

-- FORCE --

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 evolvement 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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Force, Benjamin

Benjamin Force

m.

Sarah Morris

He lived at Woodbridge, NJ.

In his will, dated 16 Aug 1734 Woodbridge, Middlesex Co., NJ, Benjamin Force, yeoman; mentioned children--Thomas, Benjamin (living in New England), Charity Freeman, and Hannah (wife of John Noe). Grandsons--Henry and Thomas Palmer Force, sons of son Thomas. Lands formerly belonging to William Bunn, joining lands of Joseph Bloomfield, John Noe, Jun'r, John Morris, John Wilkison; land on Rahway meadows joining Daniel Brittain, John Jaquashies, John Dillies, John Trueman; land purchased of Hugh Marsh, which he bought in 1670; lands joining Daniel Thorp, Jonathan Dillies, Jonathan Bishop. Executors--friends Jacob Thorn, Ebenezer Johnson and John Noe, Jun'r. Witnesses--J. Stevens, John Bishop, Thomas Force, Jun'r. Proved Nov. 30, 1734.

---children of Benjamin Force

- **Thomas Force**, d. before 5 June 1736 when bond was posted by Mary Force, his widow; Jonathan Freeman, fellow bondsman; m. **Mary -?-.**
- **Benjamin Force**
- **Charity Force**, m. **Jonathan Freeman**, son of Henry Freeman & Elizabeth Bowne. He was b. 13 July 1700; d. 1761.
- **Hannah Force**, m. **John Noe**

---Sources: Monnette, Orra Eugene. First Settlers of Ye Plantations of Piscataway and Woodbridge Olde East New Jersey. The Leroy Carman Press. California. 1932, Part 5, p. 713; Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Vol. II, 1730-1750 (online at Ancestry.com), p. 182 (will of Benjamin Force)

Force, Benjamin

Benjamin Force m. 17 May 1794 **Annaatje Hall** (Haal)
 son of Acquackanonk Ref Ch dau. of

---children of Benjamin Force & Annatje Hall:

- **John Force**, b. 4 March 1800; bp. 30 March 1800 Acquackanonk Ref Ch (no wit)
- **David Force**, b. 5 July 1802; bp. 1 Aug 1802 Acquackanonk Ref Ch (wit: David Ackerman, Metje Haal)
- **John Force**, b. 18 Aug 1805; bp. 6 Oct 1805 Acquackanonk Ref Ch (no wit)
- **Mous Force**, b. 30 Aug 1808; bp. 2 Oct 1808 Acquackanonk Ref Ch (no wit)
- **Catharina Force**, b. 28 July 1811; bp. 8 Sep 1811 Acquackanonk Ref Ch (wit: Martha Ackerman)

---Sources: Kelly, Arthur, *Vital Records of the Protestant Dutch Reformed Church at Acquackanonk*, 1977 (reprinted 1992)

Force, David

David Force m. **Debora Van Schyven**

---children of David Force & Debora Van Schyven:

- **Mattheus Force**, b. 12 Jan 1747; bp. 18 Jan 1747 Tappan Ref Ch (wit: Petrus Van Scheyven, Cornelia, his wife)
- Sources: Cole, David, *History of Rockland County, New York*, 1884 (reprinted 1986), appendix includes early Baptisms of the Tappan Ref Ch, the Clarkstown Ref Ch, and the Tappan Irregular congregation

Force, Edward B. (Edward Benjamin Force; Benjamin Force)

Edward B. Force m. (1)

son of William Force &
 Sarah Ferguson

b. (poss) 10 Nov 1798

bp.

d. 6 Sep 1850, age 51

m. (2)

Lydia Westervelt

dau. of Albert A. Westervelt &

Elizabeth Lydecker

b. 21 Sep 1805

bp. 19 Oct 1805 Schraalenburgh Ref Ch

d. (poss) about 11 Aug 1842²

Jennett

In 1824, when General Lafayette traveled from Hackensack to Paterson, Captain Edward Force and a troop of light-horses escorted him from Red Mills to the city boundary of Paterson.¹

He ran a fulling mill, with Abraham Van Riper, in Saddle River in October 1824. Their advertisement in *The Bergen Farmer*, issue of 17 Nov 1824 read: "Fulling, Dying, and finishing of cloth. The subscribers respectfully inform their friends and the public that they have their Fulling Mill now in complete order, at their old stand in Saddle River, between the Lutheran and Saddle River Churches, and are ready to receive all orders in their line of business. Edward B. Force, Abraham Van Riper. Saddle River, October 18."

In the same issue, another advertisement ran: "The subscribers respectfully inform their friends and the public generally, that they have their fulling mill, now in complete order, at the Red Mill, Paramus; and are ready to receive all orders in their line of business. Cloths may be left at the Stores of Albert G. Doremus & Co., Hackensack; D.D. Demerest, Old Hackensack; John Engle, near the turnpike gate; and Ackerman & Kipp, Paterson Landing. From which places it will be taken away once a week, and returned dressed, with all possible dispatch. Edward B. Force, Garret A. Westervelt.

In the same issue, Force ran another advertisement: "Woolen Manufactory. The Subscriber takes this method of informing his friends and the public in general, that he has established a manufactory for the purpose of Carding, Spinning, Fulling, Dyeing, and Dressing, at the Red Mill belonging to Albert A. Westervelt at Paramus, where he intends to carry on the above business in all its various branches. Wool will be received and manufactured into all descriptions of Yarn, Cloths, Flannels, Satinets &c. at reduced prices. Farmers wool will be carded as usual. He manufactures and has constantly on hand an assortment of Satinets and Yarn which he will dispose of at reduced prices. Edward B. Force. Paramus, Red Mill, May 4, 1824. Also the above business will be carried on by the subscribers in its various branches at Abraham Van Ripers Mill, at Saddle River, between the Lutheran and Saddle River Churches — and will be superintended by experienced workmen. Edward B. Force. Abraham Van Riper. Saddle River, May 4, 1824."

He ran the Red Mills at Arcola, NJ, including a sawmill, even before his wife, Lydia, inherited the property, with her sister Margaret (Mrs. John B. Doremus), upon her father's death in June 1838. Edward B. Force became full owner of the Red Mills in March 1839.

A barn, built by Edward Force a short distance south of the mill in 1840, was outfitted with seats in 1842 and appropriated for religious services. Force donated a church lot to the Methodist Episcopal Conference, and his neighbors supplied logs to the sawmill to provide timbers for construction of the new church. Its cornerstone was laid by Edward's brother, Reverend Manning Force, in the summer of 1843.

His estate was administered 2 Oct 1850.

---children of Edward B. Force & (1) Lydia Westervelt:

- **Margaret Force**, m. **Jacob D. Fort**.
- **Elizabeth Lydecker Force**, b. 14 Apr 1825; bp. 24 July 1825 Bergenfield (So Schraalenburgh/Hackensack Ref Ch) (no wit)
- **Sarah Maria Force**, b. 22 July 1827; bp. 26 Aug 1827 So. Schraalenburgh/Hackensack Ref Ch (no wit)
- **Martha Force**, m. **John D. Lanterman**.
- **Albert Force**
- **Nancy M. Force**
- **Anna Force**

---Sources:

[1] "Easton Tower, Site of Red Mills," by Kevin Wright (Bergen County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs);

[2] Martha Ann Zabriskie Memorandum Book (Typescript at Bergen County Historical Society Library), p. 40;

Moos, Dorothy, *The Blauvelt Family Genealogy*, Vol. I, 1987, p. 373; Munsell's *American Ancestry*, Vol. VI, 1891, p. 80; *The Bergen Farmer*, 17 Nov 1824, p. 8, 10; Burnett, Louise Howes, *Records of the Reformed Dutch Church...Records of Old South Church...to 1912*, transcribed Aug 1970; printed [c. 1998?] by Bergen Historic Books

Force, Henry

Henry Force
son of Jonathan Force &
Margaret Cooper
b. 12 April 1790 Bridgetown, NJ
d. 19 Feb 1834 Livingston, Essex Co., NJ

m. 18 Feb 1812
Newark, NJ

Mary Sidman

dau. of Thomas Sidman &
Sarah Fordham
b. 14 March 1788 Bloomfield, Essex Co., NJ
d. 6 Feb 1871 Livingston, Essex Co., NJ

He was a shoemaker in Livingston, Essex Co., NJ.

She was listed in the 1860 Federal Census, New Jersey, Essex Co., Livingston, p. 30, enumerated 27 June 1860, Dwelling 220, Family 244 (all b. NJ except as noted) -- George B. Force, 40, Shoemaker, value real estate \$1600, value personal estate \$700; Jane [Force], 35; Mary H. [Force], 2; Mary Force, 72; Hanah D. Stow, 13; George F. [Stow], 3; George N. Stow, 40, Saddler, value real estate \$1299, value personal estate \$100, b. CT. Listed on the same page, immediately before them, in the 1860 Federal Census, New Jersey, Essex Co., Livingston, p. 30, enumerated 27 June 1860, Dwelling 219, Family 242 (all b. NJ) -- George J. Force, 26, Shoemaker, value real estate \$700, value personal estate \$200; Mary E. [Force], 22. Listed living in the same dwelling, Family 243 -- Julia Force, 54, value real estate \$3000, value personal estate \$1000; Sarah [Force], 22; Johnathan [Force], 20, Farmer; Samuel Tomson, 10.

She was listed in the 1870 Federal Census, New Jersey, Essex Co., Livingston Township, p. 2, enumerated 11 July 1870, Dwelling 14, Family 14 (all b. NJ) -- Force, George B., 49, Farmer, value real estate \$1500, value personal estate \$800; [Force, Jane, 44, Keeping House; [Force], Mary A., 12; [Force], Aaron R.?, 1; [Force], Mary, 82; Stow, George F., 13. Listed two dwellings before them was the family headed by John H. (age 40) & Rachel E. (age 39) Force. Listed just after them was the family headed by George J. (age 36) & Mary E. (age 31) Force.

---children of Henry Force & Mary Sidman:

- **William Force**, b. 17 Jan 1813 Livingston, Essex Co., NJ; d. 22 June 1883 (or 1833?) Livingston, Essex Co., NJ
- **Sarah S. Force** (Sarah Ann), b. 26 March 1815; m. **William Morgan**
- **Margaret Force**, b. 20 Sep 1817 Livingston, Essex Co., NJ; m. **Rufus Smith**
- **George B. Force**, b. 11 June 1820 Livingston, Essex Co., NJ; d. 29 Nov 1892 Livingston, Essex Co., NJ; m. **Jane Ross**
- **Susan Force** (Susanna Maria), b. 24 July 1824 Livingston, Essex Co., NJ, m. **Isaac Denman**
- **John H. Force**, b. 11 July 1829 Livingston, Essex Co., NJ; m. 30 March 1851, **Rachel E. Jennings**, dau. of

Charles H. Jennings & Phoebe Barnett

They were listed in the 1870 Federal Census, New Jersey, Essex Co., Livingston Township, p. 2, enumerated 11 July 1870, Dwelling 12, Family 12 (all b. NJ) -- Force, John H., 40, Milkman, value real estate \$1500, value personal estate \$800; [Force], Rachel E., 39, Keeping House; [Force], Emma E., 17; [Force], Charles H., 16, attends school; [Force], Isabelle L. (or S.), 14, attends school; [Force], William L. (or S.), 12, attends school; [Force], Augustus, 9, attends school.

---Sources:

[1] *Biography and genealogical history of the city of Newark and Essex County, New Jersey*, New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1898, Vol. 1, p. 173 (online at HeritageQuest);

Family Tree posted online at Ancestry.com

Force, Hiram Q.

Hiram Q. Force
son of

m. 2 Sep 1815
English Neighborhood
True Ref. Church., by
Rev. Cornelius T. Demarest¹

Martha Earle
dau. of

b.

b.

Sources:

(1) Westervelt, Frances A., *Bergen County, New Jersey Marriage Records*, 1929, p. 13

Force, Jabez W.

Jabez W. Force
b. about 1822
d. 10 Dec 1915, age 93
buried English Neighborhood Ref Ch, Ridgefield, Bergen Co., NJ

m.

Mary J.

b. about 1822 NJ
d.
d.

They were listed in the 1870 Federal Census, New Jersey, Hudson Co., North Bergen Township, Town of Union, Weehawken, NJ P.O., p. 14, enumerated 8 July 1870, Dwelling 76, Family 108 (all b. NJ) -- Force, Javis, 48, Station Keeper, R.R., value personal estate \$200; [Force], Mary, 48, Keeping House; [Force, William, 22; [Force], Javis, 20, Mason; [Force], Phebe, 11; [Force], Emma, 7.

They were listed in the 1880 Federal Census, New Jersey, Hudson Co., Jersey City, District 27, p. 10, enumerated 9 June 1880, 104 Congress Street, Dwelling 88, Family 104 (all b. NJ, all their parents b. NJ) -- Force, Jabez W., 58, Real Estate; [Force], Mary J., 54, Wife, Keeping House; [Force], Phebie, 21, Daughter, Single, At Home; [Force], Emmie, 17?, Daughter, Single, At Home.

They were listed in the 1910 Federal Census, New Jersey, Bergen Co., Fairview Borough, District 0016, p. 1, enumerated 26 April 1910, Broad Avenue, (there are no Dwelling or Family numbes on this page) (This is probably a family group) -- Seiler, Amy, Head, 44, married 15 yrs., mother of 1 child, 1 child then living, b. NJ, her parents b. NJ; [Seiler], Frederick, Husband, age 44, second marriage, married 15 yrs., b. NY, his father b. Switzerland, his mother b. NY, Teamster; Force, Jabez, Father, age 88, married 65 yrs., b. NJ, his father b. France, his mother b. NY; [Force], Mary, Mother, 88, m. 65 yrs.,

mother of 6 children, 3 children then living, b. NJ, her parents b. NY; Seiler, Tillie? [Fielte?], Daughter, age 10, b. NJ, her father b. NJ, her mother b. NY.

---children of Jabez W. Force & Mary J.

- **William Force**, b. about 1848 NJ
- **Jabez W. Force**, b. about 1850 NJ; d. [buried 4 March 1918, age 68]; buried English Neighborhood Ref Ch, Ridgefield, Bergen Co., NJ; m. (poss?) **Fanny -?-**
- **Phebe Force**, b. about 1859 NJ
- **Emmie Force**, b. about 1863 NJ

---Sources: Mrs. B. LoPresti, Polly Wyckoff Chapter NSDAR, English Neighborhood Reformed Church (Ridgefield, Bergen County, NJ) Ceme: [tery Burial Records, 1985

Force, Jonathan

Jonathan Force

m.

Margaret Cooper

Jonathan Force served in the Revolutionary War, and was commissioned a Lieutenant in the War of 1812.

They settled in Livingston Township, Essex Co., NJ, where he was a tanner.

---children of Jonathan Force & Margaret Cooper:

- **Benjamin Force**
- **Elizabeth Force**
- **Margaret Force**
- **Nancy Force**
- **Maria Force**
- **Henry Force**, d. 1834; m. **Mary Sidman** of Bloomfield, NJ. He was a shoemaker.
- **Lockie Force**
- **Charles Force**
- **Sarah Force**
- **Jonathan Force**

---Sources:

[1] *Biography and genealogical history of the city of Newark and Essex County, New Jersey*, New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1898, Vol. 1, p. 173 (online at HeritageQuest);

Force, Jotham

Jotham Force

son of

m. 20 April 1811

English Neighborhood

True Ref. Church, by

Rev. Henry Polhemus¹

Catherine Earle (Earl¹)

dau. of

b.

b.

---Sources:

(1) Westervelt, Frances A., *Bergen County, New Jersey Marriage Records*, 1929, p. 13

Force, Manning (“Manan Force” in m. record)

Manning Force

son of Obadiah Force &

Johanna Manning

b. 1730 Morristown, NJ

d. 8 April 1789 Acquackanonk, NJ

m. 10 May 1753

Hanover, Morris Co., NJ

(First Presbyterian Ch,

Morristown, NJ)

Lucretia Winchell (Wirxhel in m. record)

dau. of

b. 1732 CT

d.

Lucretia Winchell was b. in CT but lived in NY.

---children of Manning Force & Lucretia Winchell:

- **William Force**, b. 29 July 1752; d. 3 March 1826 near Paterson, NJ; m. **Sarah Ferguson**.
- **Loraine Force**, m. **-?- Paxton**.
- **Abigail Force**, b. 1756 Essex Co., NJ; m. **Philip Quereau**.
- **Monson Force** (Munson?), b. 1764 Essex Co., NJ; m. **Mary Wood**.
- **Obadiah Force**, b. 1767 Essex Co., NJ; d. 20 Jan 1850 Manchester, Washtenaw Co., Michigan; buried Stockbridge Village Cem., Stockbridge, Ingham Co., MI; m. 10 Nov 1792 Acquackanonk, Essex Co., NJ, **Elizabeth Van Houten**, dau. of Petrus Van Houten & Leya Van Ripen. Elizabeth was b. 13 May 1774; d. 15 Sep 1849 Manchester, Washtenaw Co., Michigan; buried Oak Grove Cem., Manchester Co., MI.
- **Benjamin Force**, b. 1770 Essex Co., NJ
- **Jabez Force**, b. about 1774 Essex Co., NJ

---Sources: Munsell's *American Ancestry*, Vol. VI, 1891, p. 81; *Church Members, Marriages and Baptisms, Hanover, Morris Co., N. J., during the Pastorate of Rev. Jacob Green, and to the Settlement of Rev. Aaron Condit, 1746--1796* at: http://www.altlaw.com/edball/han_recs.htm [viewed March 1999]; Information posted online at Ancestry.com Jun 2002 by Robert Hunter <hunterrd@attbi.com>

Force, Manning

Manning Force is listed in the Feb 1780 Essex Co. Rateables for Acquackanonk Township (but not in the Feb 1779 list).

He is listed with 233 acres, 2 horses, and 3 horned cattle.

---Sources: "New Jersey Rateables, 1778-1780, Essex County, Acquackanonk Township" in *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*, May 1967, p. 95

Force, Manning (Rev.)

Manning Force
son of William Force &
Sarah Ferguson
b. 1789
d. Feb 1862

Manning Force, the brother of Edward B. Force, was a Methodist minister; he began his ministry in 1811. He served about 1836-1843 at New Prospect (now Waldwick) Methodist Church. He also lived at Flanders, NJ.

---Sources: Chambers, Theodore F., *Earlt Germans in New Jersey*, 1895, p. 622; "Easton Tower, Site of Red Mills," by Kevin Wright (Bergen County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs);

Force, Matthew

Matthew Force
son of

m.

Elizabeth Palmer

dau. of (prob) William Palmer &
(2) Martha Paddock (or Bower)
b. 1645

b.

Matthew Force was a soldier at New York, who was discharged in 1669.

---children of Matthew Force & Elizabeth Palmer:

• **Benjamin Force**, m. **Elizabeth -?-**

• **Mark Force**

---Sources: New York historical manuscripts, English : books of general entries of the colony of New York, 1664-1673, edited by Peter R. Christoph and Florence A. Christoph, Baltimore : Genealogical Pub. Co., 1982

Force, Obadiah

Obadiah Force
b. 1691
d. 1789

m.

Johanna Manning

b.
d.

He was of Huguenot descent, and lived in New York.

---children of Obadiah Force & Johanna Manning:

• **Manning Force**, m. 10 May 1753 Hanover, Morris Co., NJ, **Lucretia Winchell** of CT.

• **Thomas Force**,

• **Squire Force**, m. 6 March 1770 Hanover, Morris Co., NJ, **Margaret Johnson** of CT.

• **Rosanna Force**, m. **Moses Young**

• **Elizabeth Force**, m. **Daniel Lyons**

• **Sarah Force**, m. **Joel Osmond**.

• **Johannah Force**, m. **Amos Meeker**.

• **Rachel Force**, m. **John Meeker**.

---Sources: Munsell's *American Ancestry*, Vol. VI, 1891, p. 80; *Church Members, Marriages and Baptisms, Hanover, Morris Co., N. J., during the Pastorate of Rev. Jacob Green, and to the Settlement of Rev. Aaron Condit, 1746--1796* at: http://www.altlaw.com/edball/han_rec.htm [viewed March 1999]

Force, Obadiah

Obadiah Force
son of Manning Force &
Lucretia Winchell

m. 10 Nov 1792
Acquackanonk Ref Ch

Elizabeth Van Houten

dau. of Petrus Van Houten &
Leya Van Ripper
b. 13 May 1774 Essex Co., NJ
d. 15 Sep 1849 Machester, Washtenaw Co., MI
buried Oak Grove Cem., Manchester Co., MI

b. 1767 Essex Co., NJ

d. 20 Jan 1850 Manchester, Washtenaw Co., MI
buried Stockbridge Village Cem., Stockbridge, Ingham Co., MI

---children of Obadiah Force & Elizabeth Van Houten:

• **Maragrietje Leah Force**, b. 24 April 1793; bp. 19 May 1793 Acquackanonk Ref Ch (no wit); d. 20 Oct 1865 Ingham Co., MI; m. **John Ewing**

• **Catharina Force**, b. 26 Jan 1796; bp. 6 March 1796 Acquackanonk Ref Ch (no wit); m. **James Vanderbilt**

• **Johanis/John Force**, b. 5 Sep 1798 Passaic, Essex Co., NJ

• **Petrus/Peter Force**, b. 10 Dec 1800 Passaic, Essex Co., NJ; d. 14 May 1878 Stockbridge, Ingham Co., Michigan; m.

Mary/Maria Garrabrant

• **William Force**, b. 13 Feb, bp. 20 Mar 1803 Totowa (wit: De Moder); d. 29 April 1883; m. **Rachel Brainerd**

• **Francis/Frank Force**, b. 11 July 1807 Mendon, NY; d. 2 July 1886 Spencer Township, Kent Co., Michigan; m. 2 Aug 1851 Napoleon, Jackson Co., MI, **Elizabeth/Betsey Chrysler**

• **Ephraim E. Force**, b. 5 April 1812 Canadaifua, Ontario Co., NY; d. 3 Sep 1895 Manchester, Washtenaw Co., Michigan; m. 11 April 1835, **Jane M. Thomas**

• **John Lord Force**, b. 1814 Mendon, Ontario Co., NY; d/ Feb 1864 Salem, Marion Co., Oregon; m. **Mary B. Stoughton**

• **James Vanderbilt Force**, b. 23 Oct 1816 Mendon, Ontario Co., NY; d. 30 April 1890; m. 6 March 1838 Ingham Co., MI, **Lucretia Towner**

• **Henry Force**, b. 1820 Mendon, Ontario Co., NY; m. 10 March 1842 White Oak, Ingham Co., MI, **Louisa Harrington**

---Sources: Nelson, William, *History of the Old Dutch Church at Totowa [Paterson, NJ]*, 1892 including Baptisms 1756-1808; Kelly, Arthur, *Vital Records of the Protestant Dutch Reformed Church at Acquackanonk*, 1977 (reprinted 1992); Information posted online at Ancestry.com Jun 2002 by Robert Hunter <hunterrd@attbi.com>

Force, Peter

Peter Force
son of Obadiah Force &
Elizabeth Van Houten
b. 10 Dec 1800 Passaic, NJ
d. 14 May 1878 Stockbridge, Ingham Co., MI
m. (2)

Hannah Evans

dau. of

b.

d.

Mary Garrabrant

dau. of (poss) Abraham N. Garrabrant &
Margaret Bird
b. 29 Sep 1803
d. 8 Feb 1866 age 61.7.8
buried Stone House Plains Ref Ch

Mary Garrabrant m. (2) 9 April 1839, **Garret Van Houten**.

---children of Peter Force & (1) Hannah Evans:

• **Manning Ferguson Force**, b. 17 Dec 1824; d. 8 May 1899 Sandusky, Sandusky Co., OH

---children of Peter Force & (2) Mary Garrabrant:

• **Elizabeth Force**, b. 6 Aug 1826 Newark, NJ; d. 9 Sep 1918 Stockbridge, MI; m. 1842, **John Reason**

---Sources: Family Tree posted online on Ancestry.com

Force, Samuel

Samuel Force
son of

m.

Hannah

dau. of Morris Freeman &
Mary -?-

b. 21 Oct 1711

b.

Hannah m. (2) **Matthias Hatfield**.

---Sources: Monnette, Orra Eugene. *First Settlers of Ye Plantations of Piscataway and Woodbridge Olde East New Jersey*. The Leroy Carman Press. California. 1932, Part 5, p. 714

Force, Samuel Jr.

Samuel Force
son of Benjamin Force &
Elizabeth

m. (2¹) 15 Jan 1750

Mary Freeman

dau. of John Freeman &
Martha Moore

---children of Samuel Force Jr. & Mary Freeman:

• **Charity Force**

• **Mary Force**

• **Thomas Force**, b. 21 Dec 1758 Woodbridge, NJ; d. 30 March 1827; buried Baptist Chyd, Northfield, NJ; m. about 1780-82, **Hannah Smith**

---Sources:

[1] Smith, Samuel Stelle, "Peter Smith of Jamaica, Long Island, and Some of His Descendants" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 85, No. 3, July 1954, p. 160;

Monnette, Orra Eugene. *First Settlers of Ye Plantations of Piscataway and Woodbridge Olde East New Jersey*. The Leroy Carman Press. California. 1932, Part 5, p. 714

Force, Thomas

Thomas Force
son of Samuel Force &
Mary Freeman
b. 21 Dec 1759 Woodbridge, NJ
d. 30 March 1827
buried Baptist Chyd, Northfield, NJ

m. about 1780-82

Hannah Smith

dau. of

b. 27 March 1764

d. 24 Feb 1838 age 73.10.26

buried Baptist Chyd, Northfield, NJ

---children of Thomas Force & Hannah Smith:

• **Whitfield Force**, b. 1784; d.y.

• **Whitfield Force** (twin), b. about 1786 NJ; d. about 1871 Washington, IN; m. (1) **Amelia Stanley**; m. (2) **Agnes -?-**; m. (3) **-?- Chambers**. He was a millwright. He lived most of his life in Jersey City, NJ.

• **Smith Force** (twin), b. about 1786; d. unmarried

• **Charles Force**, b. 29 Nov 1788; d. about 1845-50; buried Crockett, TX; m. 1819, **Elizabeth Conner**

• **Vashti Force**, b. 24 May 1791 Northfield, NJ; m. 9 Oct 1810 Northfield, NJ, **John Anderson Miller**, son of William Miller & Maria Slover

• **Hannah Smith Force**, b. 1 Oct 1793; d. 25 Aug 1875 Newark, NJ; m. 5 Nov 1818 Northfield, NJ, **Cyrus George Richards**, son of Thomas Richards & Sarah Sayre

• **Thomas (or Weller) Force**, b. about 1795

• **Lockey Ball Corce**, b. 11 Jan 1797; m. **Thomas Mulford**

• **William Burton Force**, b. 12 Jan 1799 Hanover, NJ; d. 15 Oct 1839 Boonville, MO; m. 24 Sep 1828 Hanover, NJ, **Martha Ann Hopping**

• **Maria Wilberforce Force**, b. 12 Oct 1804; d. 18 Feb 1836 Chester, MA; m. 23 Jan 1834 Elizabeth, NJ,

Rev. Alanson Alvord

---Sources: Smith, Samuel Stelle, "Peter Smith of Jamaica, Long Island, and Some of His Descendants" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 85, No. 3, JULY 1954, P. 160

Force, William

William Force m.
son of Manning Force &
Lucretia Winchell
b. 29 July 1752
d. 3 March 1826 in 74th year, near Paterson, NJ
buried Hackensack Ref Chyd, Hackensack, Bergen Co., NJ

Sarah Ferguson
dau. of

b.
d.
buried

William Force served in the Revolutionary War.

A William Force was listed in the 1780 Tax Rateables for Acquackanonk Township.

---children of William Force & Sarah Ferguson:

- **Manning Force**, b. 11 March 1789. He was a Methodist Minister.
- **Peter Force**, b. 26 Nov 1790; d. 23 Jan 1868 Washington, D.C.; m. 1 Jan 1818 **Hannah Evans**, dau. of David Evans & Ann Gilliland. He was a Sgt. in NY in the War of 1812 and was Mayor of Washington for two terms. He compiled American Archives and historical tracts.
- **Martha Force**, b. 17 July 1792
- **Monson Winchell Force**, b. 19 July 1794
- **William Force**, b. 16 Aug 1796
- **Edward B. Force**, b. 10 Nov 1798; d. 6 Sep 1850, ae 51; m. (1) **Lydia Westervelt**; m. (2) **Jennett**
- **Hezekiah Ferguson Force**, b. 23 Dec 1800

---Sources: Munsell's American Ancestry, Vol. VI, 1891, p. 81; "Easton Tower, Site of Red Mills," by Kevin Wright (Bergen County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs); Ackerman, Herbert S., and Arthur J. Goff, New York and New Jersey Cemeteries, 1947 (Hackensack Ref Chyd, p. 94)

Unplaced Force Women:

Elizabeth Force, m. 16 Jan 1753 Hanover, Morris Co., NJ, **Daniel Lyons**. Church Members, Marriages and Baptisms, Hanover, Morris Co., N. J., during the Pastorate of Rev. Jacob Green, and to the Settlement of Rev. Aaron Condit, 1746--1796 at: http://www.altlaw.com/edball/han_recs.htm [viewed March 1999]

Lydia Force, m. 25 Sep 1815 English Neighborhood True Ref. Ch., by Rev. Cornelius T. Demarest, **Matthias Ludlam**. —
Westervelt, Frances A., Bergen County, New Jersey Marriage Records, 1929, p. 13

Martha Force, m. 8 June 1783 Hanover, NJ, **John Roll**. ---Sources: Church Members, Marriages and Baptisms, Hanover, Morris Co., N. J., during the Pastorate of Rev. Jacob Green, and to the Settlement of Rev. Aaron Condit, 1746--1796 at: http://www.altlaw.com/edball/han_recs.htm [viewed March 1999]

Force, -?-

-?- Force m.
---children of -?- Force & Margaret Davis:

Margaret Davis

- **John Davis Force**, b. 30 March 1799; bp. 22 Dec 1799 Second River Ref Ch (no wit)

---Sources: Register of baptisms, births, marriages, membership of the Dutch Reformed Church at Second River, New Jersey, 1794-1848, Newark, N.J.: Nova Caesarea Chapter, D.A.R., 1929 (Online at HeritageQuest through Godfrey Library)