

-- BROSS --

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.

I welcome, and would be grateful for, any additions or corrections, especially with source citations.

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Bross, Abraham

Abraham Bross m.
b.
d.
buried

Sophia

b. about 1783
d. 16 April 1863, ae 79.7.2
buried Woodside Cemetery, Dumont, NJ

Sophia Bross, 64, was listed in the 1850 Federal Census, living in Hackensack Township, Bergen County, NJ with the family of John Woods, 35, and Ann Maria, 48.

---children of Abraham Bross & Sophia

- (prob) **Abraham Bross**, b. about 1821; m. **Hester Parcels**.
- (poss) **Nicholas Bross**, b. about 1828; m. **-?-**

---Sources: Ackerman, Herbert S., and Arthur J. Goff, *Thirty Seven Cemeteries*, 1946 (Woodside Cemetery, Dumont, NJ), p. 21; 1850 Federal Census, New Jersey, Bergen County, Hackensack Township, taken August 1850; dwelling 66, family 75 (family of John Woods)

Bross, Abraham

Abraham Bross m.
b. about 1795 NJ

Sarah

b. about 1795 NJ

They were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, New Jersey, Sussex Co., Wantage Township, Dwelling 111, Family 112 -- Abraham Bross, 55, farmer, value property 4000, b. NJ; Sarah [Bross], 55, b. NJ; Oliver L. [Bross], 23, School teacher, b. NJ; Peter W. [Bross], 21, laborer, b. NJ; Abram V. [Bross], 18, laborer, b. NJ.

---children of Abraham Bross & Sarah

- **Oliver L. Bross**, b. about 1827 NJ
- **Peter W. Bross**, b. about 1829 NJ
- **Abram V. Bross**, b. about 1832 NJ

Bross, Abraham

Abraham Bross
son of
b. about 1821

m. 18 July 1840
Schraalenburgh Ref Ch

Hester Parcels (Hetty)
dau. of
b. about 1823

Abraham Bross, 27, chair maker, and Hester, 26, were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, living in Hackensack Township, Bergen County, NJ. Listed living with them were: Henry, 7; and Rachel, 3.

Abraham Bross, 49, boot and shoe maker, and Hester, 47, keeping house, were listed in the 1870 Federal Census, living in Washington Township, Bergen County, NJ. Listed living with them were: Abraham, 16; and Sophia An, 14.

---children of Abraham Bross & Hester Parcels:

- **Henry Bross**, b. about 1843
- **Rachel Bross**, b. about 1847
- **Abraham Bross**, b. about 1854; m. (prob) **Nellie M. Byrne**.
- **Sophia Ann Bross**, b. about 1856

---Sources: Westervelt, Frances A., Bergen County New Jersey Marriage Records, 1929, p. 96; 1870 Federal Census, New Jersey, Bergen County, Washington Township (Saddle River P.O., taken June 1870, p. 10; 1850 Federal Census, New Jersey, Bergen County, Hackensack Township, taken August 1850; dwelling 47, family 50 (family of Abraham Bross))

Bross, Abraham J. (Abram Bross)

Abraham Bross
son of

m. 31 Dec 1863
Hackensack Ref Ch, by
Rev. Theo. B. Romeyn

Sarah Maria Van Horn
dau. of (prob) Daniel L. Van Horn &
Ellen/Adeline Blauvelt
b. about 1846

b. about 1846

At the time of their marriage, he was of Schraalenburgh; she was of Washingtonville.

In January 1877 A. Bros gave his occupation as "chair maker."¹

Abraham Bross, 24, painter, and Sarah M., 24, keeping house, were listed in the 1870 Federal Census, living in Washington Township, Bergen County, NJ. Listed living with them were: Ellen, 3; James, 5; and Clarra, 1/12.

---children of Abraham J. Bross & Sarah Maria Van Horn:

- **James Bross**, b. about 1865
- **Ellen Bross**, b. about 1867
- **Clara Bross**, b. about 1870
- **Jacob Bross**, b. about 1872-73 Old Hook; d. 27 March 1876 Old Hook, Bergen County, NJ, age 3 of diphtheria.¹
- (prob) **Charlie Bross**, b. 18 Jan 1877 Washington Ville, Bergen County, NJ¹

---Sources:

[1] "Vital Records, Township of Washington, Bergen Co., NJ" copied 1991 by Mrs. Basil LoPresti, Polly Wyckoff Chapter, NSDAR; Westervelt, Frances A., Bergen County New Jersey Marriage Records, 1929, p. 40; 1870 Federal Census, New Jersey, Bergen County, Washington Township, Saddle River P.O., taken July 1870, p. 44; 1870 Federal Census, New Jersey, Bergen County, Washington Township, Saddle River P.O., taken July 1870, p. 44; Sawyer, Ray C., New Jersey Marriages, as published in the Christian Intelligencer of the Reformed Dutch Church from 1830 to 1871, Vols. 1 & 2, pub. 1932-1933 (reprinted 1998 in one vol., by Bergen Historic Books)

Bross, Abraham

Abraham Bross
son of (prob) Abraham Bross &
Hester Parcels
b. about 1853

m. 15 May 1877 by
Rev. J. H. Trinbrel,
Pascack¹

Nellie M. Byrne
dau. of
b. about 1852

In the Washington Township marriage record, Abraham Bross was 24, a coachman, son of Abraham Bross. Nellie M. Byrne was 24, of Hillsdale (no parent's names given).

---Sources:

[1] "Vital Records, Township of Washington, Bergen Co., NJ" copied 1991 by Mrs. Basil LoPresti, Polly Wyckoff Chapter, NSDAR

Bross, Abraham

Abraham Bross
---Sources:

m. about 15 Oct 1879¹

Mary Burns

[1] Extracts from diaries of Elizabeth Ann Campbell (typescript, Gen. Soc. Bergen County)

Bross, Abram B.

Abram B. Bross
son of

m. about 15 March 1879¹

Mary E. Van Riper (Matilda?)
dau. of Frederick G. Van Riper &
Jemima Ackerman

b.
d.
buried

b. about 22 May 1861 Chestnut Ridge
d. 10 March 1879, age 17.10.12
buried Saddle River Ref Chyd, U.S.R., NJ

---Sources:

[1] Extracts from diaries of Elizabeth Ann Campbell (typescript, Gen. Soc. Bergen County);

"Vital Records, Township of Washington, Bergen County, NJ" copied 1991 by Mrs. Basil LoPresti (Polly Wyckoff Chapter NSDAR); Reformed Dutch Chyd of Saddle River Gravestone Inscriptions (Upper Saddle River, Bergen Co., NJ); Tobey, Barbara, The Ackerman Family, vol. 2, p. 231

Bross, Cornelius J.

Cornelius J. Bross
son of

m. about 1868

Hannah Maria Riker

dau. of Abraham Riker &
Elizabeth Rudd Sneden

b. about 1852 NJ

b. about 1847 NJ

Cornelius J. Bross, 33, farmer, and Hannah Maria, 28 [29?], were listed in the 1880 Federal Census, living in Harrington Township, Bergen County, NJ. Listed with them were their sons: Ira, 11; Walter, 9; Abraham, 7; Cornelius, 4; and Arthur, 1. Also living with them was Abraham Riker, 17, single, brother-in-law.

---children of Cornelius J. Bross & Hannah Maria Riker:

- **Ira Bross**, b. about 1869 NJ
- **Walter Bross**, b. about 1871 NJ
- **Abraham Bross**, b. about 1873 NJ
- **Cornelius Bross**, b. about 1876 NJ
- **Arthur Bross**, b. about 1879 NJ

---Sources: 1880 Federal Census, New Jersey, Bergen County, Harrington Township, ED No. 4, taken June 1880, dwelling 254, family 261 (family of Cornelius J. Bross)

Bross, George

George Bross
son of

m. 2 July 1880
Dutch Ref Ch,
Poughkeepsie, NY
(both live Poughkeepsie)

Phebe Ann Storms

dau. of

b.

---Sources: New York #2, 1740s-1880s Marriage Index online at genealogy.com

Bross, Henry

Henry Bross

son of (poss?) Harmanus Bras &
(2) Geertie Koeymans

He lived at Bound Brook, NJ.

From *The New York Gazette* Revived in the *Weekly Post* March 12, 1750. New Jersey Archives, 1st series, Vol. xii, Newspaper extracts, vol. II, 1740-1750: To be sold at publick Vendue, on Thursday, the 29th of the instant, March, on the Premises: The Plantation of Hendrick Brass, lying in East Jersey, in the township of Piscataqua joining Bound Brook, containing about 160 Acres of Land, with a Dwelling House thereon, and a good Orchard; about 15 Acres thereof is very good Meadow, and about 7 acres more almost clear. The Title indisputable. If any Persons inclines to purchase the Whole, or a Part therof, before the Vendue, they may apply to the said Hendrick Brass, living near the Premises, who will agree to reasonable terms.

---children of Henry Bross

- **Lukas Bross** (Luke; Lucas), m. **Ann -?-**
- **Henry Bross**, m. **Sarah Cole**
- **Peter Anson Bross**, m. **Sarah Johnson**
- **Harmanus Bross**, b. 21 Feb 1746; m. (1) 8 Nov 1771, **Jenny Smith**; m. (2) 1 Jan 1777, **Caty Smith**; m. (3) 3 May 1789 by Rev. Benjamin Vandalinder (Oakland?), **Ann Aller** (Allen; Van Allen)
- (poss) **Peter Bross**

---Sources: Information online Feb 2001, Dutch-Colonies List, from Clea <brianclea@pcrealm.net>; e-mail Oct 2002, Bergen Co. List, from "Robert H. Smith" <hawkrigde@worldnet.att.net> citing Rev. War Pension Application W-239 (Hermanus Bross);

Bross, Hendrick

Hendrick Bross
son of

m. 19 Feb 1765
Machakemeck Ref Ch
(Deerpark)

Catrina Cool

dau. of

---Sources: "Records of Marriages of the Reformed Church at Machakemeck (Deerpark)" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, April 1913, p. 165

Bross, Henry

Henry Bross

b. about 1807 NJ

d. 27 March 1872, age 65.0.25

buried South Schraalenburgh Ref Chyd, Bergenfield, Bergen Co., NJ

They were probably listed in the 1860 Federal Census, New York, Greene Co., Cairo, p. 20, enumerated 17 Sep 1860, Dwelling 2754, Family 3117 -- Henry Bross, 53, Farmer, value real estate \$800, b. NJ; Maria [Bross], 48, b. NJ; Jas. P. Demarest, 16, b. NY.

They were listed in the 1870 Federal Census, New Jersey, Bergen Co., Hackensack, New Bridge P.O., p. 70, enumerated

28 July 1870, Dwelling 79, Family 96 -- Bross, Henry, 63, Farm Laborer, b. NJ; [Bross], Maria, 59, Keeping House, b. NJ.
 ---Sources: Ackerman, Herbert S., and Arthur J. Goff, Thirty Seven Cemeteries, 1946 (South Schraalenburgh Churchyard, Bergenfield, NJ), p. 84

Bross, Henry

Henry Bross
 son of

m. 4 July 1868
 Paramus Ref Ch

Ann Pierce
 dau. of

---Sources: Westervelt, Frances A., Bergen County New Jersey Marriage Records, 1929, p. 77

Bross, Hermanus (Harmanus)

Hermanus Bross
 son of (prob) Henry Bross &
 b. 21 Feb 1746 Pequannock Township, Morris Co., NJ¹
 d. 20 Nov 1834¹ Paterson, Passaic Co., NJ

m. (1) 8 Nov 1771

Jenny Smith

dau. of
 b.
 d.

m. (2) 1 Jan 1777

Caty Smith

dau. of
Antje Aller
 dau. of

m. (3) 3 May 1789¹
 by Rev. Benjamin
 Vandalinder, Twp. of
 Franklin, at Yaugpough,
 Bergen Co., NJ

b. 18 Nov 1772
 bp.

Private Hermanus Bross served in the Revolutionary War in Captain John Outwater's Company, under Col. Dey [New Jersey State Troops]. He had a brother killed by the British in the Revolution.

In Oct 1833 he was 86, and a resident of Saddle River Township, Bergen Co., NJ. He signed his Revolutionary War Pension application with a mark. His widow also applied for and received a pension.

Antje's sister, Elizabeth Van Houten, gave statement in 1838 stating she was bridesmaid.

---children of Hermanus Bross & (1) Jenny Smith:

• **Jenny Bross**, b. 11 Dec 1776

---children of Hermanus Bross & (3) Antje Aller:

• **Peter Bross**, b. 30 Jan 1791

• **Hatamah? Bross**, b. 12 Oct 1792

• **Margaret Bross**, b. 19 Aug 1794

• **Luke Bross**, b. 6 Dec 1795

• **Mary Bross**, b. 9 Jan 1798

• **Abraham Bross**, b. 6 Dec 1799; bp. 12 Jan 1800 Schraalenburgh Ref Ch

• **Agnes Bross**, b. 14 Feb 1802

• **Catharine Berry Bross**, b. 21 Feb 1804

• **Elizabeth Bross**, b. 5 Aug 1807

---Sources:

[1] Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application File for Hermanus Bross, online at Ancestry.com; Records of the Reformed Dutch Churches of Hackensack and Schraalenburgh, New Jersey (Schraalenburgh Records), Part II, New York 1891 printed as Collections of the Holland Society of New York, Vol. I, Part II, p. 353; e-mail Oct 2002, Bergen Co. List, from "Robert H. Smith" <hawkrige@worldnet.att.net> citing Rev. War Pension Application W-239 (Hermanus Bross);

Bross, James J.

James Bross

son of

b. 1813

d. 1889

buried Woodside Cemetery, Dumont, Bergen Co., NJ

m. 12 Nov 1836

Schraalenburgh Ref Ch

Hannah Parcels

dau. of

b. 1818

d. 1874

buried Woodside Cemetery, Dumont, NJ

James Bross, 35, chair maker, and Hannah, 31, were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, living in Hackensack Township, Bergen County, NJ. Listed living with them were: Abraham, 12; David, 10; Mary, 8; Sophia, 6; Cornelius, 3; James, 2; and Samuel Ludlum, 46, chair maker.

James Bross, 57, plasterer, and Hannah, 52, keeping house, were listed in the 1870 Federal Census, living in New Barbadoes Township (Hackensack P.O.), Bergen County, NJ. Listed living with them were: James Jr., 21, plasterer; Jacob, 17, farm laborer; Ellen Jane, 15; Hannah E., 12; Isaac, 3/12.

---children of James J. Bross & Hannah Parcels:

• **Abraham Bross**, b. about 1838

• **David Bross**, b. about 1840

• **Mary Bross**, b. 15 Dec 1840 NJ; d. 13 March 1916; buried Woodside Cemetery, Dumont, Bergen Co., NJ; m. 22 Feb 1858,

David Henry Voorhis, son of William H. Van Voorhis & Maria Ackerman

• **Sophia Bross**, b. 28 Nov 1844; d. 19 March 1906; buried Westwood Cemetery, Westwood, Bergen Co., NJ; m. 28 Aug 1862

Schraalenburgh Ref Ch, **John W. Voorhis**, son of William H. Van Voorhis & Maria Ackerman

• **Cornelius Bross**, b. about 1847; m. (prob) **Hannah Maria Riker**, dau. of Abraham Riker & Elizabeth Rudd Sneden

• **James Bross, Jr.**, b. about 1849

• (poss) **Matilda W. Bross**, b. 1850; d. 1877; buried Woodside Cemetery, Dumont, Bergen Co., NJ.

- **Jacob Bross**, b. about 1853
 - **Ellen Jane Bross**, b. about 1855
 - **Hannah E. Bross**, b. about 1858
 - **Isaac Bross**, about 1861; d. 23 Oct 1864, age 3.0.1; buried Woodside Cemetery, Dumont, Bergen Co., NJ.
 - **Isaac Bross**, b. about 1870
- Sources: Westervelt, Frances A., *Bergen County New Jersey Marriage Records*, 1929, p. 95; Ackerman, Herbert S., and Arthur J. Goff, *Thirty Seven Cemeteries*, 1946 (Woodside Cemetery, Dumont, NJ), p. 27; 1850 Federal Census, New Jersey, Bergen County, Hackensack Township, taken August 1850; dwelling 1870 Federal Census, New Jersey, Bergen County, New Barbadoes Township (Hackensack P.O.), taken June 1870; dwelling 46, family 53 (family of James Bross); Ackerman, Herbert S., and Arthur J. Goff, *New York and New Jersey Cemeteries*, 1947, (Westwood Cemetery), p. 52

Bross, James

James Bross m. **Rachel**
 ---*children of James Bross & Rachel*

- **John A. Bross**, b. 24 Oct 1865¹

---Sources:

[1] "Vital Records, Township of Washington, Bergen Co., NJ" copied 1991 by Mrs. Basil LoPresti, Polly Wyckoff Chapter, NSDAR

Bross, James

James Bross m. 29 Nov 1868¹ **Jane Quackenbush**
 son of James Bross & dau. of Jacob Quackenbush &
 M. Letty
 b. about 1848 b. about 1850-51

In the Washington Township marriage record, they were James Bross, 20, mechanic, of New Milford, son of James & M. Bross, and Jane Quackenbush, 17, of Pascack, dau. of Jacob and Letty Quackenbush.

---Sources:

[1] "Vital Records, Township of Washington, Bergen Co., NJ" copied 1991 by Mrs. Basil LoPresti, Polly Wyckoff Chapter, NSDAR

Bross, James

James Bross m. 2 March 1872 **Tillie Westervelt**
 son of True Ref Ch, Hackensack dau. of
 at Schraalenburgh by Rev. G. A. Haring b.
 b. ---Sources: Westervelt, Frances A., *Bergen County New Jersey Marriage Records*, 1929, p. 48

Bross, Nicholas

Nicholas Bross m. **-?- (poss. Merrit)**
 b. about 1828 [Essex Co., NJ?] b.
 d. m. (2) d. between about 1857-1860
Margaret
 b. about 1835

Nicholas Bross, 32, laborer, was listed in the 1860 Federal Census, living in New Barbadoes Township (Hackensack P.O.), Bergen County, NJ. Listed living with him were: Sophia, 7; and Abraham, 3. Listed in the preceding family of Laurence & Gertrude Merit, was Jane Bross, 5.

Nicholas Bross, 45, farm laborer, and Margaret, 35, keeping house, were listed in the 1870 Federal Census, living in Washington Township, Bergen County, NJ. Listed living with them were Sophia, 17; James, 4; and Rachel, 2.

---*children of Nicholas Bross & (1)*

- **Sophia Bross**, b. about 1853
- (prob) **Jane Bross**, b. about 1855
- **Abraham Bross**, b. about 1857.

---*children of Nicholas Bross & (2) Margaret*

- **James Bross**, b. about 1866
- **Rachel Bross**, b. about 1868

---Sources: 1860 Federal Census, New Jersey, Bergen County, New Barbadoes Township (Hackensack P.O.), dwelling 503, family 538; 1870 Federal Census, New Jersey, Bergen County, Washington Township, Saddle River P.O., taken July 1870, p. 64

Bross, Nicholas

Nicholas Bross m. 15 July 1863 by **Mary Van Sciver**
 son of Justice of the Peace dau. of
 J. M. Meyers¹

b. about 1839 b. about 1843

In the Washington Township marriage record, they were Nicholas Bross, 24, laborer, and Mary Van Sciver, 20, of West Pascack.¹

---Sources:

[1] "Vital Records, Township of Washington, Bergen Co., NJ" copied 1991 by Mrs. Basil LoPresti, Polly Wyckoff Chapter, NSDAR

Bross, Peter

Peter Bross
son of

m.

Antje Cortright

dau. of Jacob Kortright &
Fammetje Tammark

bp. 31 Aug 1781 Minisink, Sussex Co., NJ

bp.

---Sources: Information posted online at ancestry.com Aug 2001 by Linda Sager-Kazalski <lskazalski@whro.net> citing Courtright, Marian C., "The History of the Family of Marian C. Courtright" typescript, p. 13

Bross, Peter

Peter Bross
d. about 1840¹

m.

(prob) **Ann**

d. about 1848¹

---Sources:

[1] Wells, Theodore W., *The pastor and the church, or, Rev. John H. Durvea, D.D., and the Second Reformed Church at Paterson, N.J.*, New York: Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in America, 1984 (Marriages, Baptisms, Members), p. 108 (online at HeritageQuest);

Bross, Robert B.

Robert B. Bross
son of (poss) Robert S. Bross &
Susan

m.

Mary Ann

dau. of

b. 13 Sep 1855¹

d. 21 Feb 1892¹ NYC

buried Ponds Cem., Oakland, Bergen Co., NJ¹

b. 8 Dec 1859¹

d. 16 June 1922¹

buried Ponds Cem., Oakland, Bergen Co., NJ¹

---Sources:

[1] Tombstone Inscriptions and photos posted online at <<http://www.findagrave.com>>, Ponds Cemetery, Oakland, Bergen Co., NJ: Robert B. Bross, Mary Ann Bross, his wife, sharing a stone; tombstone photo posted online);

New York City Deaths, online at Ancestry.com (in which the death of Robert B. Bross is given as 21 Feb 1893)

Bross, William H.

William H. Bross

m.

Margaret

---*children of William H. Bross & Margaret*

• **Sophie Bross**, b. about 1855; m. 13 Apr 1874 by Justice of the Peace Garret Haring, Mont Vale, Bergen County, NJ¹

Charles Wildersen, 20, a laborer, of Monvale, son of Tabold & May Wildersen.

---Sources:

[1] "Vital Records, Township of Washington, Bergen Co., NJ" copied 1991 by Mrs. Basil LoPresti, Polly Wyckoff Chapter, NSDAR

Unplaced Bross Women:

Catherine Jane Bross, m. 1858 or before, **David Peter Haring**

Elizabeth Bross, of Manchester, m. 8 Sep 1844 Second Ref Ch, Paterson, NJ, **William Stinson**

Mary Bross, m. 22 Feb 1858 by Rev. C. Blauvelt, **David Henry Voorhis**, of New Milford