Hedden Jr. in NJ. Will of. Wife, Rachel. Son, Nathaniel. Bequests to Abraham Clark's daughters by his present wife; to John Thompson's daughters by his first wife; to Gabriel, son of Nathaniel Meeker; to Michael and Elihu, sons of Abner Woodruff. Real and personal estate. Executors--John Thompson and Abner Woodruff. Witnesses- Stephen Crane, John Pairson(Peirson), Ezekiel Cheever. Proved Oct. 19, 1757. Lib. F, p. 532. Buried: First Presbyterian Church Yard, Elizabeth, NJ #106r.
- iv. Benjamin Meeker Jr.[40]. Born, circa 1680, in Essex Co., NJ. Died, 6 Feb 1749/0, in Union Twp., Essex Co., NJ. Will Made: 22 Nov 1744, in Essex Co., NJ[48]. Prob of Est: 11 Mar 1749/0, in Essex Co., NJ. Occupation: Blacksmith. He married[4] Phebe Clark[49], daughter of Samuel Clark and Hester White, circa 1698. Will of. Children-Benjamin, Samuel, Phebe (wife of Nehemiah Ludlum), Esther (wife of Stephen Hindes), and Sarah (wife of Isaac Woodruff). Real and personal estate. Executors-wife, Phebe, and son-in-law Stephen Hindes, and son Samuel. Witnesses-John Clarke, David Meeker, Boynton Ramsden. Proved March 11, 1750. Lib E, p. 536.
- v. Samuel Meeker[40]. Born, circa 1683, in Essex Co., NJ. Died in Durham, Middlesex Co., CT. He married[4] Mary Seward[4], daughter of Dr. Joseph Seward and Judith Bushnell. Removed to Durham, Middlesex Co., CT after 1705 with his brother Samuel.
- 8 vi. Thomas Meeker.
- vii. Joseph Meeker[4]. Born, circa 1687, in Essex Co., NJ. Died, before 1752, in Durham, Middlesex Co., CT. Baptism: Jul 1695, in Norfolk, Litchfield Co., CT. Will Made: 27 Apr 1752, in Middlesex Co., CT. Occupation: Miller. He married Hannah "Ann" Seward[4], daughter of Dr. Joseph Seward and Judith Bushnell. Removed to Durham, CT. Durham was founded in 1708 the territory

was settled land between Wellingford Haddam, Guilford and Ellingsworth. Originally Durham had parts in New Haven, New London and Hartford Co., Later the entire town was assigned to New Haven Co., but in 1799 was annexed to Middlesex Co. Guilford, New Haven, Milford, Stratford, Hartford, Windosor, Farmington, and Northampton gave settlers to Durham. It was a derivative of a secondary town and not being an original settlement in the colonies. This area had a large German population and was sometimes known as Germany. Meekers were sometimes put down as Mecko in the records. Joseph & his bother Samuel, left NJ and went to Middlesex Co., CT in early 1700's. Some think that Joseph Meeker married a Rachel Roberts first and had two children but Mr. Charles H. Meeker checked these records twice says that Joseph Meekers child Phineas and Rachel Roberts were two infants baptised the same day. A faint semi colon between the two names that is easily missed.

viii. Isaac Meeker[4]. Born, circa 1688, in NJ.

12. Elizabeth[6] Thompson (Tomson) (Thomas (Tomson), 17). Born, circa 1654, in Easthampton, Long Island, NY. Died, after 1745, in Elizabeth, NJ.

She married[45] Benjamin Meeker (11).

13. Capt. David[6] Fox (David, 19)[44]. Born, 12 Mar 1646/7. Died, 1699.

He married[44] Hannah Ball (14), 22 Jul 1670. Children:

- i. David[5] Fox[50]. Born, 10 Jul 1671. Died, Jan 1678/9.
- 9 ii. Mary Ball Fox.
- iii. Hannah Fox[50]. She married[51] Rodham Kenner[51], before 1702.

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iv. William Fox[50]. Born, 10 Jul 1671. He married[51] Ann Chinn[51].

v. Samuel Fox[50]. He married[51] Anne [51].

14. Hannah[6] Ball (Col. William, 21)[44]. Born, 12 Mar 1649/0.

She married[44] Capt. David Fox (13).
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15. William (Goodman)[7] Meeker (Mecar) Sr. (Albert (possibly), 23)[45].
Born, 1620, in Leamington, Warwickshire, England. Died, Dec 1690, in
Elizabeth,
Essex Co., NJ. Prob of Est: 9 Dec 1690, in Essex Co., NJ[52].

Occupation:

Loader-to-mill. Came from England aboard the "Abigail" about 1630 to
Mass. Bay,

and thence removed to New Haven colony by the first of July, 1644;
removed to

Newark, NJ, then known as Elizabethtown Point, New Jersey in 1644.

Presented a

tract of land at Llyons Farms by the people of Elizabethtown and Newark,
appreciating his fidelity to their interests. Extracted from New Haven
Colony

Records 1638 - 1649

The commissions do think it fitt to advise every general court that they
would see thatt every man may keepe by him a good gun and sword, one
pound of

pouder with foure pounds of shott, with match or flints suitable, to be
ready

upon all ocations, and to be carefully viewed foure tymes a yeare at least.

And

that over and above this, every generall court do see that they keep a
stock of

pouder, shott and match every by them. And it is conceived by the
commissioners

that one hundred pounds of pouder and foure hundred pounds of shott,
with match

suitable, at least, be provided for every hundred men thorow all the
United

Colonies of New England. Att. a Court held att Newhaven the 4th of
January 1643

Isaack Whitehead, Will Mecar, Thomas Powell, Tymothy Forde, Goodma
Hitchcock,

Rich: Webb, Phillipp Leake, Bro: Elsey, Jonathan Marsh, Ricd Beach,
John

Lawrenson, Robt. Emery, Will Iles, Hen: Gibbons, Tho Robinso, Nicholas

Gennings, Tho: Yale, John Hill, Bro Lamson, find each is for late coming to trayne.

Will Mecar find 1s for want of shott and powder, and Edward Chipperfield allso.

John Hunter, Will Mecar and Will Blayden find each man 1s for defect. sworde.

He married, first, Sarah J Preston (16), 1646, in New Haven, New Haven Co., CT. Children:

i. Joseph[6] Meeker Sr.[45]. Born, 1648, in New Haven, New Haven Co., CT[53]. Died, after 1717, in Elizabeth, Essex Co., NJ. Occupation: Mariner. He married[53], first, Comfort Elizabeth Marsh[45], daughter of Samuel Marsh Sr. and Comfort Mann, 18 Jun 1673, in Perth Amboy, Middlesex Co., NJ. He married[4], second, Martha , 1702. Storekeeper, landowner & planter.

11 ii. Benjamin Meeker.

iii. Sarah Meeker[45]. Born, 7 Feb 1652/3, in New Haven, New Haven Co., CT.

iv. Mary Meeker[45]. Born, 6 Oct 1656, in New Haven, New Haven Co., CT.

v. Infant Meeker[45]. Born, Dec 1663, in New Haven, New Haven Co., CT. Died, Dec 1663, in New Haven, New Haven Co., CT.

He married, second, Hannah. Children:

vi. John Meeker[45]. Born, 7 Sep 1666, in New Haven, New Haven Co., CT. Died, 1730, in Elizabeth, Essex Co., NJ. Will Made: 18 Feb 1729/0, in Elizabeth, Essex Co., NJ. Prob of Est: 22 Mar 1729/0, in Elizabeth, Essex Co., NJ[48]. Occupation: Mariner/Yeoman. He married Hannah Ogden[54], daughter of Jonathan Ogden and Rebecca Wood, 1692. Will of. Granddaughters-Sarah Griffing, Rebekah Whitehead, Hannah Talmadge. Daughter, Eunice Meeker.

Sons-Robert, James and David. Grandson, John Meeker, only son of son John, deceased. Lands joining lands of Mr. John Thompson, Thomas Squire, James Hindes. Executors-sons Robert and James, and brother-in-law, Robert Ogden, Esq. Witnesses-John Hinds. Leonard Miles, Stephen Hindes. Proved March 22, 1730. 1731, April 21. Robert Ogden did depose that he did ask the testator who should enjoy the lands of David Meeker till he came of age, and he said his son James should enjoy David's part. Lib. B, p. 200. 1730-1, March 17. Inventory of personal estate, L108.05; made by Benjamin Bond and John Thompson.

16. Sarah J[7] Preston (William, 24)[45]. Born, 23 Jul 1626, in Chesham, Co. Bucks, England. Died, before 1690, in Elizabeth, Essex Co., NJ. Baptism: 18 Jun 1626, in Chesham, Co. Bucks, England.

She married William (Goodman) Meeker (Mecar) Sr. (15).

17. Thomas[7] Thompson (Tomson). Born in England, or Scotland. Died, 1676.

He married[31] Mary (18), circa 1649. Children:

- 12 i. Elizabeth[6] Thompson (Tomson).
- ii. Mary Thompson. She married John Hinds.
- iii. Aaron Thompson.

18. Mary[7] .

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She married[31] Thomas Thompson (Tomson) (17).

19. David[7] Fox[50].

He married[50] Hannah (20). Children:

- 13 i. Capt. David[6] Fox.
- ii. Hannah Fox[51]. She married[50] John Mottron[51].

20. Hannah[7] [50].

She married[50] David Fox (19).

21. Col. William[7] Ball (William, 26)[55]. Born, circa 1615, in England. Died, 1680, in Lancaster Co., VA.

He married[44] Hannah Atherold (22), 2 Jul 1638, in England. Children:

- i. Richard[6] Ball[44]. Born, circa 1639. Died, 1675. He married[44] Mary Kinsey Humphrey[44], Mar 1661.
- ii. William Ball[56]. Born, 2 Jun 1641. Died, 30 Sep 1694. He married[44] Mary Margaret Williamson[44], 11 Nov 1672.
- iii. Col. Joseph Ball[56]. Born, 24 May 1649, in England. Died, Jun 1711, in Lancaster Co., VA. Burial in Epping Forest. He married[44], first, Elizabeth Romney[44], circa 1675. He married[56], second, Mrs. Mary (Montague) Johnson[44], circa 1707.
- 14 iv. Hannah Ball.

22. Hannah[7] Atherold[56]. Born, circa 1617, in England. Died, circa 1694, in Lancaster Co., VA.

She married[44] Col. William Ball (21).

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23. Albert[8] Meeker (possibly)[57]. Born, circa 1570.

He married an unknown woman. Children:

- 15 i. William (Goodman)[7] Meeker (Mecar) Sr.
- ii. Thomas Meeker (Possibly)[58]. Born, circa 1620, in Leamington, Warwickshire, England. Died, circa 1669, in Fairfield, Fairfield Co., CT. Came on the "Christian" in 1635. to Windsor, CT. Then to Fairfield, CT. in 1659.
- iii. Robert Meeker[59]. Born, circa 1625, in Leamington, Warwickshire, England. Died, 10 Mar 1683/4, in Fairfield, Fairfield Co., CT. Baptism: 10 Mar 1683/4, in Fairfield, Fairfield Co., CT. Will Made: 12 Nov 1683, in Fairfield,

Fairfield Co., CT[53]. Prob of Est: 10 Mar 1683/4, in Fairfield, Fairfield Co., CT. Occupation: Farmer. He married[59] Susanna "Susan" Tuberville[59], 16 Sep 1651, in New Haven, New Haven Co., CT[60]. Sailed from Plymouth, England in and arrived in Massachusetts in 1630. Removed to Quinnipiack (New Haven), Conn. before by the first of July, 1654; removed to Fairfield by 1668. PROGENITOR OF THE REDDING, CONN., BRANCH OF THE FAMILY. The

brother of William, Robert (d. 1683/50, had married Susan Tuberville on September 16, 1654 and by 1668 was living near Fairfield, Connecticut, where he had or was to acquire a rather large estate of three hundred and eighty-eight acres besides interest in the "Common Lands". In his will made November 12, 1683, proved March 10, 1684/5, he named a daughter, Mary, and two sons, Daniel and John. Robert Meeker land extended from Sasco Beach on Long Island Sound to the northern boundry of the town of Fairfield. The land was a mile wide and presently called the "Gold Coast" of the east. It is thought that Robert & family after leaving the New Haven Colony went to Elizabethtown for a short time & then to NY & on to the Coast before settling in Fairfield Colony of CT. At that time New Haven Colony & CT Colony had separate charters from the King of England Extracted from "History of the Colony of New Haven" by Edward E. Atwater Early in the spring of 1644 the new proprietors took possession of their purchase. It is probable that they came from Wethersfield in vessels down the Connecticut river and through Long Island sound. They were joined by others from New Haven and all numbered forty men, many of whom were accompanied by wives and children. Prominent among them were William Swaine and his sons Samuel and Daniel, John Plum, Richard Harrison, Thomas Blatchly, Robert Rose, John and Francis Linsley, William Palmer, Thomas Sargent, Robert Abbott, Edward Treadwell, Samuel Nettleton, John Norton, John Hill, John Ward, Daniel Dod, Thomas Richards, Jonathan England, Edward Frisbie, Richard Lawrence, Richard Mather, Sagismond Richalls, William Merchang, Luther Branfield, Thomas Fenner, John Edwards, Robert Meeker, Thomas Whitehead, Richard Lawrence, with Rev. John Sherman, who accompanied them as their pastor, Jasper Crane, George and Lawrence Ward, Thomas Morris, and Thomas Lupton came from New Haven to Branford.

Their first homes were along the north and west banks of the river, leaving the Indian reservation, which still retains the name of Indian Neck, on the opposite side.

These houses were probably of crude construction as the first meeting house, built in 1644, was a block house with a thatched roof, surrounded by a palisade of cedar logs twelve

feet high. In 1645 the first division of lands was made, each proprietor having previously received a home lot and three acres of land.

Robert Meeker took the Oath of Fidelity in New Haven, July 1644, and then removed to Branford, where he appeared to be a person of some standing. He married Susan Tuberfield 1651. He removed to Fairfield before 1670.

24. William[8] Preston (Adam, 28). Born, 28 Jan 1589/0 (??) in Giggleswick Coun, England. Died, 9 Jul 1647, in New Haven, New Haven Co., CT. Residents of Yorkshire, England. Came to Mass. In the ship "Truelove in 1635. Settled in New Haven Colony.

He married[61], first, Elizabeth Sale (25), 11 Oct 1613, in Chesham, Co. Bucks, England. Children:

- i. John[7] Preston[62]. Born, circa 1617, in Chesham, Co. Bucks, England. Died, 1623, in Chesham, Co. Bucks, England. Burial: 18 Nov 1623, in Chesham, Co. Bucks, England.
- ii. Edward Preston[62]. Born, circa 1619, in Chesham, Co. Bucks, England. Died, 1699, in NH. Baptism: 14 Nov 1619, in Chesham, Co. Bucks, England. Occupation: Lawyer. He married[63] Margaret Hurst[63]. LAWYER
- iii. William Preston[62]. Born, circa 1619, in Chesham, Co. Bucks, England. Died, 1633, in Chesham, Co. Bucks, England. Baptism: 5 Oct 1614, in Chesham, Co. Bucks, England. Burial: 4 Jun 1633, in Chesham, Co. Bucks, England.
- iv. Daniel Preston[62]. Born, circa 1621, in Chesham, Co. Bucks, England. Died, 10 Nov 1707, in Dorchester, MA.
- v. Elizabeth Preston[62]. Born, circa 1623, in Chesham, Co. Bucks, England. Died, 29 Aug 1693. Baptism: 18 Jan 1622/3, in Chesham, Co. Bucks, England. She married[63] Joseph Alsop[63].
- 16 vi. Sarah J Preston.
- vii. Mary Preston[62]. Born, circa 1629, in Chesham, Co. Bucks, England. Baptism: 13 Dec 1629, in Chesham, Co. Bucks, England.

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She married[63] Peter Mallory[63], 1648.
viii. John Preston[62]. Born, circa 1632, in Chesham, Co. Bucks, England. Died in MA. Baptism: 4 Mar 1631/2, in Chesham, Co. Bucks, England.

He married[64], second, Mary Seabrook[62], daughter of Robert Seabrook and Alice Goodspeede, 1635, in Chesham, Co. Bucks, England. Born, circa 1601, in Traing Par., Wingrave, Buckinghamshire, England. Died, after 1680. Children:

ix. Jehiel Preston[61]. Born, circa 1640. Died, 1684. Baptism: 14 Jun 1640.

x. Hackaliah Preston[62]. Born, circa 1643. Died, 20 Nov 1692. Baptism: 9 Apr 1643.

xi. Eliaspah Preston[61]. Born, circa 1643, in New Haven Co., CT. Died, 1707, in Wallingford, CT. Baptism: 9 Apr 1643. Occupation: Deacon.

xii. Joseph Preston[65]. Born, circa 1646, in New Haven Co., CT. Died, 1733, in New Haven Co., CT. Baptism: 24 Jan 1645/6. Occupation: Sergeant.

25. Elizabeth[8] Sale (Edward, 29). Born, 8 Jun 1590, in Chesham, Co. Bucks, England. Died, 22 Feb 1633/4, in Chesham, Co. Bucks, England.

She married[61] William Preston (24).

26. William[8] Ball (John, 31)[44]. Born in Wiltshire, England. of "Lincoln's Inn"

He married[44] Mary Harris (27). Children:

i. Alling[7] Ball[56]. Born, circa 1615. He married[44] Dorothy Tuttle[44]. settled at New Haven, CT came from England on the ship, Planter, in 1635.

ii. John Ball[44]. settled in Mass.

iii. Francis Ball[44]. settled in Springfield, MA

iv. Samuel Ball[44]. settled in Comingtrees.

v. Richard Ball[44].

21 vi. Col. William Ball.

27. Mary[8] Harris[44].

She married[44] William Ball (26).

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NINTH GENERATION

28. Adam[9] Preston (William, 33)[66].

He married Isabel Braithwhett, 2 Jun 1583. Children:

24 i. William[8] Preston.

29. Edward[9] Sale (John, 35). Born, 4 Apr 1563. Died, 13 Dec 1620, in Chesham, Co. Bucks, England. OF BUCKINGSHIRE, ENGLAND.

He married Elizabeth Gifford (30), 20 Oct 1589, in Chesham, Co. Bucks, England. Children:

25 i. Elizabeth[8] Sale.

30. Elizabeth[9] Gifford. Born, 1634 (??). Died, 14 Aug 1657, in Chesham, Co. Bucks, England.

She married Edward Sale (29).

31. John[9] Ball (Rev. Richard, 38)[44]. Died, circa 1628.

He married[44], first, Alice Hayes (32). Children:

- 26 i. William[8] Ball.
- ii. Thomas Ball[44].
- iii. George Ball[44].

- iv. Richard Ball[44].
- v. Samuel Ball[44].
- vi. Elizabeth Ball[44].
- vii. Rachel Ball[44].
- viii. Susan Ball[44].
- ix. Dorothy Ball[44].
- x. Mary Ball[44].

He married[56], second, Elizabeth Webb[56].

32. Alice[9] Hayes[44].

She married[44] John Ball (31).

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33. William[10] Preston[66]. Born, circa 1526, in England.

He married Ann(a) Sanders (34). Children:

28 i. Adam[9] Preston.

34. Ann(a)[10] Sanders[66]. Born, circa 1530, in England.

She married William Preston (33).

35. John[10] Sale. Born, 1576. Died, 15 Nov 1577, in Chesham, Co. Bucks,
England. OF BUCKINGSHIRE, ENGLAND.

He married Agnes Parker (36).

36. Agnes[10] Parker, daughter of George Parker. Died, 20 Jan 1598/9 (??) in Chesham, Co. Bucks, England.

She married, first, John Sale (35) in Chesham, Co. Bucks, England.
Children:

29 i. Edward[9] Sale.

She married, second, Byrch.

37. Joane[10] . Died, 12 Oct 1620, in Chesham, Co. Bucks, England.

She married an unknown man. Children:

30 i. Elizabeth[9] Gifford.

38. Rev. Richard[10] Ball (Lawrence, 40)[67]. Born, circa 1623, in Bishopsgate, England.

He married[44] Elizabeth (39), circa 1623. Children:

31 i. John[9] Ball.
ii. William Ball[44].
iii. Richard Ball[44].

39. Elizabeth[10] [44].

She married[44] Rev. Richard Ball (38).

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40. Lawrence[11] Ball[44]. Born, 1565, in Northampton, England.

He married[44] Elizabeth Goodman (41). Children:

38 i. Rev. Richard[10] Ball.

41. Elizabeth[11] Goodman[44].

She married[44] Lawrence Ball (40).

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