

-- AMORY --

The family groups represented in this collection may not be complete, because information was entered bit by bit as I found it or happened upon it; I have not done any systematic research on these families. Because they do not compose whole family genealogies, these listings are arranged differently from most genealogical records or histories. Each listing is a family group, and is arranged and filed alphabetically under the name of the head of the family.

Names are generally in alphabetical order (disregarding spelling variations and middle names), then in approx. chronological order. The first sorting is by surname (mixing together any and all spelling variations), then by given name, then by approximate birthdate (when known) in approximate chronological order. For easier reference, surnames in headings are grouped together under the most common spelling usage that evolved in this geographical location, regardless of individualistic spellings in the records themselves. Cross references are used in most cases where surname spellings substantially vary.

Within the quoted records, the individual spellings have been (mostly) retained because they sometimes provide clues (although in general—but with exceptions—they seem to largely reflect the record keeper's particular orthography and not always, at this early period, any special family preference). Those interested can see the variety and evolution of a particular name's spelling and the interesting and sometimes amusing attempts at phonetic reproduction. Keep in mind that before names and spellings were standardized, records reflected the individualistic whim of the particular recorder (often two different spellings of the same name within the same document). In addition, all records were handwritten, and sometimes deciphering a handwritten name in early records can be quite challenging! So expect to search under all possibilities of spelling (for both surnames and given names).

Given names are grouped together without regard for middle initials or middle names. Because middle names and/or initials are sometimes used, sometimes not used in various records, it seemed simplest to arrange entries as if the middle names or initials did not exist. Usually all variations of a given name are grouped together as though spelled one way: Jan, Johannes, John, etc. are all grouped as one (but also look under the other forms).

Sources and references are included with each "family" grouping, but may or may not include sources that are cited (or are obvious, such as baptismal records, etc.) within the narrative or listing itself.

As with any compiled genealogical record, researchers should regard this information as leads and clues, and should verify all data with independent research.

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Amory, John (Capt.)

John Amory
son of

m. 17 Nov 1748

Mary Cuyler (Maria)

(widow of **Barent Rynders, Jr.**)
dau. of Hendrick/Henry Cuyler &
Maria Jacobs

b. about 1720

d. about Nov 1758, ae 38

b. 1710 Ennis, Ireland

d. 16 June 1758 off Cape Carethes, Cuba, ae 47

Mary Cuyler had a daughter, Hester, by her first husband. Hester Rynders m. **Stephen DeLancy**.

At the time of his death he was captain of the *King William II*, a 20-24 gun ship with a crew of 180-200 men, an American privateer, home ported in New York City.¹

The will of "John Amory, of New York, mariner" was dated 20 August 1757 and probated 30 December 1762. In it, he left: to my wife Mary £500 and 1/2 of all my right and interest in the good ship, or vessell, called the "King William the Third," in which I am now going on a Privateering cruise against his Majesty's Enemies. I also leave to her 1/2 of all the profits that may come to me from said cruise. I also leave to my wife 1/2 of the rent and profit of the dwelling house in New York where I live until my son John is 21, for the bringing up and educating and supporting my said son. Also the use of furniture and £1,000. I leave to my son John £500 when of 25 years of age, or sooner if his mother thinks best to be put at interest on good bond security. I leave to my son John all that tract of 2,000 acres of land which I purchased of Lawrence Van Kleeck and his wife Jacopie, as by deed dated August 29, 1752, and after the death or marriage of my wife the dwelling house and lot where I now live, situate near the Vly Market, in New York, but the rent of 1/2 of the house shall be paid to Hester Rynders, the daughter of my wife by her former husband, so long as she remains widowed. If my son dies, then I leave the house and lot and 1/2 of the ship to the said Hester Rynders. I make her, and my wife, and my brother-in-law, John Cuyler, and my friend, James Van Cortlandt, executors. When the will was probated, Hester Rynders was then the wife of Stephen De Lancey. Pelletreau adds a note: Mary, wife of Captain John Amory, was the widow of Barent Rynders, Jr. (NY

Hist. Soc. Coll. 1897, Abstracts of Wills, NYC, 1760-1766 (Pelletreau), p. 203—Liber 23, p. 540)

Mary Amory, of New York, widow of John Amory, in her will dated 20 October 1758 (Proved 28 Nov. 1758) wrote: ...I leave to my daughter Hester all my apparell and linen, table cloths and napkins. I leave to my son John my gold watch, and a pair of gold shoe buckles, and a diamond ring, "and a family ring," Also the gun, sword, and arms that were my husband's. I leave to my daughter Hester the rest of my jewels and a bed and bedstead, with the things brought from London by my husband. All the rest to be sold by my executors, and the proceeds to my son and daughter when of age. I make my father, Henry Cuyler, and my brother, John Cuyler, executors. Dated October 20, 1758. Witnesses, Abraham Lefferts, Andrew Breested, James De Lancey. Proved, November 28, 1758. (Pelletreau, NYC Will Abstracts, Liber 21:138).

---children of (Capt.) John Amory & Mary Cuyler:

• **John Amory**, bp. 2 May 1750 Albany, NY; d. 11 Aug 1780; m. 9 Nov 1769 **Eleanor/Neeltje Staats**, dau. of Samuel Staats & Neeltje.

• **James Amory**, bp. 26 Aug 1752 New York City, NY; d. before 1757, ae 4.

---Sources: Information sent December 1997 from Margaret Amory, 4613-D Hope Valley Road, Durham, NC 27707-5660, e-mail amory002@mc.duke.edu; Pelletreau, William S., Abstracts of Wills on File in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York, pub. as Collections of the New York Historical Society. Vol. V, 1754-1760, p. 269 (will of Mary Amory)

Amory, John (poss. Col.)

John Amory
son of

m. (1)

m. 28 Dec 1777
by Rev. B. Moore¹

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dau. of
Marretje/Mary Remsen
(widow of **Abraham de la Montagnie**)
dau. of Jacob Remsen &
Maria Van Voorhees
b. New Utrecht
d. 1797, aged 66¹
buried Trinity Chyd, NYC¹

John Amory was a whip maker and importer of guns and saddles.

Col. Amory was listed as the proprietor of King's Arms (Montagne's Tavern, 253 Broadway) in the New York Directory of 5 April 1774. This tavern had been operated since April 1769 by Abraham de la Montagne, Maria Remsen's first husband. According to p. 160 Colonial Taverns and Tavern Keepers, this tavern "immediately became the meeting place of the less militant faction of the Sons of Liberty." John Amory offered the tavern for rent 17 Sep 1781 and again on 8 June 1782. His widow opened it as the "Vauxhall" on 22 June 1793.¹

---children of John Amory

• **James Amory**, b. about 1771 NYC; d. 15 Feb 1835; m. (1) **Jane Remsen**, dau. of Rem Remsen & Phoebe Duryea; m. (2) **Martha A. Burtis**, dau. of Peter Albertis & Martha Denton, and a descendant of Pietro Ceasare Alberti (20 June 1605-before 9 Nov 1655) and Judith Jans Meynje (24 Aug 1642-before 9 Nov 1655)

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Amory, John

John Amory
son of (Capt.) John Amory &
Mary Cuyler

m. 9 (8¹) Nov 1769
Albany, NY

Eleanor Staats (Neeltje)
dau. of Samuel Staats &
Neeltje Staats
b. 17 (16¹) Feb 1750 Albany, NY
bp.
d.

b.
bp. 2 May 1750 Albany, NY
d. 11 Aug 1780 New York, NY¹

John Amory and his half-sister, Hester Rynders (dau. of Barent Rynders and Mary Cuyler), were probably raised by Mary's parents, Hendrick Cuyler & Maria Jacobs, of Albany.

It is probably this John Amory who received a 200-acre land grant in Nova Scotia, but who probably died before he could claim it. The claim was escheated in 1813, suggesting that he either never settled on the land or left shortly thereafter as his name does not appear in the early Chester Township records. His death notice from the *New York Gazette-Mercury*, dated 21 August 1780, reads: "Amory, John, native of New York City, who resided some years in Albany before the rebellion died Aug. 11 [1780] in New York City in his 30th year.¹

---children of John Amory & Eleanor Staats:

• **Elizabeth Amory**, bp. 28 June 1772 Ref Ch of Albany, NY; d. 15 Nov 1845 Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia; m. 10 Aug 1800 Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia, **Lawrence Sneden**, son of Stephen Sneden & Margaret Townsend.

• **Esther Amory**, bp. 11 Dec 1774 St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Albany, NY

---Sources:

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