

-- GODWIN --

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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.

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Godwin

GODWIN--It was in the year 1755 that one Abraham Godwin, a young carpenter and builder from New York, came to Totowa. The Godwins were of English origin, and the emigrant ancestor came to this country in 1720. Abraham Godwin built a house at the southwest corner of River and Bank streets. He seemed to have made a favorable impression on his Dutch neighbors, as in April, 1758, he was chosen town collector for Saddle river township. In deeds given in 1762 he describes himself as an innkeeper, and ten years later he was granted a license for a public house in the building afterwards known as the Passaic Hotel, on River street, opposite Bank street, Paterson, the tavern facing the river. Abraham Godwin had for a time the monopoly of the entertainment of casual visitors to the Falls; he also carried on a general store, and was engaged largely in the transportation of iron. He became heavily involved in debt, and in payment of same was obliged to sacrifice his property. At the time of the Revolutionary War he espoused the patriot cause, and was at one time a captain of marines on board the American ship Lady Washington, lying in the harbor of New York. He was wounded in battle; this, with his poverty and cruel treatment of his family, broke his spirit and he died, February 9, 1777. He was buried with the honors of war at Fishkill, New York. Abraham Godwin married Phebe, daughter of Hendrick and Femmetje (De Foreest) Cool, who survived him and was licensed to continue the tavern. Of the children of Abraham and Phebe (Cool) Godwin, the two eldest, Susan and Phebe, died young; the fourth and fifth, John and Stephen, also died young; Mary, the sixth child, married Thomas Shappels (Chepple); the seventh child, Margaret, married Abraham Vanderbeek; Elizabeth, married Captain Resolvort Waldron. The three sons of Abraham and Phebe (Cool) Godwin that arrived at a mature age were Henry, Abraham and David.

The eldest, Henry, was born Feb. 25, 1751. At the beginning of the Revolution he was practicing law at Wapping Creek, near Fishkill, New York. He promptly enlisted in his country's service, and as early as Oct. 17, 1775, was commissioned quar-

termaster of the Second Regiment of New York Minute-Men. When the Fifth Regiment of the New York Line was mustered, Nov. 21, 1776, he was commissioned captain of the Seventh Company. This regiment was captured by the British when they surprised and took Fort Montgomery, Oct. 6, 1777. Captain Godwin was made prisoner, and for three years and one month was confined in the old Jersey prison ship in New York Harbor. He was finally exchanged and was mustered in 1781 as captain in a regiment of levies raised for the defense of the State of New York. He married Catrina Bant, or Kate Bandt. Children: Phoebe, married John grower, Helena, married John Devo; and Abraham, born June 4, 1780. These children settled on the lands at Cayuga Lake, New York, patented to their father.

Abraham, second son of Abraham and Phebe (Cool) Godwin, born July 16, 1763. He joined his brother Henry at Fishkill, and enlisted in the Fifth Regiment of the New York Line, Jan. 1, 1777, as fife-major of the First Company, when but little more than thirteen years old. He spent seven years in the army, serving throughout the northern campaign, was with Sullivan's Western Expedition, encamped with the army at Morristown, N. J., and in the spring was ordered to Yorktown, Virginia. At the close of the war, his education having been neglected, he returned to Morris county, N. J., where he married Maria, daughter of Caleb and Susanna (Ludlum) Munson. He turned his attention to engraving, with tools fashioned by a blacksmith; his skill being recognized, he made copperplate engravings for various publications between 1785 and 1800. He had a great fondness for writing, painting, sketching and engraving, and left many specimens of his skill in these directions. He sold his grant of lands offered as a reward by the State of New York to its Revolutionary soldiers, and with the proceeds repurchased the old tavern stand and a portion of the farm formerly owned by his father. Captain Godwin was a marvelously attractive host, combining the accomplishments of being a good musician on various instruments a graceful dancer, a capital singer, and the life of every company in which he mingled. He was elected a member of the Assembly in 1802, being the first man sent to the Legislature from the territory now comprising the city of Paterson. He was reelected in 1803-07-10. During the War of 1812, he took a company of seventy-six men, the Paterson Volunteers, to Sandy Hook, to work on the entrenchments. He was a presidential elector on the Jackson ticket in 1828. After the death of his wife in 1826, he disposed of his tavern property, devoting himself to mercantile business and the care of his extensive real estate possessions. He thus enjoyed a dignified and comfortable retirement from all public affairs. His will was proved Nov. 16, 1835. His children were: Phebe, married Peter Simeon Van Winkle; Henry; Susanna, married John R. Davis, of Philadelphia; Caleb Munson; Abraham; Elizabeth Waldron, married Ira Munn; Maria, married (first) Halmagh Van Houten, (second) Henry H. Post; Catharine, died young; and Margaret, married Robert K. Taylor.

Henry, the eldest son of Abraham and Maria (Munson) Godwin, lived on the southwest corner of River and Bank streets, where he kept a store and had a weave shop in the cellar. He carried on a fulling mill for some years, and was interested in the first foundry in Paterson. He was the first postmaster of the town of Acquackanonk, a director in the first bank, and was the most popular man in Paterson. At the commencement of the War of 1812 he devoted all his energies to cotton manufacture, which left him at the close of the war a bankrupt. The soul of honor and of a keenly sensitive nature, his debts worried him and preyed on his mind, and on July 4, 1816, he was found dead in the neighboring woods. He married Mary, daughter of Edo Merselis. Their children were: Abraham (Abram H.), born May, 1807, married Ann Eliza, daughter of Charles B. Parke; Eleanor, married Abraham Prall; Jane Maria, married John Campbell; Edo Merselis, died in infancy; and Phebe, died young, unmarried.

Caleb Munson, second son of Abraham and Maria (Munson) Godwin, born Dec. 10, 1788, was named after his maternal grandfather, but was almost universally called Munson Godwin. He was a prominent cotton manufacturer for many years. He retired from business and removed to New York about 1845. He married (first) Phebe Valentine (second) Evelina, daughter of John Read, of New York. His two children were by his first wife: Alfred Davis, died young; Edgar Valentine, born May 26, 1812, married Ann Eliza Colladay, of Philadelphia.

Abraham, youngest son of Abraham and Maria (Munson) Godwin, was born July 14, 1791. At the breaking out of the War of 1812, he was among the first to place his sword at his country's service. He was commissioned a first lieutenant and accompanied the Canadian expedition under Generals Brown and Izard. He was prominent in the State militia rising through successive grades to the rank of brigadier-general. He succeeded his brother as postmaster in 1816, retaining the office until 1829. On the change of administration in 1849 he was again appointed, retaining the office until his death. He was a member of the Assembly in 1824-28. He was connected with the firm of Godwin, Clark & Company, machinists and cotton manufacturers, for many years. He also carried on a grocery, dry goods and hardware store in connection with his nephew, on the southwest corner of Main and Van Houten streets. He was a man of superior ability, dignified in bearing, the soul of hospitality, and with a delightful urbanity and evenness of temper. He married, in 1815, Martha, daughter of John Parke. Their children were: Parke, born at Paterson, Feb. 25, 1816; graduated from Princeton College in 1834, studied law, and removed to Louisville, Ky., finally returned to New York City, and married, May 12, 1842, Fanny, daughter of William Cullen Bryant, the famous American poet. He became associated with Mr. Bryant in editing and managing the New York "Evening Post." In metropolitan journalism he exercised a commanding influence, and under his management "The Post" was recognized as one of the most influential papers in the city. His "History of Ancient Gaul" is a standard work on that obscure subject. He wrote other literary works of merit. The issue of his marriage was: Bryant; Minna; Annie; Harold; Nora and Fanny.

Maria M., second child of Abraham and Martha (Parke) Godwin, married William Coleman Gray, of New York; Arina, married Abraham Godwin Munn; Henry, disappeared at the close of the Civil War and was never heard from, Martha, married Richard De Gray; Abraham, was a soldier in the Civil War, and was in the battle of the Wilderness, after which he was never seen or heard from; he left two sons: Parke, at one time a resident of Anniston, Alabama; and William, who lived at Westerly, Rhode Island.

David, youngest child and third son of Abraham and Phebe (Cool) Godwin, was born March 5, 1766. Being proficient with the drum, as his brother Abraham was with the fife, he joined the Fifth New York Regiment, Dec. 29, 1776, and served during the entire period of the war. On returning to Paterson he learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed several years, being employed in the erection of the first cotton mill in that locality. He was also engaged in constructing the first dam (a wooden structure) above the Falls. In 1798 he was licensed to keep an inn at Princeton, N. J., but probably returned to Pa-

terson a year or two later and started a store on the corner of River and Bank streets. Early in the nineteenth century he went to Hackensack, where he kept a store, wharf, storehouse and inn, for several years. Removing to Hoboken, he kept an inn, and also had charge of the Stevens property. Subsequently he kept a stage house at the foot of Barclay street, New York. He disposed of this to his son, Adolphus W. Godwin, in the spring of 1827, who, on assuming control converted it into a hotel, calling it the Montgomery House. David then retired from active business and removed to Rhinebeck, N. Y., where he spent his remaining years; his death occurred Jan. 31, 1852. He married, March 18, 1791, Catharina Waldron. Their children were: Catharine Bogert, married Charles G. De Witt, of Kingston, New York; Abraham Resolvert, was an innkeeper at Hoboken, and left two children; David, who settled at New Orleans, Louisiana, and Sarah Elizabeth; Adolphus Waldron, who kept the Montgomery House in New York City, and was generally called Gordon instead of Godwin; Maria Phoenix; and Elizabeth Waldron.

---Source: History of Paterson and Its Environs by William Nelson and Charles A. Shriner. NY & Chicago: Lewis Historical Publishing Co. 1920. Volume II, pp. 65-68

Genealogical Material on the Godwin Family includes:

Nelson, William, History of the City of Paterson, 1901

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In Oct 1996 Jennifer Godwin, online, at <jenkg@leland.Stanford.EDU > wrote: My great-great-aunt Dorothy Holcomb once wrote this: "Revolutionary War story...Ira Munn, an influential soldier and landowner in New Jersey was saved by our relative, Godwin. In appreciation for this act, a town was named Godwinville, New Jersey, now Ridgewood, NJ."

Godwin, Abraham

Abraham Godwin	m.	-?-
b. about 1690 England		b.
d. about 1770 Totowa		d.

Abraham Godwin came with his wife and presumably their son Henry in the early 1720's, living first in NYC and later moving to Totowa.

---children of Abraham Godwin

- **Henry Godwin**, b. abt. 1715-20
- **Abraham Godwin**, bp. 23 Nov 1724 New York; m. 9 May 1747 NYC Ref Ch, **Phebe Cool**, dau. of Hendrick Cool & Femmetje DeForeest.

---Sources: Rounds, H. L. Peter, "Godwins of New York and New Jersey" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, July 1981, p. 155; History of Paterson and Its Environs by William Nelson and Charles A. Shriner. NY & Chicago: Lewis Historical Publishing Co. 1920. Volume II, pp. 65-68

Godwin, Abraham (Capt.)

Abraham Godwin	m. 9 May 1747	Phebe Cool
son of Abraham Godwin &	NYC Ref Ch	dau. of Hendrick Cool &
	(NY license 9 May 1747)	Femmetje DeForeest
b. 23 Nov 1724 New York		b. 29 Nov 1726
d. 9 Feb 1777 Highlands, NY		d. 12 Nov 1788
buried Fishkill, NY (with military honors)		buried Dutch Chyd Brooklyn

In the NYC Ref Ch record of their marriage, they were: Abraham Godwyn & Phebe Cool.

Abraham Godwin (sometimes called Abraham Gordon), master carpenter, came from New York to the Totowa vicinity of the Passaic Falls (then a wilderness) about 1755.

He became transportation agent for iron works at Ringwood and Sterling, purchasing supplies and overseeing transportation of pig iron to New York City.

In April 1758 Abraham Godwin was chosen town collector for Saddle River Township. He was an innkeeper and kept a public house or Tavern on River Street in Paterson, near the Passaic Falls. He also ran a general store. He started a stagecoach line from Totowa to Paulus Hook (now Jersey City) in 1774.

During the Revolution, he was a patriot, and at one time a captain of the marines on board the American ship *Lady Washington*, lying in New York Harbor. He was wounded in battle and died in 1777.

His widow continued the tavern. In Feb 1788 "Femmetje Cool, Wid. of Abr. Goodwin" joined the NYC Ref Ch by certificate from Totowa.

---children of Abraham Godwin & Phebe Cool:

- **Susan Godwin**, b. 18 Feb 1748; d.y.
- **Phebe Godwin**, b. 2 Jan 1750; prob d.y.
- **Henry Godwin**, b. 25 Feb 1751; m. **Catrina Bant** [Banta?]
- **John Godwin**, b. 18 Jan 1753; prob d.y.
- **Stephen Godwin**, b. 20 Mar 1754; prob d.y.
- **Mary Godwin** (Maria), b. 9 Jan 1757; m. **Thomas Shappels** (Chepple)
- **Margaret Godwin** (Margareta Rachel), b. 11 Mar 1759; m. 15 Aug 1779 Acq., **Abraham Vanderbeek**. They had ch. bp. at Hackensack and Schraalenburgh
- **Elizabeth Godwin**, b. 5 Apr 1761; m. (Capt.) **Resolvert Waldron** of New York
- **Abraham Godwin**, b. 16 July 1763; m. **Maria Munson**, dau. of Caleb Munson & Susanna Ludlum
- **David Godwin**, b. 5 Mar 1766; d. 31 Jan 1852 Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co., NY; m. 18 Mar 1791 Schraalenburgh Ref Ch, **Catherine Waldron**

---Sources: Scott, William W., History of Passaic and its Environs, 1922, Vol. II, "Pioneer Families," p. 65; Nelson, William, History of the City of Paterson and the County of Pas-

saic, 1901, p. 272 etc.; *Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of ...Schraalenburgh [Bergen Co., NJ], 1891*, (Collections of the Holland Society of New York, Vol. I, Part II); NYC Reformed Dutch Church (Membership List) in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Oct 1930, p. 376; Rounds, H. L. Peter, "Godwins of New York and New Jersey" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, July 1981, p. 155; *History of Paterson and Its Environs* by William Nelson and Charles A. Shriner, NY & Chicago: Lewis Historical Publishing Co. 1920. Volume II, pp. 65-68; *Marriages from 1639 to 1801 in the Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam-New York City*, 1940 (Vol. IX of Collections of the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society), reprinted 1997 by Heritage Books

Godwin, Abraham

Abraham Godwin m. abt. 1767
son of Henry Godwin &

Aaltje Van Houten

dau. of Jacob Van Houten &
Jenneke Van Ripen
b. 20 Dec 1747
bp. 7 Feb 1748 Second River Ref Ch

b.
bp.

---children of Abraham Godwin & Aaltje Van Houten:

- **Dirck Godwin**, bp. 29 Jan 1769 Acquackanonk Ref Ch (wit: Dirck Van Houten, Elizabeth Van Winkel)
- **Antje Godwin**, bp. 22 Sep 1771 Acquackanonk Ref Ch (no wit)
- **Jannetje Godwin** (twin of Marretje), bp. 4 Jan 1788
- **Marretje Godwin** (twin of Jannetje), bp. 4 Jan 1788

---Sources: Rounds, H. L. Peter, "Godwins of New York and New Jersey" in *NYG&B Record*, July 1981, p. 155; Kelly, Arthur, *Vital Records of the Protestant Dutch Reformed Church at Acquackanonk*, 1977 (reprinted 1992)

Godwin, Abraham (Gen.)

Abraham Godwin m. 3 July 1783
son of Abraham Godwin & Morrystown, NJ
Phebe Cool Presbyterian Ch

Maria Munson

dau. of Caleb Munson &
Susanna Ludlum
bp. 29 July 1764
d. 6 (or 11²) Feb 1826 aged 62 yrs, 7 mos, 11 days
buried Cedar Lawn Cem., Paterson, NJ³

b. 16 July 1763 Totowa
d. 5 Oct 1835 ts, age 72.2.19³ (6 Oct 1835¹)
buried Cedar Lawn Cem., Paterson, Passaic Co., NJ³

Abraham Godwin was a fifer in a New York regiment during the Revolution, and later attained the rank of General in the Militia in New Jersey.

After the Revolution, he became an engraver and his copper-plate engravings were printed in various publications between 1785 and 1800.

With funds from the sale of land granted by the State of New York for his Revolutionary service, he repurchased the old Tavern and farm property previously owned by his father. He was elected to the state Assembly from Essex Co. in 1802 and re-elected in 1803, 1807 and 1810; he also held various other civic offices.

The village of Godwinville was named for him 1 Jan 1829.

---children of Abraham Godwin & Maria Munson:

- **Phebe Godwin**, b. 26 Nov 1782; bp. 1 Aug 1783 Presbyterian Church, Morrystown; m. 20 Oct 1805 **Peter Simeon Van Winkle**
- **Henry Godwin** ("Harry"), b. Morrystown, NJ; d. 4 July 1816; m. **Mary Merselis**, dau. of Edo Merselis
- **Susanna Godwin**, bp. 21 Aug 1791 Totowa Ref Ch (wit: De Vader en Moeder); d. 21 Oct 1813; m. 8 Feb 1807 Acquackanonk Ref Ch, **John R. Davis** (John W. Davis), of Philadelphia
- **Caleb Munson Godwin** (Munson Godwin), b. 10 Dec 1788; bp. 21 Aug 1791 Totowa Ref Ch (wit: De Vader en Moeder); m. (1) **Phebe Valentine**; m. (2) 15 July 1823 South Ref Dutch Ch, Garden Street, NYC, **Evelina Read**, dau. of John Read of New York. Witnesses at the (2) marriage were John Read and Richard Read.
- **Abraham Godwin**, b. 14 July 1791; bp. 21 Aug 1791 Totowa Ref Ch (wit: De Vader en Moeder); m. 1815 **Martha Parke**, dau. of John Parke. Abraham became a General of Militia and was known as the "young General" to distinguish him from his father, "the Old General."
- **Elizabeth Waldron Godwin**, b. 24 Aug 1796; m. 19 Jan 1816 **Ira Munn**. He conducted the Passaic Hotel (in Paterson?) 1826-28.
- **Maria Godwin**, m. (1) **Halmagh Van Houten**; m. (2) 6 Oct 1823 **Henry H. Post**
- **Catharina Godwin** (Catherine), b. 14 Feb 1803; bp. 27 Feb 1803 Acquackanonk Ref Ch (no wit); d.y.
- **David Griffith Godwin**, b. 25 May 1805; bp. 9 June 1805 Acquackanonk Ref Ch (wit: Sarah Griffith); d.y.
- **Margaret Godwin**, b. 1806; m. **Robert R. Taylor**

---Sources:

[1] Clayton, W. Woodford & Nelson, William, *History of Bergen and Passaic Counties, New Jersey*, Philadelphia 1882, p. 524;

[2] On Passaic Co. Genealogy Club Webpage, viewed June 2000 -- Proctor, Maryjane, "Family Chronicles of the Paterson Intelligencer Newspaper Marriages and Deaths 1825 to 1856" (this death notice from 22 Feb 1826 issue);

[3] Tombstone Inscriptions and photos posted online at <<http://www.findagrave.com>> (Cedar Lawn Cemetery, Paterson, Passaic Co., NJ: Gen. Abram Godwin, Soldier in the Revolution, and his wife, Mary Munson Godwin, sharing a stone; tombstone photo posted online; Scott, William W., *History of Passaic and its Environs*, 1922, Vol. II, "Pioneer Families," p. 66; Totowa Reformed Church Baptisms; Nelson, William, *History of the City of Paterson and the County of Passaic*, 1901, p. 276 etc; Rounds, H. L. Peter, "Godwins of New York and New Jersey" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, July 1981, p. 162; Kelly, Arthur, *Vital Records of the Protestant Dutch Reformed Church at Acquackanonk*, 1977 (reprinted 1992); Vosburgh, Royden Woodward, *Records of the South Reformed Dutch Church in Garden Street, in the City of New York*, 1921, online at New York Genealogical & Biographical Society e-Library

Godwin, Abraham

Abraham Godwin m.

Altye Van Houten

---children of Abraham Godwin & Altye Van Houten:

- **Jannetye Godwen** (twin), bp. 4 Jan 1788 Totowa Ref Ch (wit: Jan Van Orden; Jannetye Van Houten)

• **Marretye Godwen** (twin), bp. 4 Jan 1788 Totowa Ref Ch (wit: Jan Van Orden; Jannetye Van Houten)

---Sources: Nelson, William, *History of the Old Dutch Church at Totowa [Paterson, NJ]*, 1892 including Baptisms 1756-1808

Godwin, Abraham Gates

Abraham Gates Godwin
son of Henry Godwin &
bp. 4 June 1780 Hackensack Ref Ch¹

m. 20 Feb 1805¹

Elizabeth Dorn

dau. of
bp.

---*children of Abraham Gates Godwin & Elizabeth Dorn:*

• **Michael Dorn Godwin**, b. 24 Sep 1818 Homer, NY; d. 19 April 1884 Amsterdam, NY; m. 29 July 1837 Fonda, NY,

Ann Maria DeGraff

---Sources:

[1] Information online Sep 2000, Bergen Co. List, from "Elsie Godwin" <egodwin@wserv.com>;

Godwin, Abraham H.

Abraham H. Godwin
son of Henry Godwin &
Mary Marselis

m. 10 July 1838

Ann Eliza Parke

dau. of Charles B. Parke of Philadelphia &

b. 2 May 1807 near Paterson, Passaic Co., NJ
bp. 21 June 1807 Totowa Ref Ch
d. 1884¹

b. 1805¹

bp.

d. 1885¹

buried Cedar Lawn Cem., Paterson, Passaic Co., NJ¹

buried Cedar Lawn Cem., Paterson, NJ¹

After some early mercantile pursuits in Paterson, Abraham H. Godwin became a cotton broker in Mobile, Alabama. He returned to Paterson about 1843 a became a cotton yarn manufacturer.

They had no children.

They were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, New Jersey, Passaic Co., Paterson, p. 73, enumerated 23 July 1850, Dwelling 120, Family 552 (all b. NJ except as noted) -- Abraham H. Godwin, 43, Cotton Manufacturer, value real estate \$15,500; Ann E. [Godwin], 42, b. PA; Ellen Prall, 41, value real estate \$6000; Wm. Prall, 7; Mary [Prall], 9; Anna [Prall], 5; Peter [Prall], 3; Jane [Prall], 1; Mary Godwin, 64; Phebe [Godwin], 34; Jane Campbell, 38; John [Campbell], 11; Robert [Campbell], 7; Henry [Campbell], 4; Jane Hartley, 22, b. Ireland; Mary Quin, 20, b. Ireland.

---Sources:

[1] Tombstone Inscriptions and photos posted online at <<http://www.findagrave.com>> (Cedar Lawn Cemetery, Paterson, Passaic Co., NJ: Abram H. Godwin and his wife,

Anne Eliza Parke, sharing a stone monument; tombstone photo posted online);

Clayton, W. Woodford & Nelson, William, *History of Bergen and Passaic Counties, New Jersey*, Philadelphia 1882, p. 524

Godwin, David

David Godwin
d.

m.

Catharina Van Dyk

d. before 22 April 1756

In her will, she wrote: ...I, Catharine Bromley, of New York. After the payment of all debts and funeral charges, I leave all the remainder of my estate to my daughter, Catharine Godwin, "for the bringing of her up and placing her out to a trade during her minority, and what is left is to be paid to her when of age." My executors are to sell all personal property, except 1 bed for my daughter. I make my brother, John Van Dyck, executor. Witnesses, Edward Man, Jean Helme, Richard R. Smith. Proved, April 22, 1756.

Catharina Van Dyk apparently m. (2) **-?- Bromley**.

---*children of David Godwin & Catharina Van Dyk:*

• **David Godwĳn**, bp. 3 April 1737 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Arent Van Hoek, Maria Van Dyk, j.d.)

• **Catharina Godwin**, bp. 17 March 1745 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jan Van Dyk, Margareta Folkerts, syn h.v.)

---Sources: NYC Reformed Dutch Church Baptisms, in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Apr 1892, p. 73; Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City], 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III); 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. 103 (will of Catharine Bromley)

Godwin, David

David Godwin
son of Abraham Godwin &
Phebe Cool

m. 18 Mar 1791

Catherine Waldron

dau. of Adolph Waldron &

Catharine Phenix

b. 5 March 1766 Totowa, NJ

Schraalenburgh Ref Ch

(NJ License 17 Mar 1791)

b. 12 Dec 1768

d. 31 Jan 1852 Rhinebeck, NY

d. 21 Nov 1837 NYC

David Godwin served in the American Revolution, mustering in as a drummer at age eleven and mustering out at age seventeen. He recalled his experiences in his *Recollections*, a written account of his life.

David Godwin was a good friend of Aaron Burr.

On 1 November 1803 (recorded 17 Dec 1803, Bergen Co. R:234) Dr. John Campbell of the Township of New Barbadoes, conveyed to Henry Van Saun of same place, for \$200., 5 acres striuct measure being a parcel of woodland in New Barbadoes Township, being part of that which said John Campbell bought of David Godwin in Munaghia [Moonachie], beginning at NW corner of Peter Alen on E side of Waggon Road leading from Munaghia to Hackensack. Bounded SW by Peter Allen; SE by Nicholas Greenleaf; NE by Jeremiah Morris; NW by David Godwin and by Munaghea Road. Signed by John Campbell, Jane Campbell. Witnessed by Josiah Johnson, Abraham Lott.²

On 2 January 1806 (recorded 3 January 1806, Bergen Co. W:242) David Godwin and Catherine, his wife, of the Township of New Barbadoes, conveyed to Henry Berdan of the same place, for £60, 12 acres English measure in the Township of New Barbadoes, between [Rooy's Neck Kastayine Island?] in the Patent of Munanghia where Lydeckers line joins woodland of the heirs of Jacob Brinkerhoff. Signed by David Godwin, Catherine Godwin. Witnessed by Laurc. Earle, Henry Van Dalsem.²

---children of David Godwin & Catherine Waldron:

- **Catherine Bogert Godwin**, b. 10 May 1792; m. 25 April 1811 **Charles G. DeWitt**, of Kingston, NY
- **Abraham Resolvert Godwin**, m. **Elizabeth -?-**. He was an innkeeper at Hoboken
- **Adolphus Waldron Godwin**, b. 8 March 1803; bp. 11 April 1803 Hackensack Ref Ch (wit: Resolve Waldron & wife); m. Oct 1826 NYC, **Jane Marie Burke**¹. He kept the Montgomery House in New York City; he was generally called Gordon instead of Godwin
- **Maria Phoenix Godwin**, b. 16 Nov 1800
- **Elizabeth Waldron Godwin**, b. 25 May 1806; bp. 17 June 1806 Hackensack Ref Ch (no wit)

---Sources:

[1] On Passaic Co. Genealogy Club Webpage, viewed June 2000 -- Proctor, Maryjane, "Family Chronicles of the Paterson Intelligencer Newspaper Marriages and Deaths 1825 to 1856" (this marriage notice from 25 Oct 1826 issue);

[2] Bergen County, NJ Deeds, at Bergen Co., Division of Cultural & Historic Affairs, Hackensack, NJ, abstracted by Patricia A. Wardell; Nelson, William, *New Jersey Marriages*, p. 157; Scott, William W., *History of Passaic and its Environs*, 1922, Vol. II, "Pioneer Families," p. 68; Nelson, William, *History of the City of Paterson and the County of Passaic*, 1901, p. 282; Rounds, H. L. Peter, "Godwins of New York and New Jersey" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Oct 1981, p. 226; Ackerman, Herbert Stewart, and Arthur J. Goff, *Hackensack Reformed Church Records, 1801-1886, Copied from Book Number Two of Records*, 1943 [facsimile reprint published 1996 by Bergen Historic Books]

Godwin, Henry

Henry Godwin m. -?-
son of Abraham Godwin
b. abt. 1715-1720 prob. England

Henry Godwin was prob. the older brother of Abraham Godwin who m. Phebe Cool. Henry joined his brother Abraham at Totowa, NJ.

---children of Henry Godwin

- **Abraham Godwin**, m. **Aaltje Van Houten**
- **Nathaniel Godwin**, m. **Catriena Hoogland**
- **Joseph Godwin**, m. **Ruth Morgan**

---Sources: Rounds, H. L. Peter, "Godwins of New York and New Jersey" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, July 1981, p. 155

Godwin, Henry

Henry Godwin m. 1771-1772 **Catlina Banta** (Bandt)
son of Abraham Godwin & dau. of
Phebe Cole
b. 25 February 1751¹ b.
d. 10 March 1782 Fishkill, NY¹ d.

In his will dated , Henry Godwin of Rumbouts Precinct, in Dutchess County [NY], being very weak in body, occasioned by the ill treatment of a cruel and inveterate Enemy while in their hands a prisoner of war, mentioned wife Catalina; son Abraham Gates Godwin; daus. Phebe, Helena, and Henriett. Made wife and "my trusty friend and brother, Samuel Demarest, executors. Wit: James Cooper, merchant; Adolph De Grove, Jr.; Stephen Seaman. A codicil dated 9 March 1782 directed real estate to be sold if necessary, and added "trusty friend and brother Obadiah Cooper" as an executor. Wit to codicil: James Wills, William Brower; Daniel Le Dew.²

Henry Gordon [Godwin?] and wife, Catrina Band witnessed the baptism 25 Sep 1774 Hackensack Ref Ch, of Catilintie, dau. of Jan Bant & Maria-?-.

Callina Banta, widow of Henry Godwin, was accepted as a member to the Schraalenburgh Ref Ch in 1790.

---children of Henry Godwin & Catalina Banta:

- **Abraham Gates Godwin**, bp. 4 June 1780 Hackensack Ref Ch; m. 20 Feb 1805 **Elizabeth Dorn**¹
- **Phebe Godwin**
- **Helena Godwin**
- **Henriett Godwin**

---Sources:

[1] Information online Sep 2000, Bergen Co. List, from "Elsie Godwin" <egodwin@wserv.com>;

[2] 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. IX, 1776-1783, pub. 1899), p. 274;

Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of ...Schraalenburgh, 1891, (Collections of the Holland Society of New York, Vol. I, Part II), p. 33; *Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of Hackensack [Bergen Co., NJ]...*, 1891 (Collections of the Holland Society of New York, Vol. I, Part I)

Godwin, Henry (Harry)

Henry Godwin m. **Marretye Merselis** (Mary)
son of Abraham Godwin & dau. of Edo Marselis &
Maria Munson Eleanor
b. Morristown, NJ b. 1787²
d. 4 July 1816 d. 1866²
buried buried Cedar Lawn Cem., Paterson, NJ²

Henry Godwin was one of the early merchants of Paterson and from 1813-1815 was a manufacturer of cotton in Paterson.

Bergen County Orphans Court: p. 401, 1816, p. 402, Feb 03 1817, p. 404, 1817: Abraham Godwin, and Edo Marcelus, Adms. of Henry Godwin, deceased, had land bounded by the land of David Benson and the turnpike.¹

She was listed in the 1850 Federal Census, New Jersey, Passaic Co., Paterson, p. 73, enumerated 23 July 1850, Dwelling 120, Family 552 (all b. NJ except as noted) -- Abraham H. Godwin, 43, Cotton Manufacturer, value real estate \$15,500; Ann E. [Godwin], 42, b. PA; Ellen Prall, 41, value real estate \$6000; Wm. Prall, 7; Mary [Prall], 9; Anna [Prall], 5; Peter [Prall], 3; Jane [Prall], 1; Mary Godwin, 64; Phebe [Godwin], 34; Jane Campbell, 38; John [Campbell], 11; Robert [Campbell], 7; Henry [Campbell], 4; Jane Hartley, 22, b. Ireland; Mary Quin, 20, b. Ireland.

---*children of Henry/Harry Godwin & Marretye Merselis:*

- **Abraham Godwin**, b. 2 May 1807; bp. 21 June 1807 Totowa Ref Ch (wit: De Vader en Moder); d. 4 Jan 1884; m. 10 July 1838 **Ann Eliza Parke**, dau. of Charles B. Parke of Philadelphia
- **Eleanor Godwin**, b. 19 Feb 1809; m. **Abraham Prall** of Paterson, NJ.
- **Jane Maria Godwin**, b. 23 Apr 1811; m. **John Campbell** of Mobile, Alabama,
- **Edo Marselis Godwin**, b. 18 June 1813; d. 8 Oct 1813
- **Phebe Godwin** (Phoebe), b. 1815²; d. 1853² unmarried; buried Cedar Lawn Cem., Paterson, Passaic Co., NJ²

---Sources:

[1] Abstracts of Bergen County Orphans Court records, sent online June 1999 by Phil O'Leary, P.O. Box 1404 Willoughby, OH 44096-1404 <phil.oleary@excite.com>;

[2] Tombstone Inscriptions and photos posted online at <http://www.findagrave.com> (Cedar Lawn Cemetery, Paterson, Passaic Co., NJ: Mary Merceelis Godwin, Phoebe Godwin, sharing a stone monument; tombstone photo posted online);

Nelson, William, *History of the Old Dutch Church at Totowa [Paterson, NJ]*, 1892 including Baptisms 1756-1808; Rounds, H. L. Peter, "Godwins of New York and New Jersey" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Oct 1981, p. 231; Clayton, W. Woodford & Nelson, William, *History of Bergen and Passaic Counties, New Jersey*, Philadelphia 1882, p. 524

Godwin, Henry (Capt.) (Gordon)

Henry Godwin
son of Abraham Godwin &
Phebe Cool
b. 25 Feb 1751 prob. NYC
d. 10 Mar 1782 Fishkill, NY
buried Fishkill, NY

m. abt. 1771

Catrina Bant (Catelina Bandt)
dau. of Pieter Bandt &
Helena Benson
bp. 28 Nov 1744 NYC Ref Ch
d.
buried

Henry is supposed to have built a weave-shop about at the intersection of Straight & River Streets in Paterson, but by the beginning of the Revolution he was practicing law at Wappinger's Creek, near Fishkill, NY.

He enlisted as early as 17 Oct 1775 and was commissioned Quartermaster of the Second Regiment of New York Minute Men under Col. James Swartwout. In Sep 1776 he was captain of the main guard at King's Bridge. He later was a Captain of the Seventh Co., Fifth Regiment of New York Line under Col. Lewis Dubois. This Regiment was captured by the British when they took Fort Montgomery on 6 Oct 1777 and Henry (among others) was taken prisoner. He was imprisoned (for over three years) in the old *Jersey* prison ship anchored at Wallabout Bay and the Provost Jail and is said to have died soon after his release.

The children of Henry Godwin were said to have settled on land on Cayuga Lake, NY patented to their father.

Henry Gordon and wife, Catrina Band wit. bp. 25 Sep 1774 Hack, of Catilintie Bant, dau. of Jan Bant and Maria Banta.

---*children of Henry Godwin & Catrina Bant:*

- **Phoebe Godwin**, b. 13 April 1773; m. 4 March 1792 Schraalenburgh Ref Ch, **John Brouwer**
- **Helena Godwin**, b 20 March 1775; bp. 9 April 1775 Totowa Ref Ch (wit: Helena Bandt); m. 26 Jan 1791 Schraalenburgh Ref Ch, **John Devoe**. They had children: Abraham Devoe, b. 30 Oct, bp. 4 Dec 1791 So. Schraalenburgh Ref Ch with Abr. Devoe and Elizabeth Parsel, his wife, as wit.; Henry Devoe, b. 22 Sep, bp. 6 Oct 1793 at Schraalenburgh Ref Ch with Harriette Godwin as a wit.
- **Henrietta Godwin**, b. abt. 1777; m. **Albert Haring**. They lived in Half Moon, Saratoga Co., NY.
- **Abraham Gates Godwin**, bp. 4 June 1780

---Sources: Scott, William W., *History of Passaic and its Environs*, 1922, Vol. II, "Pioneer Families," p. 66; Nelson, William, *History of the Old Dutch Church at Totowa [Paterson, NJ]*, 1892 including Baptisms 1756-1808; Nelson, William, *History of the City of Paterson and the County of Passaic*, 1901, p. 276; *Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of ...Schraalenburgh [Bergen Co., NJ]*, 1891, (Collections of the Holland Society of New York, Vol. I, Part II); *Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of Hackensack [Bergen Co., NJ]*, 1891 (Collections of the Holland Society of New York, Vol. I, Part I); Dorherty, Frank J., "Colonel Jacobus Swartwout's Dutchess County Regiment of Minute Men" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Apr 1989, p. 69; Additions & Corrections (Godwin) in *NYG&B Record*, Oct 1990, p. 238; Rounds, H. L. Peter, "Godwins of New York and New Jersey" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, July 1981, p. 161

Godwin, Joseph

Joseph Godwin
son of Henry Godwin

m. 10 Nov 1751
Trinity Ch Parish, NYC

Ruth Morgen (Morgain)
dau. of

He was a boatman and lived at Acquackanonck Landing.

---*children of Joseph Godwin & Ruth Morgen:*

- **Joseph Godwin**, b. 18 Dec 1765; bp. 2 March 1766 Acquackanonk Ref Ch (no wit)
- (poss) **Nathaniel Godwin**, b. 13 Nov 1768; bp. 18 Dec 1768 Acquackanonk Ref Ch (wit: Nathanael Godwin, Antje Dobbs) (mother's name in bp., record is "Elizabeth Griffisis")
- **John Godwin**, b. 3 Feb 1769; bp. 19 Feb 1769 Acquackanonk Ref Ch (wit: Henry Godwin, Mary Butters)
- **Ezra F. Godwin**, d. 9 Sep 1823 at the home of Patrick McGee in Paterson. He lived in Morris Plains.

---Sources: Rounds, H. L. Peter, "Godwins of New York and New Jersey" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, July 1981, p. 158; Kelly, Arthur, *Vital Records of the Protestant Dutch Reformed Church at Acquackanonk*, 1977 (reprinted 1992); "Records of Trinity Church Parish, New York City [Marriages]" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 69, No. 3, July 1938, p. 273

Godwin, Michael Dorn

Michael Dorn Godwin
son of Abraham Gates Godwin &
Elizabeth Dorn

m. 29 July 1837
Fonda, NY¹

Ann Maria DeGraff

dau. of

b. 24 September 1818, Homer, NY¹
d. 19 April 1884 Amsterdam, NY¹

b.
d.

---*children of Michael Dorn Godwin & Ann Maria DeGraff:*

• **George Alfred Godwin**, b. 23 Aug 1885 Montgomery Co., NY; d. 27 Aug 1928; m. about 1876 **Elizabeth McDonald**.¹

---Sources:

[1] Information online Sep 2000, Bergen Co. List, from "Elsie Godwin" <egodwin@wserv.com>;

Godwin, Nathaniel

Nathaniel Godwin
son of
son of Henry Godwin

m. 1774
NYC

Catrina Hoogland

dau. of

---*children of Nathaniel Godwin & Catrina Hoogland:*

• **Catrina Godwin**, b. 22 Aug, bp. 24 Oct 1776 Second River RefCh (Belleville) (wit: John Ennes; Annatje Godwin)

---Sources: "Baptismal Register of Second River (Belleville) Dutch Reformed Church, 1727-1794" in *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*, Jan 1929, p. 136; New York City, 1600s-1800s Marriage Index online at Ancestry.com

Godwin, Nathaniel

Nathaniel Godwin
son of

m. 6 Nov 1791
NYC Dutch Ref Ch

Phebe Heustis

dau. of

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

Godwin, Philip

Philip Godwin

m.

Priscilla

---*children of Philip Godwin & Proscilla*

• **Mary Godwin**, b. 30 Aug 1782; bp. 5 Oct 1782 Trinity Ch Parish, NYC (wit: Robert Collet, Mary Connor and the Mother)

---Sources: "Records of the Trinity Church Parush, New York City" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*. Vol. 69, No. 1, Jan 1938, p. 70

Godwin, Samuel

Samuel Godwin
son of George Godwin &
b. about 1655
d. before 1697

m. (1)

-?- Gray

dau. of Henry Gray &
b.
d.

m. (poss) (2)

Sarah Fowler

dau. of Henry Fowler &
Rebecca Newell

He was of Eastchester, NY.

Of Eastchester, 1682, he sold to John Sturgis, Sr., the homelot in Fairfield which his father George Godwin gave him.

Samuel Goding of Eastchester conveyed 1682 to bro.-in-law Henry Fowler [Eastchester Deeds].

Sarah Fowler m. (2) **Edward Hancock** of Eastchester.(N. Y. Gen. and Biog. Record, 58: 262. Hancock had a son Elias b. 15 Dec. 1693.)

John, Mary, and Abigail "Godin" are listed in the Eastchester Census of 1698 under Edward, Sarah, Elias, and Susannah Hancock.

---*children of Samuel Godwin & (1)*

• **John Godwin**, b. [say 1677]; m. and had children rec. at Eastchester: Samuel, b. 26 Jan. 1699 [1699/1700]; John, b. 1 May 1702; Solomon, b. 3 Oct. 1704.

• **Sarah Godwin**, m. **John Jackson**.

• **Mary Godwin**, gave rec't to John Godwin and his father-in-law Edward Hancock and his mother Sarah Hancock, for her portion; she m. abt. 1701, **Christopher Sturges** of Fairfield, rem. to Stamford, and d. there 17 Feb. 1746.

• **Abigail Goding/Godwin**, d. 19 April 1756; m. Oct 1708 (rec. Fairfield, CT), **Thomas Disbrow**, son of Thomas Disbrow.

---Sources: Jacobus, Donald Lines. History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield vol.1. The Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Company. Connecticut. 1930, p. 187, 227

Godwin, William

William Godwin

m.

Elizabeth

---*children of William Godwin & Elizabeth*

• **Joseph Godwin**, b. 20 April 1784; bp. 9 May 1784 Trinity Ch Parish, NYC (wit: Joseph Godwin, Henry Powell, and Hannah Brown) (no mother's surname in bp. record)

• **William Godwin**, b. 23 Nov 1785; bp. 14 Dec 1785 Trinity Ch Parish, NYC (wit: Charles and Margaret Feager) (no mother's surname in bp. record)

• **Charles Godwin**, b. 21 Oct 1787; bp. 4 Nov 1787 Trinity Ch Parish, NYC (wit: Joseph Godwin & Catherine Warner) (no

mother's surname in bp. record)

---Sources: "Records of Trinity Church Parish, New York City [Baptisms]" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 90, No. 1, Jan 1959, p. 20; "Records of Trinity Church Parish, New York City [Baptisms]" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 90, No. 4, Oct 1959, p. 214; "Records of the Trinity Church Parish, New York City [Baptisms]" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 91, No. 2, April 1960, p. 102

Godwin, William

William Godwin
son of

m. (1)
m. (2) 15 July 1792
NYC Luth Ch

-?-
Hester Dobs (Dobbs)
dau. of

The (2) m. record reads: "William Godwin, shoemaker in Church Str. widr. and Hester Dobs. Wit. John Dobs, her brother, and Hanna Dobs. He says, he burried his first wife 12 month[s] ago, and that she laid in the Christ-Church Burial-Yard."

---Sources: "Lutheran Church Marriages in New York City" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, January 1991, p. 45

Unplaced Godwin Women:

(Mrs.) **Judith Godwin**, m. Nov 1791 at Newtown, L.I., NY, **Peter Roosevelt** (*New York Magazine*)

Magdalen Godwin (Magdalene), widow, m. 3 Feb 1771 Christ Luth Ch, NYC, **George Warner**