

-- MEEKER --

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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Meeker, Benjamin

Benjamin Meeker
son of William Meeker &
Sarah Preston

m.

Elizabeth

dau. of

b. March 1849 New Haven, CT

b.

Benjamin Meeker lived at Lyons Farms, NJ.

In his will, dates 22 Nov 1744 Elisabeth Town, Essex Co., NJ, Benjamin Meeker, blacksmith, mentioned children -- Benjamin, Samuel, Phebe (wife of Nehemiah Ludlum), Esther (wife of Stephen Hinds), and Sarah (wife of Isaac Woodruffe). Real and personal estate. Executors--wife, Phebe, and son-in-law Stephen Hinds, and son Samuel. Witnesses-- John Clarke, David Meeker, Boynton Ramsden. Proved March 11, 1750.

---children of Benjamin Meeker & Elizabeth

- **William Meeker**, b. 13 Oct 1677; m. **Hannah Potter**
- **Benjamin Meeker**
- **Jonathan Meeker**
- **Daniel Meeker**
- **Samuel Meeker**
- **Phebe Meeker**, m. **Nelemiah Ludlum**
- **Esther Meeker**, m. **Stephen Hinds**
- **Sarah Meeker**, m. **Isaac Woodruffe**
- **Thomas Meeker**

• **Joseph Meeker**

---Sources: *Calendar of New Jersey Wills*, Vol. II, 1730-1750 (online at Ancestry.com), p. 329 (will of Benjamin Meeker); *Biography and genealogical history of the city of Newark and Essex County, New Jersey*, New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1898, Vol. II, (online at HeritageQuest), p. 118

Meeker, Hiram L.

Hiram L. Meeker
son of

m. 26 April 1819
Bergen Ref Ch (now
Jersey City), by John
Cornelison, V.D.M.

Maria F. Randel
dau. of

b.
d. (prob) 29 Aug 1844 Harsimus, NJ¹

b.
d.

She was probably listed in the 1850 Federal Census, New Jersey, Hudson Co., Jersey City, p. 82, enumerate 23 August 1850, Dwelling 351, Dwelling 590 (all b. NJ except as noted) -- Mary Meeker, 50; William [Meeker], 25, Seaman; Josiah [Meeker], 17, insane; Hiram L. [Meeker], 17; Wesley H. [Meeker], 12; Mary L. [Meeker], 8; plus several apparently unrelated men (prob. boarders).

---*children of Hiram L. Meeker & Maria F. Randel:*

- **William Meeker**, b. about 1825 NJ
- **Josiah Meeker**, b. about 1828 NJ
- **Hiram L. Meeker**, b. about 1833 NJ
- **Wesley H. Meeker**, b. about 1838 NJ
- **Mary L. Meeker**, b. about 1842 NJ

---Sources:

[1] New Jersey Deaths and Burials Index, 1798-1971, online at Ancestry.com;
Westervelt, Frances A., *Bergen County New Jersey Marriage Records*, 1929, p. 62

Meeker, Jacob Putnam

Jacob Putnam Meeker
son of

m. 17 Feb 1798
Second River Ref Ch
(bride in ch record is
Mary Joralemon)

Margaret Joralemon
dau. of (poss) Jacobus/James Joralemon &
Rachel Kingsland
b. 20 May 1772
bp. 7 June 1772 Acquackanonk Ref Ch

b.
bp.

---*children of Jacob Putnam Meeker & Mary Joralemon:*

- **James Joralemon Meeker**, b. 17 Jan 1799; bp. 28 Feb 1799 Second River Ref Ch (no wit) (mother's name in bp. record is Mary Joralemon); apparently d.y.
- **James Joralemon Meeker**, b. 9 April 1801; bp. 24 May 1801 Second River Ref Ch (no wit) (mother's name in bp. record is Margaret Joralemon)
- **Nicholas Joralemon Meeker** (twin), b. 18 Sep 1806; bp. 9 Nov 1806 Second River Ref Ch (no wit) (mother's name in bp. rec. is Margaret Joralemon)
- **Joanna Wheeler Meeker** (twin), b. 18 Sep 1806; bp. 9 Nov 1806 Second River Ref Ch (no wit) (mother's name in bp. record is Margaret Joralemon)
- **Margaret Rachel Meeker**, b. 22 March 1809; bp. 22 May 1809 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)

Meeker, Jonathan

Jonathan Meeker
son of William Meeker &
Hannah Potter

m. 3 March 1740

Rebeckah
dau. of

b. 18 Nov 1712
d. 1781

b. 10 Nov 1722
d. 12 Jan 1745/6

---*children of Jonathan Meeker & Rebeckah*

- **Johanna Meeker**
- **Jonathan Meeker** (Capt.), b. 11 Feb 1744 Lyons Farms; d. 10 June 1805; m. (1) **Mary Ogden**; m. (2) **Rachel Denman**
- **Obadiah Meeker**
- **Sarah Meeker**
- **Rebecca Meeker**

---Sources: *Biography and genealogical history of the city of Newark and Essex County, New Jersey*, New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1898, Vol. II, (online at HeritageQuest), p. 118

Meeker, Jonathan (Capt.?)

Jonathan Meeker
son of Jonathan Meeker &
Sarah

m. (1) 10 March 1765
Lyons Farms, NJ

Mary Ogden
dau. of

b. 11 Feb 1744 Lyons Farms, Essex Co., NJ
d. 10 June 1805 Lyons Farms, Essex Co., NJ

b.
d.

m. (2) 25 Jan 1774

Rachel Denman

b. 10 Sep 1751
d. 8 Oct 1830

Jonathan Meeker was a private in the [New Jersey] State Troops and Militia from Essex Co., NJ.¹

---children of Jonathan Meeker & (1) Mary Ogden:

- **Obadiah Meeker**
- **Hannah Meeker**
- **Joel Meeker**

---children of Jonathan Meeker & (2) Rachel Denman:

- **Jonathan Meeker**, b. 14 Oct 1775¹; d. 17 Sep 1843¹; m. **Martha Swain**¹. Martha Swain was b. 23 March 1775; d. 22 Feb 1867.¹
- **Rebecca Meeker**
- **Denman Meeker**, b. 10 June 1782 Lyons Farms, Essex Co., NJ; m. **Mary Maxwell**, dau. of John Maxwell. With his brother Jonathan, Denman Meeker established a pottery in Newark. In 1814 he removed to Succasunna Plains and there established another pottery.
- **Elly Meeker**
- **Polly Meeker**
- **David Meeker**
- **Moses Meeker**
- **Rachel Meeker**

---Sources:

[1] Sons of the American Revolution Membership Application, 11 March 1932 for Clayton Leroy Wallace, descendant of Jonathan Meeker; online at Ancestry.com;

[2] Biography and genealogical history of the city of Newark and Essex County, New Jersey, New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1898, Vol. II, (online at HeritageQuest), p. 118;

Meeker, Jonathan

Jonathan Meeker
b.
d.
m. about 1786

Rachel Force

b. about 1750 Hanover, Morris Co., NJ
d. about 1800

---children of Jonathan Meeker & Rachel Force:

- **Manning Meeker**, b. about 1781 Barton, Tioga Co., NY; d. Dec 1815 Reading, Steuben Co., NY
- **Benjamin Meeker**, b. 1786; d. 1857 age 71
- **Polly Meeker**, b. about 1786 Elizabeth, Union Co., NJ; d. 7 April 1805 Elizabeth, Union Co., NJ
- **Rachel Meeker**, b. 1793 Union Co., NJ; d. 15 Aug 1804 Union Co., NJ

Meeker, Jonathan

Jonathan Meeker
son of Timothy Meeker &
b. 13 Sep 1779
d. 1851
m.

Mary Denman

dau. of John Denman &
b. 17 Aug 1782
d. 1838

They lived in Millburn Township, NJ.

---children of Jonathan Meeker & Mary Denham:

- **Cyrus Meeker**, b. 20 Aug 1806
- **Jotham Meeker**, b. 7 March 1807
- **Julia Ann Meeker**, b. 28 July 1809; m. (1) **-?- Jones**; m. (2) **Samuel Bailey**
- **Mary Meeker**, b. 26 March 1812
- **Catherine Meeker**, b. 29 March 1814; m. **Samuel Bailey**
- **William N. Meeker**, b. 17 April 1816
- **Stephen Meeker**, b. 29 Feb 1820
- **John D. Meeker**, b. 20 Oct 1822 Springfield Twp. (later Millburn Twp.), Essex Co., NJ; m. 28 April 1847, **Permelia C. Roll**, dau. of James Roll & Catherine Dunham

---Sources:

[1] Biographical and genealogical history of the city of Newark and Essex County, New Jersey, 1898, Vol. 1, p. 349;

Meeker, Jonathan

Jonathan Meeker
son of (Capt.) Jonathan Meeker &
Rachel Denman
b. 14 Oct 1775
d. 17 Sep 1843
m.

Martha Swain

dau. of
b. 23 March 1775
d. 22 Feb 1867

---children of Jonathan Meeker & Martha Swain:

- **William Lewis Meeker**, b. 18 Oct 1814?; d. 20 May 1880; m. 7 Nov 1832, **Elizabeth Vredenburg Francisco**. Elizabeth Vredenburg Francisco was b. 25 Oct 1811; d. 28 June 1882.

---Sources:

[1] Sons of the American Revolution Membership Application, 11 March 1932 for Clayton Leroy Wallace, descendant of Jonathan Meeker; online at Ancestry.com;

Meeker, Michael

Michael Meeker m. **Margaret Westervelt**

---children of Michael Meeker & Margaret Westervelt:

• **Uzal Meeker**, b. or bp. 3 Sep 1827 Hackensack Ref Ch (no wit)

---Sources: 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]

Meeker, Robert

Robert Meeker m. **-?-**

---children of Robert Meeker &

• **Mary Meeker**, m. (1) 15 July 167- Fairfield, CT, **Samuel Adams**, son of Edward Adams; m. (2) **Moses Lyon**;

m. (3) **John Thorpe**.

---Sources: Jacobus, Donald Lines, *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, vol.1. The Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Company, Connecticut. 1930, p. 8

Meeker, Samuel C.

Samuel C. Meeker m. 3 Dec 1818 **Maria Chadwick**
son of Bergen Ref Ch (now dau. of
Jersey City), by John

b. Cornelison, V.D.M. b.

---Sources: Westervelt, Frances A., *Bergen County New Jersey Marriage Records*, 1929, p. 62

Meeker, Uzal (Major)

Uzal Meeker m. 16 Jan 1794 **Elizabeth Eaton**
son of (poss) Nathaniel Meeker & Schraalenburgh Ref Ch dau. of
banns Dec 1792

b. 15 Aug 1757 Hackensack & Schraalen- b. 14 April 1763

bp. burgh Ref Chs¹ bp.

d. 3 Sep 1829 d.

Uzal Meeker was a 2nd Lt., NY Continental Line, Revolutionary War Pension No. W969. In Bergen Co., NJ Common Pleas Court, 15 Jun 1820, Uzal Meeker, age 65, a resident of New Barbadoes, Bergen Co, NJ, testified that he was b. 15 Aug 1757. Occupation was tanner and currier. I have shake of the Palsey and am near deaf. Wife Elizabeth, age 58, daughter Elizabeth, age 25, Negro servant, Lewis, age 15. Appointed Ensign under Col. Comfort's NY Militia. Volunteered under Steven Decatur to France on ship Royal Louis, while on board, was taken prisoner and carried to NY and confined at the Jersey prison ship for 6 months. In Bergen Co., NJ Common Pleas Court, 4 May 1840, Elizabeth Meeker, a resident of New Barbadoes, Bergen Co., NJ, b. 14 Apr 1763, widow of Uzal Meeker, who d. 03 Sep 1829. The following names and dates of my children was written by a school teacher named, Alenandin Janus/Lanus? Married, (Banns Dec 1792), by Rev. Soloman Froeligh, pastor of the United RDC of Hackensack and Schraalenburgh, Bergen Co., NJ. Children of Uzal Meeker and Elizabeth: 1) Sally, b. 08 Aug 1792, as Sally Ball, age 47, of New Barbadoes on 04 May 1840; 2) John, b. 17 Aug 1793, d. 1840; 3) Elizabeth, b. 29 Sep 1794; 4) Margaret, b. 10 Jan 1795; 5) Uzal, b. 29 Apr 1797; 6) Michael, b. 23 Feb 1800; 7) Janus/Lanus? [James], b. 28 Apr 1802. Others mentioned in pension: Margaret Williams, age 60, as of 12 May 1840 Bergen Co., NJ, widow of William Williams, her husband lived a mile from the home of Uzal and Elizabeth Meeker, 2nd daughter, Marie Williams, b. May 1792. Bergen Co., NJ 2 Mar 1840, Lucas Vorhis, was present at marriage and has lived in the same neighborhood for 45 yrs. Rev. Cornelius J. Blauvelt, James Heaton, of Hackensack as of 02 Apr 1818, Elias Brevoort and Adam Boyd.¹

"Uzal Meeker" advertised in *The Bergen Farmer*, in its edition of Wednesday, 24 Nov 1824: "For Sale, A Negro Man by the name of Lewis, about twenty-two years of age, perfectly healthy and of a sound constitution. He has been brought up to the Farming business, which he understands as well as any man, and is as good a Gardner as any in the county of Bergen. He is also capable of attending to the domestic concerns, and would be very useful in a Public House and also a great acquisition to a livery stable, being well acquainted with the management of horses. He is sold for want of employment, as the subscriber is retiring from business. For further particulars apply to the subscriber near the Hackensack New-Bridge. Uzal Meeker. New-Bridge, Sept. 15th, 1824."

---children of Uzal Meeker & Elizabeth Eaton:

• **Sally Meeker**, b. 8 Aug 1792; m. 18 June 1814 New Bridge, Bergen Co., NJ, **Isaac Ball, Jr.** (he of NYC)²

• **John Meeker**, b. 17 Aug 1793; d. 1840.

• **Elizabeth Meeker**, b. 29 Sep 1794

• **Margaret Meeker**, b. 10 Jan 1795

• **Uzal Meeker**, b. 29 April 1797

• **Michael Meeker**, b. 23 Feb 1800

• **James Meeker**, b. 29 April 1802; bp. Hackensack Ref Ch (no wit)

---Sources:

[1] Genealogical Abstracts of Bergen Co., NJ Revolutionary War Pension Applications, compiled by Philip O'Leary, III, 1996 (pol@lubrizol.com), 37308B Euclid Ave, Willoughby, OH 44094-5618;

[2] Index of marriages and deaths in *New York weekly museum*, 1952; *Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of Hackensack...*, 1891 (Collections of the Holland Society of New York, Vol. I, Part I, Baptisms & Marriages); *The Bergen Farmer*, 17 Nov 1824; *Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of ...Schraalenburgh*, 1891, (Collections of the Holland Society of New York, Vol. I, Part II)

Meeker, Uzal

Uzal Meeker
b.
d.
buried

m.

Frances Matilda

b.
d. 27 Dec 1856, age. 25.5.11
buried French Cem. New Bridge, NJ

---children of Uzal Meeker & Frances Matilda

• **Sylvester Smith Meeker**, b. 1852; d. 10 May 1852, age 10 weeks; buried French Cem., New Bridge, Bergen Co., NJ.

---Sources: Ackerman, Herbert S., and Arthur J. Goff, *Thirty Seven Cemeteries*, 1946 (French Cem., New Bridge, NJ, p. 70)

Meeker, William

William Meaker
d. before 27 Aug 1675

27 Aug 1675, Essex Co., NJ, Inventory of the estate of William Meaker (£75 real, £13.9 personal); made by John Martin and Francis Drake.

---Sources: *Calendar of New Jersey Wills*, Vol. I 1670-1730 (online at Ancestry.com), p. 313 (Inventory William Meaker)

Meeker, William

William Meaker
d. 1690 Lyons Farms

m.

Sarah Preston

d.

His will was dated 9 Dec 1690 Elizabeth Town, NJ. 1690-1 Jan. 14. Bond of his sons Joseph and Benjamin Meeker as executors. 1690 ---. Inventory of the estate (£50 real, £134.3.3 personal); made by Isack Whitehead and John Lyon.

---children of William Meeker & Sarah Preston:

- **Joseph Meeker**
- **Benjamin Meeker**, b. March 1649 New Haven, CT; m. **Elizabeth -?-**
- **Sarah Meeker**
- **Mary Meeker**
- **John Meeker**

---Sources: *Calendar of New Jersey Wills*, Vol. I 1670-1730 (online at Ancestry.com), p. 313 (will of William Meeker); *Biography and genealogical history of the city of Newark and Essex County, New Jersey*, New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1898, Vol. II, (online at HeritageQuest), p. 117

Meeker, William

William Meaker
son of Benjamin Meeker &
Elizabeth

m.

Hannah Potter

dau. of

b. 13 Oct 1677
d. 5 March 1744

b.
d.

In his will, dated 18 Nov 1741 Newark, Essex Co., NJ, William Meaker (Meeker), yeoman; mentioned wife, Hannah. Daughter-in-law, Abigail, widow of son David, deceased. Grandchildren--David and Hannah Meaker, both under age, children of Abigail and son David, deceased. Real and personal estate. Executors--sons Jonathan and Isaac Meeker. Witnesses--Benjamin Lyon, Benjamin Lyon, Jun'r, Charles Hole. Proved March 5, 1744.

1744-5, March 4. Inventory of personal estate, (£252.07.08), includes negro wench and her child (£38). Made by Benjamin Lyon, Joseph Lyon.

---children of William Meeker & Hannah Potter:

- **Jonathan Meeker**, b. 18 Nov 1712; d. 1781; m. **-?-**
- **Isaac Meeker**
- **David Meeker**

---Sources: *Calendar of New Jersey Wills*, Vol. II, 1730-1750 (online at Ancestry.com), p. 328 (will of William Meaker/Meeker); *Biography and genealogical history of the city of Newark and Essex County, New Jersey*, New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1898, Vol. II, (online at HeritageQuest), p. 118

Meeker, William

William Meaker

m.

Jane Cuthell

---children of William Meeker & Jane Cuthell:

• **John Henry Meeker**, b. 15 Nov 1839; bp. 9 Aug 1840 Second Ref Ch, Paterson, NJ

---Sources: Second Reformed Church at Paterson, NJ, Baptisms 1828-1882 online March 2001 at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~njpchsgc/chu/second_reformed_chu.htm>

Unplaced Meeker Women:

Eliza Martin Meeker, m. 9 Nov 1833 Clarkstown Ref Ch, **Walter Burd**