

-- MERRITT --

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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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Merritt

“The name of Merritt is derived from the manor of Meriet in Co. Somerset, Eng. The first known was Radnoth, a land holder temp. William I., killed in battle 1068, whose descendants, DeMeriets, are traced down to 1418, the name in 15th and 16th centuries being variously spelled Merret, Merrot, Merriett, Meryott. The first mention of the name in America is in 1626, when Henry Merritt was living in Scituate, Massachusetts; he left numerous descendants. The family is said to have “drifted down” Long Island Sound, and in 1664 William Merritt was a citizen of New York, of which he was Mayor 1695; he d. 1708, leaving a son John, Alderman of New York, whose name is borne by John street in that city; he was aftds. of New London, Connecticut. He m. Janet Lockhart, and d. 1732, leaving one dau. The early history of the Canadian family was destroyed in the American Revolutionary War. Their descent is traced from Thomas Merritt, of Rye, in Westchester County, New York, a prominent resident of that place from 1672 to 1720; he had issue, Thomas, Joseph, Ephraim and Samuel, all of whom except Ephraim left descendants. ...” — Chadwick, Edward Marion, *Ontarian Families: Genealogies of United Empire Loyalist and other Pioneer Families of Upper Canada*, (1894) reprinted 1970, Part I, p. 191

Merrit, Abram

Abram Merrit
son of

m. about 1857

Sarah C. Hennion

dau. of John H. Hennion &
Susanna -?-

b. May 1835 NY

b. May 1839 NJ

They were listed in the 1880 Federal Census, New Jersey, Passaic Co., Pompton Township, District 144, p. 39, enumerated

25 June 1880, Dwelling 2, Family 2 (all b. NJ, all their parents b. NJ, except as noted) -- Merrit, Abram, 44, Iron Miner, b. NY, his parents b. NY; [Merritt], Sarah C., 40, Wife, Keeping House; [Merritt], Hasel D., 15, Son, Blacksmith; [Merritt], Ann Maria, 13, Daughter, at school; [Merritt], Mary Adelia, 10, Daughter, at school; Hennion, John H., 75, Father in Law, Widower, Retired.

They were listed in the 1900 Federal Census, New Jersey, Passaic Co., Paterson, Ward 2, District 113, p. 1, enumerated 1 June 1900, 66 Hamburg Ave., Dwelling 6, Family 8 -- Merritt, Abraham, Head, b. May 1835, age 65, married 44 yrs., b. NY, his parents b. NY, Watchman; [Merritt], Sarah C., Wife, b. May 1839m age 61, married 44 yrs., mother of 10 children, 5 children then living, b. NJ, her parents b. NY; Bennett, Susanna, Daughter, b. May 1860, age 40, married 26 yrs., mother of 7 children, 7 children then living, b. NJ, her father b. NY, her mother b. NJ, servant; Miller, Mary, daughter, b. July 1870, age 29, married 5 yrs., mother of 1 child, 1 child then living, b. NJ, her father b. NY, her mother b. NJ, Dressmaker; Merritt, Lavilla, daughter, b. Aug 1880, age 19, Single, b. NJ, her father b. NY, her mother b. NJ, Milliner; Bennett, Anna, Granddaughter, b. Sep 1879, 20, Single, b. NJ, her parents b. NJ, Milliner; [Bennett], Charles, grandson, b. Dec 1881, age 18, Single, b. NJ, his parents b. NJ, Baker; [Bennett], Harry, grandson, b. June 1884, age 15, Single, b. NJ, his parents b. NJ, Clerk; [Bennett], Hassel, grandson, b. Mar 1886, age 14, b. NJ, his parents b. NJ, office work; [Bennett], Herbert, grandson, b. Feb 1889, age 11, b. NJ, his parents b. NJ, at school.

They were listed in the 1910 Federal Census, New Jersey, Passaic Co., Paterson, Ward 2, District 0096, p. 30, enumerated 22 April 1910, 66 Hamburg Ave., Dwelling 222, Family 345 -- Merritt, Abraham, Head, age 76, married 53 yrs., b. NJ, his parents b. NJ, Own Income; [Merritt], Sarah C., Wife, age 71, married 53 yrs., mother of 10 children, 4 children then living, b. NY, her parents b. NY; Bennett, Susie, Daughter, age 49, Widow, mother of 7 children, 5 children then living, b. NJ; [Bennett], Harry, Grandson, age 26, Single, b. NJ, his father b. England, his mother b. NJ, Wagon driver, silk; [Bennett], Herbert, Grandson, age 21, Single, b. NJ, his father b. England, his mother b. NJ, [illegible], silk Mill; Nicholas, Ira C., son in law, 32, married 7 yrs, b. NJ, his parents b. NJ, editor, books; [Nicholas], Lavillia, daughter, age 30, married 7 yrs., mother of 0 children, b. NJ, her father b. NY, her mother b. NJ.

---children of Abram Merrit & Sarah C. Hennion:

- **Susanna Merritt**, b. May 1860 NJ; m. -?- **Bennett**
- **Hessel Merrit** (Hassel), b. about 1865 NJ
- **Ann Maria Merrit**, b. about 1867 NJ
- **Mary Adelia Merrit**, b. July 1870 NJ; m. -?- **Miller**
- **Lavilla Merritt**, b. Aug 1880 NJ; m. about 1903, **Ira C. Nichols**

Merritt, Anderson

Anderson Merritt	m.	Sarah
son of Thomas Thomas Merritt &		dau. of
d. before 4 March 1785		d.

In his will, he wrote: ...This 21st day of November, 1784. I, Andreson Merret, of North Castle, Westchester County, Gentleman, being very weak in body. I bequeath to Sarah, my dearly beloved wife, all my household goods; Also one cow to be kept for the use of my family as long as she remains my widow. My chatles and farming utentials to be sold at Public Vendue, and after my debts are paid the remainder of the proceeds to be applied to the support of my family. The remainder of my estate to be collected as soon as possible and the money put at use and applied toward the maintenance of my family. When my oldest daughter ariveth at the age of eighteen then all my estate to be equally divided between my four children, that is, my daughter Prisilla and my daughter Easter, and my daughter Jein and my son Gilbert. My wife to have half of this farm I now live on till it be sold according to my father's will for the support of my family. My beloved friends, Joseph Merritt, William Kipp and Gilbert Haviland, I make my executors. (Signed) Anderson Merritt. Witnesses, Joatham Wright, Caleb Weeks, Caleb Carpenter, of North Castle, saddler. Proved, Westchester County, March 4, 1785.

---children of Anderson Merritt & Sarah

- **Priscilla Merritt**
- **Easter Merritt**
- **Jane Merrit**
- **Gilbert Merritt**

---Sources: 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. XIII, 1784-1786 and Letters of Admin. 1785, pub. 1904), p. 110 (will of Andreson Merret)

Merritt, Andrew

Andrew Merritt	m.	Rachel Purdy (or Rachel Kniffen)
son of John Merritt &		dau. of (poss) Francis Purdy &
		(poss) Mary Lane
b. 17 May 1689		b. perhaps about 1690
d. 18 Aug 1781		d.

---Sources:

[1] Sutton, Richard Carteret, "One Branch of the Purdy Family of Westchester County" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 69, No. 3, July 1938, p. 203;

Merritt, Caleb

Caleb Merritt	m.	-?-
<u>---children of Caleb Merritt &</u>		

- **Glorianna Merritt**, b. 1 July 1758; d. 2 May 1790; m. about 1773-4 Newburgh, NY, **Isaac Fowler, Jr.**, son of Isaac Fowler & -?-

---Sources: Bristol, Theresa Hall, and Abraham Hatfield, "Descendants of Henry Fowler of Roxbury, Mass., Providence, R.I., Eastchester and Mamaroneck, N.Y." in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 69, No. 3, July 1938, p. 222

Merritt, Charles

Charles Merritt
son of George Merritt &
Eveline Conkling
b. 5 Jan 1842 NYC
d.

m. (1) 1862

m. (2) 1883

Ada Hyatt

dau. of George L. Hyatt &

b.
d. 4 Oct 1874 aged 34

Isabella Mayo

dau. of Charles Mayo

He was a plumber in NYC. In 1893 he established a plumbing business in Yonkers, Westchester Co., NY.

---*children of Charles Merritt & (1) Ada Hyatt:*

- **Charles Merritt**. He was a plumber in NYC.

- **Ida Merritt**, m. **Harry Cortelyou**

---*children of Charles Merritt & (2) Isabella Mayo:*

- **Winfield Scott Merritt**

- **Isabella Ruth Merritt**

---Sources: *Biographical History of Westchester County, New York*, Chicago: Lewis Publishing Company, 1899, Vol. I, p. 158

Merritt, Daniel

Daniel Merritt m.

Daniel Merritt was of Greenwich, CT.¹

---*children of Daniel Merritt & Rebecca Sherwood:*

- **Ebenezer Merritt**

---Sources:

[1] Information July 2005 from Sharilyn Whitaker <sharilyn@northcoast.com>

Rebecca Sherwood

Merritt, Daniel

Daniel Merritt m.

---*children of Daniel Merritt & Sarah*

- **Mary Merritt**, m. 14 Oct 1789 Oblong Monthly Meeting (Quaker record), **John Searing**, son of John Searing & Mary -?- of North Hempstead

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

Sarah

Merritt, Edward

Edward Merritt m.
son of

b.
bp.
d. before 1715

Vroutje Cosyn m. (2) 25 Jan 1715 NYC Ref Ch **Matheus Bell**.

---*children of Edward Merritt & Vroutje Cosyn:*

- **Belitje Merritt**, bp. 13 Jan 1706 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Theunis Quick, en Vroutje, Syn huysvrou [nee Vroutje Haring])

---Sources: "Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York City—Baptisms" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Oct 1884, p. 162; "Record of the Reformed Dutch Church in the City of New York—Marriages" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Oct 1881, p. 189

Vroutje Cosyn

dau. of Gerrit Cosyn &
Belitje Quick

b.
bp. 6 May 1682 NYC Ref Ch
d.

Merritt, Edward Reeve

Edward Reeve Merritt
b. 21 June 1718¹
f. 9 May 1799¹
buried New Paltz, Ulster Co., NY¹

---Sources:

[1] Information online 6 Sep 2011 from Willard Saunders, on Merritt Family Genealogy Forum <<http://genforum.genealogy.com/merritt/messages/3769.html>> citing Findgrave.com;

Merritt, Ezra

Ezra Merritt m.

b. about 1840

Ezra Merritt, 30, carpenter, and Mary, 32, keeping house, were listed in the 1870 Federal Census, living in Washington

Mary

b. about 1838

Township, Bergen County, NJ. Listed living with them were: Hellen R., 2; and Celia, 6/12.

---children of Ezra Merritt & Mary

• **Helen R. Merritt**, b. about 1868

• **Celia Merritt**, b. about 1870

---Sources: 1870 Federal Census, New Jersey, Bergen County, Washington Township, Saddle River P.O., taken July 1870, p. 34

Merritt, Frans

Frans Merritt

m.

Zytje Mathysz

---children of Frans Merritt & Zytje Mathysz:

• **Lysbeth Merritt**, bp. 7 June 1691 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Henderik Marselis, Tryntje Rutgers)

---Sources: Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of Albany, New York 1683-1809, Marriages, Baptisms, Members, Etc., excerpted from the Year Books of the Holland Society, NY, reprinted by Clearfield Publishing Co., 1999

Meritt, Gabriel

Gabriel Meritt

d. before 27 Jan 1776

In his will, he wrote: ...30 Dec 1775, I, Gabriel Meritt, of the Precinct of New Marlborough, in Ulster County, being sick. I leave to my dearly beloved brother, Caleb Meritt, £10. I leave to my brothers, Daniel and Josiah, all the rest of my estate real and personal. If they cannot agree to divide the same, it is to be done by two indifferent men, and I make my said brothers executors, and they are to pay all debts. Witnesses, Isaac Brown, surgeon, Mary Meritt, Leonard Smith. Proved, January 17, 1776, before George Clinton, Esq.

---Sources: 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 VIII 1771-1776, page 327 (will of Gabriel Meritt)

Merritt, George

George Merritt

m.

Gloriana Purdy

son of Samuel Merritt & Elizabeth Underhill

dau. of Samuel Purdy &

(or poss John Merritt & Elizabeth Underhill)

Penelope Harvey

b. 23 April 1702

b. 1714

d. 2 Feb 1759

d. 1765

buried Old Town Cemetery, Newburgh, NY

buried Old Town Cem., Newburgh, NY

By 1747 George Merritt was living in Newburgh, NY.

In his will, dated 25 Jan 1759, probated 23 March 1759, he wrote: In the name of God, Amen, January 25, 1759. I, George Merritt, of the Precinct of the Highlands, in Ulster County, yeoman, being sick. I leave to my wife Glorande £20, and her bed and bedding and curtains, and a horse, saddle and bridle, and one room in my house and her maintenance out of my estate. I leave to my son Caleb 83 acres of land on the north side of the lands where I now live, "lying at a point of land commonly called Robins Point," and running west 40 rods wide till it makes 83 acres, Also all the lands at the White Plains that was given to my mother by the will of her grand father, Winfree Underhill. I leave to my son Humphrey "100 acres of land lying at the west side of my land across from Dubois, to Thomas Merritt's land, and running east till it makes 100 acres." I leave to my son Samuel 100 acres of land adjoining to my son Humphrey, and running from Dubois' land to Thomas Merritt's land, and so running east till it makes 100 acres. I leave to my son George 100 acres of land, adjoining to my son Samuel on the east side, from Dubois' land to Thomas Merritt's land. I leave to my son Gabriel and my son David all the rest of the lotment of land where I now live in Ulster County, and if any more land should be recovered to this lotment, I leave the same to my son Josiah. I make my 6 eldest sons executors, and they are to pay to my son Josiah £10 each when they are 23 years of age. My lands at the White Plains which I had by my father are to be sold at discretion of my executors. All the rest of my movable estate, except my sons' horses, are to be sold, and after payment of debts I leave the rest to my daughters, Elizabeth, Glorande, and Jean. I make my wife, and my son Humphrey, and Samuel Fowler, executors. Witnesses, Thomas Merritt, John Bloomer, Joseph Bloomer, Sr.

The will was proved March 23, 1759.

---children of George Merritt & Gloriana Purdy:

• **Caleb Merritt**

• **Humphrey Merritt**

• **Samuel Merritt**, b. 1762; d. 1864; m. **Chloe Haines**. Chloe Haines was b. about 1763.

• **George Merritt**

• **Gabriel Merritt**

• **David Merritt**

• **Josiah Merritt**

• **Elizabeth Merritt**

• **Glorianna Merritt** (Glorande)

• **Jean Merritt** (daughter; Jane?)

---Sources: Frost, Josephine C., *Underhill Genealogy*, Vol. 4, 1932, p. 6; Information posted online July 2004 by Mary H. at Merritt Family Genealogy Forum <<http://genforum.genealogy.com/merritt/messages/2748.html>> and <<http://genforum.genealogy.com/merritt/messages/2753.html>>

Merritt, George

George Merritt m. **Mary**
d. 1856, aged 80 d.

He was a farmer at Shrub Oak, Ulster Co., NY.

---children of George Merritt & Mary

• **George Merritt**, b. 1801 Ulster Co., NY; d. 1887 aged 86; m. -?- . She d. 1898, aged 96.

• **Gilbert Merritt**

• **Stephen Merritt**

---Sources: *Biographical History of Westchester County, New York*, Chicago: Lewis Publishing Company, 1899, Vol. I, p. 158;

Merritt, George

George Merritt m. **Eveline Conkling**
son of George Merritt & dau. of
Mary -?-

b. 1801 Ulster Co., NY

d. 1887 aged 86

---children of George Merritt & Eveline Conkling:

• **George Merritt**

• **Gobin Merritt**

• **Stephen Merritt**

• **Mary Merritt**

• **Augustis Merritt**

• **Charles Merritt**, b. 5 Jan 1842 NYC; m. (1) 1862, **Ada Hyatt**, dau. of George L. Hyatt. She d. 4 Oct 1874, aged 34.

Charles Merritt m. (2) 1883, **Isabella Mayo**, dau. of Charles Mayo.

---Sources: *Biographical History of Westchester County, New York*, Chicago: Lewis Publishing Company, 1899, Vol. I, p. 158;

Merritt, George C.

George C. Merritt m. **Mary Sloat**

---children of George C. Merritt & Mary Sloat:

• **Marcus Sloat Merritt**, b. 2 July 1856; bp. 3 Oct 1858 Greenwich Ref Ch, NYC (as Marcus Sloat, son of George C. Merritt & Mary Sloat)

---Sources: Vosburgh, Royden Woodward, *Records of the Reformed Dutch Church at Greenwich in the City of New York*, Baptisms (online at New York Genealogical & Biographical Society e-Library)

Merritt, Gilbert

Gilbert Merritt m. **Hannah**
d. before 14 April 1785 d.

In his will, he wrote: ...I, Gilbert Merritt, of Rye, Westchester County, yeoman, do this 2nd day of December, 1782, make this my last will. I bequeath to my loving wife Hannah, the use of my dwelling house, barn and eight acres of land near the same southeast of said dwelling, while she shall remain my widow; Also all my furniture except two beds. To my sons, Daniel and Gilbert, and their heirs forever, all the remaining part of my lands equally divided, as well as what acres I gave my wife above. "But my will is and shall firmly stand that if my said son Gilbert does marry a certain Mary Seaman with whom he cohabits, then and in such case he the said Gilbert shall not inherit nor enjoy any part of my estate but the sum of twenty shillings." To my daughter, Sarah Carpenter, one bed with its furniture and one cow. To my loving sister, Rachel Miller, £10, on condition that my estate in dispute with James Lyon, of Byrum, by force of my wife's title may be justly gained in law by my heirs, otherwise she shall not be entitled. To my son Gilbert, one bed under the proviso above of not marrying the said Mary Seaman. I appoint my wife Hannah and my loving brother Robert, executors, who shall pay all my debts and inter my body decently as becoming a person of my Circumstances. Witnesses, Amos Sniffen, of Rye, Carpenter; Gilbert Miller, George Harris. Proved, Westchester County, April 14, 1785. Confirmed, New York, April 19, 1785.

---children of Gilbert Merritt & Hannah

• **Daniel Merritt**

• **Gilbert Merritt**

• **Sarah Merritt**, m. -?- Carpenter

---Sources: 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. XIII, 1784-1786 and Letters of Admin. 1785, pub. 1904), p. 135 (will of Gilbert Merritt)

Merritt, Gilbert S.

Gilbert S. Merritt m. **Jane Earle**
son of dau. of Rynear Earle &
Elizabeth Campbell

b.

---children of Gilbert S. Merritt & Jane Earle:

• **Abraham C. Merritt**, b. about 1821 Secaucus, NJ. He was a lawyer in NYC. He served as a staff officer in the Union Army during the Civil War.

---Sources:

[1] Earle, Rev. Isaac Newton, *Earles of Secaucus, with an Account of the English and American Branches*, Marquette Mich.: Gueleff Printing Co., 1924 (1951), p. 341

(online at Ancestry.com);

Merritt, Henry G.

Henry G. Merritt m.
 b. about 1767
 d. 6 Feb 1818 age 56.7.6
 buried ME Chyd, New Rochelle, Westchester Co., NY

Elizabeth

b.. about 1764
 d. 28 June 1852 age 87.9.-
 buried ME Chyd, New Rochelle, NY

---children of Henry G. Merritt & Elizabeth

• **Ophelia Merritt**, b. 14 Nov 1815; d. 7 July 1843; buried ME Chyd, New Rochelle, Westchester Co., NY

---Sources: New Rochelle tombstone inscriptions : a record of all inscriptions in the old cemeteries, with supplementary information, New Rochelle, N.Y.: New Rochelle Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, 1941, p. 105

Merritt, Henry C.

Henry C. Merritt m.
---children of Henry C. Merritt & Catharine Tinkey:

Catharine Tinkey

• **Leonard Merritt**, b. 19 March 1833; bp. 12 April 1833 Greenwich Ref Ch, NYC (as Leonard, son of Henry C. Merritt & Catharine Tinkey)

• **John Henry Merritt**, b. 3 Oct 1834; bp. 9 Jan 1835 Greenwich Ref Ch, NYC (as John Henry, son of Henry C. Merritt & Catharine Tinkey)

• **Charles Merritt**, b. 31 July 1836; bp. 14 Oct 1836 Greenwich Ref Ch, NYC (as Charles, son of Henry C. Merritt & Catharine Tinkey)

---Sources: Vosburgh, Royden Woodward, *Records of the Reformed Dutch Church at Greenwich in the City of New York*, Baptisms (online at New York Genealogical & Biographical Society e-Library)

Merritt, James

James Merritt m.
 b. 4 Aug 1762

Sarah

b. 1 Sep 1767

---children of James Merritt & Sarah

• **Nathaniel Merritt**

• **Richard Merritt**, b. 7 June 1793

• **Mary Merritt**, b. 17 June 1795; m. 1819 **Richard Cromwell**

• **Phebe Merritt**, b. 6 March 1798; m. 1825 **Nathaniel Hawkshurst**

• **Joseph Merritt**, b. 1 Sep 1801

• **Anna Merritt**, b. 15 May 1805

• **Sarah Merritt**, b. 1 Sep 1808

---Sources: Quaker Records, Amawalk Monthly Meeting, Westchester Co., NY, online Aug 2000 at Ancestry.com

Merrit, John

John Merrit m.
 son of William Merritt & Margery (NY license: 17 Sep 1686)
 b. They lived in New London, CT.

Janet Lockhartt

dau. of (Dr.) George Lockhart & Janet
 b.

25 Oct 1687 (Westchester Co. Deeds, Liber 8, recorded Albany, NY, p. 162) -- George Lockhart of the City of New York and Janet his wife, to their daughter Jannett Merritt and their son-in-law John Merritt, both of the same city, one sixth part of a certain tract of land in Orange County at a place known by the name of Tappan. Wit. by John Harlow and Wm. Merritt.¹

---Sources:

[1] Bristol, Theresa Hall, "Westchester County, N.Y. Miscellanea" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Oct 1927 (Vol. 58, No. 4), p. 351; Names of Persons for whom Marriage Licenses were issued by the Secretary of the Province of New York, Previous to 1784, 1860 scanned version online at Cornell University's MOA (Making of America) site:-- <http://moa.cit.cornell.edu/dienst/moa/browse.fly/MOA-JOURNALS2:TUCK-0005/3/1:TIFF2GIF:100?>

Merritt, John

John Merritt m.
 d. before 14 May 1726

-?-
 d.

John Merritt and his sons John and Andrew Merritt, were mentioned as previous owners of land in White Plains ("laid out to the right John Merritt, Senr., late of Rye, dec'd") in a deed of 14 May 1726 from Jacob Hays of New York, merchant, to David Horton of Rye.

---children of John Merritt

• **John Merritt**

• **Andrew Merritt**

---Sources: Bristol, Theresa Hall, "Westchester County, N.Y. Miscellanea" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, July 1921, p. 224 (Liber F, Land Records)

Merritt, John

John Merritt m. **Mary Cornelius**

---children of John Merritt & Mary Cornelius:

• **Nathaniel Merritt**, m. **Ann Fowler**, dau. of Joseph Fowler & Hannah Guion

---Sources: Bristol, Theresa Hall, and Abraham Hatfield, "Descendants of Henry Fowler of Roxbury, Mass., Providence, R.I., Eastchester and Mamaroneck, N.Y." in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 68, No. 4, Oct 1937, p. 326

Merritt, John

John Merritt m. **Mary Brundage**

In what is possibly his will, he wrote: Merritt, John, late of Rye, will dated July 31, 1753, probated Dec. 4, 1753, mentions his wife Mary, and children Daniel, Caleb, Nathan, Thomas, John, Phebe, Amy, and Ruth. Executors his sons Caleb and Nathan, and son-in-law Reuben Green. Witnesses Jabez Sherwood, John Purdy, and John Carhart, page 126. Inventory taken Dec. 15, 1753, by Jabez Sherwood and John Purdy, and filed Dec. 18, 1753, page 128.

---children of John Merritt & Mary Brundage:

• **Daniel Merritt**, m. (poss?) **Rebecca Sherwood**, dau. of Jabez Sherwood

• **Caleb Merritt**

• **Nathan Merritt**

• **Thomas Merritt**

• **John Merritt**

• **Phebe Merritt**

• **Amy Merritt**, m. **Reuben Green**

• **Ruth Merritt**, m. about 1752, **Solomon Purdy**, son of Solomon Purdy & Elizabeth Sherwood.

---Sources: Information online March 2005, Westchester Co. List, from "Larry Lachance" <PQRroots@comcast.net>; Information July 2005 from Sharilyn Whitaker <shari-lyn@northcoast.com>

Merritt, John

John Merritt m. May 1797 **E. Hawxhurst**
son of at Oyster Bay, L.I. dau. of
(*New York Magazine*)

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

Merritt, John

John Merritt m. **Jerusha Hoyt**

---children of John Merritt & Jerusha Hoyt:

• **Eliza Jane Merritt**, b. 7 Aug 1809; d. 13 Feb 1879; buried Oak Hill Cem., Nyack, Rockland Co., NY; m. about 1830, **Caleb Brush**, son of Joshua Brush & Ann Gesner

---Sources: Barber, Gertrude A., *Gravestone inscriptions of the Oak Hill Cemetery, Nyack, N.Y.*, (typescript), New York.: 1934, p. 106 (online at HeritageQuest)

Merritt, John

John Merritt m. **Phebe**

---children of John Merritt & Phebe

• **John J. Merritt**, m. 19 Sep 1827 Peekskill, **Hannah Brown**

---Sources: Quaker Records, Amawalk Monthly Meeting, Westchester Co., NY, online Aug 2000 at Ancestry.com

Merritt, Joseph

Joseph Merritt m. **Mary Theall**
son of dau. of Ebenezer Theall &
Hannah Brown

He lived at Rye, NY.¹

---Sources:

[1] information online March 2005, Westchester Co. List, from james theall <cajunbear1@comcast.net>

Merritt, Joseph

Joseph Merritt m. **Wilmot**
son of Nathan Merritt & dau. of
d. before 20 Dec 1809 d.

In his will, dated 10 Aug 1807, probated 20 Dec 1809, Joseph Merritt, of Harrison, shop keeper, mentioned wife Wilmot Merritt; daus. Susannah and Elizabeth Merritt; son Henry; devised all real estate to wife during widowhood and mentioned property possessed by "my father and mother which belongs to me" and "land left me by my brother James Merritt" and "the other which I purchased from my sister May laying in the town of Rye in King Street;" mentioned sons Henry, John, and James; devised to wife Wilmot Merritt "the use of lands given me by my father Nathan Merritt," lying in Greenwich, Conn.. Executors, William Field and Joseph Carpenter of Harrison and Thomas Clapp of Greenwich. Wit., John Halsted, William Halsted, Daniel Halsted. Codicil dated 17 March 1809 mentioned sale of land in King St, to brother Jotham Merritt; moveable property "now in possession of my father and mother" to sister Mary Manna. Wit., William Field,

Hannah Field, Jerusha Field.¹

---children of Joseph Merritt & Wilmot

- **Susannah Merritt**
- **Elizabeth Merritt**
- **Henry Merritt**
- **John Merritt**
- **James Merritt**

---Sources:

[1] Bristol, Theresa Hall, "Abstracts of Wills Recorded at White Plains, Westchester County, New York, Subsequent to May 1, 1787 (Liber G), in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, April 1929 (Vol. 60, No. 2), p. 153 (will of Joseph Merritt);

Merritt, Lawrence

Lawrence Merritt
 b. about 1791 Long Island, NY
 d.
 buried

m. (poss. 2?)

Gertrude (Gertrui)

b. about 1801 Essex Co., NJ
 d. 16 March 1873, age 72.0.16
 buried Woodside Cemetery, Dumont, NJ

Lawrence Merritt, 59, b. NY, boatman, and Gertrui Merritt, 46, were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, living in New Barbadoes Township, Bergen County, NJ. Listed living with them were John Merritt, 18, chairmaker; and Ellen Merritt, 4.

Lawrence Merritt, 68, laborer, and his wife, Gertrude, were listed in the 1860 Federal Census, living in New Barbadoes Township (Hackensack P.O.), Bergen County, NJ. Living with them was Jane Bross, 5. Living in the next listed dwelling was Nicholas Bross, 32, laborer, and his children, Sophia, 7; and Abraham, 3.

---children of Lawrence Merritt

- (poss) **Mary Jane Merritt**, b. 7 June 1829; d. 23 Dec 1892; buried Woodside Cemetery, Dumont, Bergen Co., NJ; m. (poss) **Cornelius Parcels**.
- **John Merritt**, b. about 1833; d. 12 July 1882, age 49.1.4; buried Woodside Cemetery, Dumont, Bergen Co., NJ

---children of Lawrence Merritt & Gertrude

- **Ellen Merritt**, b. about 1845; d. 26 Dec 1853, age 8.0.7; buried Woodside Cemetery, Dumont, Bergen Co., NJ.

---Sources: 1850 Federal Census, New Jersey, Bergen County, New Barbadoes Township, Dwelling 597, Family 627 (Lawrence Merritt); 1860 Federal Census, New Jersey, Bergen County, New Barbadoes Township (Hackensack P.O.), dwelling 502, family 537; Ackerman, Herbert S., and Arthur J. Goff, *Thirty Seven Cemeteries*, 1946 (Woodside Cemetery, Dumont, NJ), p. 16

Merritt, Leonard A.

Leonard A. Merritt
 b. about 1836 NY

m.

Elizabeth A.

b. about 1839 NY

They were listed in the 1870 Federal Census, New York, Rockland Co., Ramapo, Monsey P.O., p. 70, enumerated 23 August 1870, Dwelling 604 (two-family dwelling), Family 602 (all b. NY) -- Merritt, Leonard A., 34, Mason (General), value real estate \$500, value personal estate \$200; [Merritt], Elizabeth A., 31, Keeping House; [Merreitt], Ada L., 4.

---children of Leonard A. Merritt & Elizabeth A.

- **Ada L. Merritt**, b. about 1866 NY

Merritt, Nathan

Nathan Merritt

m.

-?-

---children of Nathan Merritt &

- **Joseph Merritt**, d. before 20 Dec 1809; m. **Wilmot -?-**
- **James Merritt**, d. before 10 Aug 1807
- **Mary Merritt**, m. -?- **Manna**
- **Jotham Merritt**

---Sources:

[1] Bristol, Theresa Hall, "Abstracts of Wills Recorded at White Plains, Westchester County, New York, Subsequent to May 1, 1787 (Liber G), in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, April 1929 (Vol. 60, No. 2), p. 153 (will of Joseph Merritt)

Merritt, Nathaniel

Nathaniel Merritt
 son of John Merritt &
 Mary Cornelius

m.

Ann Fowler

dau. of Joseph Fowler &
 Hannah Guion
 b. prob. White Plains, NY
 d. 23 Nov 1780

b.
 d.

Before the Revolution, they lived on leased land at Peekskill. He was a Loyalist and a captain in the British army; went to Mangersville, New Brunswick and testified at St. John in 1787.

---Sources: Bristol, Theresa Hall, and Abraham Hatfield, "Descendants of Henry Fowler of Roxbury, Mass., Providence, R.I., Eastchester and Mamaroneck, N.Y." in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 68, No. 4, Oct 1937, p. 326

Merritt, Nehemiah

Nehemiah Merritt

m. 23 June 1761

Phebe Wing

son of Nehemiah Merritt &
Dinah

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

Oblong Monthly Meeting
(Quaker record)

dau. of Abraham Wing &
Anstes

Merritt, Reuben

Reuben Merritt
b. 30 Aug 1795
d. 5 Nov 1860

m.

Hannah Scott
b. 15 Feb 1803
d. 11 July 1880

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

buried South Schraalenburgh Ref Chyd

They were listed in the 1860 Federal Census, New Jersey, Bergen Co., Hackensack Township, p. 49, enumerated 7 July 1860, Dwelling 312, Family 330 -- Reuben Morrirt, 69, Overseer of Poor House, value real estate \$6000, value personal estate \$500, b. NY; Hannah [Merritt], 57, Wife, b. NY; Jane [Merritt], 31, Tailoress, b. NY; Peter [Merritt], 28, Agent, b. NY; Ann Maria [Merritt], 14, b. NJ; Mary Voorhis, 95, Black, Pauper, b. NJ; Nathaniel Garno?, 65, Pauper, b. NY.

---*children of Reuben Merritt & Hannah Scott:*

• (prob) **Rebecca Merritt**, b. 22 Oct 1826; d. 7 Sep 1897; buried South Schraalenburgh Ref Chyd, Bergenfield, NJ; m.

Jacob J. Bogert.

• **Jane Merritt**, b. about 1829 NY

• **Peter Merritt**, b. about 1839 NY

• **Ann Maria Merritt**, b. about 1846 NJ

---Sources: Ackerman, Herbert S., and Arthur J. Goff, *Thirty Seven Cemeteries*, 1946 (South Schraalenburgh Ref Chyd, Bergenfield, NJ), p. 110

Merritt, Samuel

Samuel Merritt
son of Thomas Merritt &
(1) Jane Sherwood

m. about 1698

Elizabeth Underhill
dau. of Humphrey Merritt &
Sarah

b. 21 Aug 1672 Wetherfield, CT

b.

Samuel Merritt lived in White Plains, N. Y., in 1710 and in 1713 purchased land there from John Boyd; granted a lot to Humphrey Underhill who released his claim May 29, 1722. (Thomas Merritt of Rye by Douglas Merritt.)

---*children of Samuel Merritt & Elizabeth Underhill:*

• **George Merritt**, b. 23 April 1702; d. 2 Feb 1759; m. **Gloriana Purdy**, dau. of Samuel Purdy & Penelope Harvey.

Gloriana Purdy was b. 1714; d. 1765. By 1747 George Merritt was living in Newburgh, NY.

• **William Merritt**, b. 1712 White Plains, Westchester Co., NY; d. 1807; m. 1750, **Tamer Cornbury**. Tamar Cornbury was b. about 1716.

• **David Merritt**

---Sources: Frost, Josephine C., *Underhill Genealogy*, Vol. 4, 1932, p. 6; Information posted online July 2004 by Mary H. at Merritt Family Genealogy Forum <<http://genforum.genealogy.com/merritt/messages/2748.html>>; Information posted online July 2004 by Jane Meyer at Merritt Family Genealogy Forum <<http://genforum.genealogy.com/merritt/messages/2751.html>>

Merritt, Samuel

Samuel Merritt
son of William Merritt &
Tamar Cornbury

m.

Chloe Haines
dau. of

b. 1759 Fredricksburgh, Dutchess Co., NY
d. 1854 Greenwich, Huron Co., OH

b. 1766 Fredericksburgh, Dutchess Co., NY
d. after 1850 Greenwich, Huron Co., OH.

Samuel Merritt did not see eye-to-eye with his father's Tory loyalties. At 16 he ran away from home and joined Arnold's army & served during the Revolution. Moved to Hunter, Greene County, NY about 1786 & built a log cabin. He set out the first orchard in the town & was a noted hunter in the Catskills. Said to have been a giant in stature & strength.¹

---*children of Samuel Merritt & Chrloe Haines:*

• **William Merritt**

• **Jesse Merritt**, b. about 1788; probably d.y.

• **Horace Merritt**, b. about 1790; probably d.y.

• **Elizabeth Merritt**, b. about 1792; m. **Henry Griffin**. Elizabeth traveled to Fitchville, Huron Co. OH with her husband

Henry Griffin and family in a wagon from Hunter, Greene, NY in 1833. They had 9 children.

• **Mary Merritt**, b. 1 April 1794; m. **Reuben Wilder**

• **Ann Merritt**, b. about 1796; m. **Robert Hoosick**

• **Jane Merritt**, m. **Eliasha Chase**

• **Martha Merritt**

• **Daniel Merritt**, b. 29 March 1806; d. 20 Dec 1854 of smallpox; m. **Jeanett Hasbrook "Wilson"**

• **Gilbert Merritt**, b. 10 April 1810; m. **Charlotte Sizer**

• **Rachel Merritt** b. about Sep 28 1813; m. **Nelson Griffin**

---Sources:

[1] Information posted online July 2004 by Mary H., at Merritt Family Genealogy Forum <<http://genforum.genealogy.com/merritt/messages/2745.html>> and <<http://genforum.genealogy.com/merritt/messages/2747.html>>;

Information posted online July 2004 by Jane Meyer at Merritt Family Genealogy Forum <<http://genforum.genealogy.com/merritt/messages/2751.html>> and <<http://genforum.genealogy.com/merritt/messages/2746.html>>;

Merritt, Samuel

Samuel Merritt

m.

Mercy Scholefield

Mercy Merritt was named in a pension application for her brother, James Scholefield, 1812, continental, state of NY. She was wife of Samuel Merritt. They possibly lived in Mamaroneck, NY.¹

---Sources:

[1] Information posted online Nov 2009 by Marilyn at Merritt Family Genealogy Forum <<http://genforum.genealogy.com/merritt/messages/3609.html>>;

Merritt. Thomas

Thomas Merritt

m. (1)

Jane Sherwood

dau. of Thoma Sherwood &

Alice

b. 1634 England

d. 1725 (of Rye, Westchester Co., NY)

b.

d. 1685

Abigail Francis

dau. of Robert Francis &

Joan

m. (2) 1689

Thomas Merritt came to America from England in 1662 and stayed a few months at Watertown, MA with his wife, nee Jane Sherwood, with threechildren (John, Alice & Joseph). They then settled at Wethersfield, Connecticut, where they lived for 11 years, after which time Thomas bought 3000 acres of undeveloped land in Westchester, New York from which sprang the Town of Rye.

According to Mary H., "Thomas Sherwood's first wife, Alice, was not a daughter of Robert Seabrook, of Stratford, although she is sometimes so described. She died in Massachusetts, perhaps in 1639. Thomas Sherwood's second wife, Mary, is sometimes called Mary Fitch, 8th child of Thomas and Anna (Reeve) Fitch, but this has not been proved. After Thomas Sherwood died, Mary (_____) Sherwood married John Banks and died in 1694. The Sherwood family kept their names consistently out of the public records and are a difficult family to sort out. According to the order Thomas Sherwood lists his children in his will, Jane was the oldest. If so, she would have been born say before 1620, and would be too old to be Thomas Merritt's wife (he was born 1634). However, she has been identified as his wife by other genealogists and we list her here although we consider this line in real doubt."¹

---children of Thomas Merritt & (1) Jane Sherwood: (13 children)

- **John Merritt**, b. 10 Oct 1657 England
- **Alice Merritt**, b. 1 Jan 1660 England
- **Joseph Merritt**, b. 6 June 1662
- **Ephraim Merritt**, b. 5 April 1664 Wetherfield, CT
- **Jane Merritt**, b. 7 Nov 1666 Wethersfield, CT
- **Isaac Merritt**, b. 3 May 1668 Wethersfield, CT
- **Thomas Merritt**, b. 31 Jan 1670 Wethersfield, CT; m. (prob) **Martha Marshall**, dau. of John Marshall
- **Samuel Merritt**, b. 21 Aug 1672 Wetherfield, CT; m. about 1698, **Elizabeth Underhill**
- **Elizabeth Merritt**, b. 17 April 1674 Rye, Westchester Co., NY
- **Stephen Merritt**, b. 26 Feb 1677 Rye, Westchester Co., NY
- **Edward Merritt**, b. 10 March 1679 Rye, Westchester Co., NY
- **Nathan Merritt**, b. 3 Sep 1681 Rye, Westchester Co., NY
- **Rose Merritt**, b. 14 April 1683 Rye, Westchester Co., NY

---children of Thomas Merritt & (2) Abigail Francis:

- **Robert Merritt**, b. 19 Jan 1690
- **Joanna Merritt**, b. 10 Nov 1692

---Sources:

[1] Information posted online July 2004 by Mary H., at Merritt Family Genealogy Forum <<http://genforum.genealogy.com/merritt/messages/2755.html>>;

Information posted online March 2000 by Don Shea and Kim Harrison at <<http://genforum.genealogy.com/cgi-genforum/print.cgi?merritt::803.html>>

Merritt, Thomas (Sgt.)

Thomas Merritt

m. (1)

-?-

son of

m. (2) about June 1696

Mary Ferris

(widow of **Jonathan Lockwood**)

dau. of Jeffrey Ferris &

Mary Lockwood, of Greenwich, widow of Lieut. Jonathan Lockwood, about to marry Serjeant Thomas Merritt, of Rye, on the 5th day of June, 1696, made provision for her children by Jonathan Lockwood. Thomas Merritt agreed to this on the 18th day of June, 1696.

From Minutes of the Town of Rye, N.Y., 2:13 -- "These are to give notice to all people to whom itt may any wayes concern that I Thomas merritt Senior of the Town of Rye Doe by these presents forwarn any person or persons what iver from Entertaining my wife Mary merritt and Likewise from buy Selling Battering or trading directly or indirectly with my above named wife wuithout my consent as witness my hand this tenth day of October in the yere of our Lord 1698."¹

---Sources:

[1] "The Stern Husband" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 72, No. 1, Jan 1941, p. 52;

Holden, Frederic A. and E. Dunbar Lockwood, *Colonial and Revolutionary History of the Lockwood Family in America*. Philadelphia: privately printed, 1889, p. 18 etc. (online, Genealogylibrary.com)

Merritt, Thomas (Thomas Merritt, Jr.)

Thomas Merritt m.
 son of Thomas Merritt &
 (1) Jane Sherwood
 b. 31 Jan 1670 Wethersfield, CT
 d. before 26 June 1719

Martha (prob. **Marshall**)
 dau. of John Marshall &
 Sarah Webb
 b. about 1681
 d.

John Marshall of Greenwich, between Stamford and Rye, who died in 1719, in his will dated 1712, mentions "son-in-law Thomas Merritt of Rye."

In his will, Thomas Merritt Jr., of Rye, mentions wife Martha; son Thomas; son Edmund (house and land bought of my brother Ephraim); daughter Mercy. Made brother Joseph and John --- Jr., living at Byram, executors. Witnesses: Joseph Sutton, Adam Ireland, John Stockholm. Dated 26 Jan 1718, probated 26 June 1719 (Westchester Co., Liber 9, p. 85).

---children of Thomas Merritt

- **Thomas Merritt**
- **Edmund Merritt**

• **Mercy Merritt**, d. May 1721 age 6

---Sources: Pelletreau, William S., *Early Wills of Westchester County, New York from 1664 to 1784....with Genealogical and Historical Notes*, 1898, p. 37

Merritt, Thomas

Thomas Merritt m. -?-
 d. before 9 March 1785 d.

In his will, he wrote: I, Thomas Thomas Meritt, of North [Castle?], being weak in body. I leave to my son Thomas the east half of my land at Newmalbury on ye west side of ye North River. To my son James ye other half. To my son Joseph my land at the Fish kills. I order my land at North Castle to be sold and untill it is sold for my son Anderson to have ye half of ye privilage and my son Jeremaah the other half, and when sold for my son Joseph to have £50 and Anderson £100 and Jeremiah £100, and the rest to be divided eaquily among my five sons. My household goods to be divided between my two daughters (not named). I constitute my three sons executors, their names iss as follows: Joseph, Anderson and Jeremiah Meritt. Dated April 14, 1782. Witnesses, James Haight, of North Castle, yeoman; Joseph Totten, Henry Dickinson. Proved, Westchester County, March 2, 1785. Confirmed, New York, March 9, 1785.

---children of Thomas Thomas Merritt &

- **Thomas Merritt**
- **James Merritt**
- **Joseph Merritt**
- **Anderson Merritt**
- **Jeremiah Merritt**
- **Daughter Merritt**
- **Daughter Merritt**

---Sources: 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. XIII, 1784-1786 and Letters of Admin. 1785, pub. 1904), p. 109 (will of Thomas Thomas Meritt)

Merritt, William

William Merritt was skipper in and/or before Sep 1673. of the *Rebecca and Sarah*, an old ketch owned by Capt. Lavall. In Sep 1673 the ketch was lying sunk in the Oosdorp Kill (Westchester River). On 8 Sep 1673 the ketch was confiscated by the Commanders & Honorable Council of War of New Netherland. The confiscated ketch was formally conveyed by the Council, 12 Sep 1673, to Jonathan and John Silck

---Sources: O'Callaghan, E. B., *Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New York.*, vol. II, p. 602-606

Merritt, William (Col.)

William Merritt m. **Margery -?-**
 d. 1708⁴ d.

William Merritt was a resident of New York by 1664.² In 1664, William Merritt was granted a franchise by the English Government for a term of 20 years to operate a ferry from Manhattan to Brooklyn.⁵

Col. William Merritt had two sisters, Mary Merritt (m. (1) Walter Dobbs; m. (2) Nathaniel Pittman) and Sara Merritt (m. (1) Edward Meeks; m. (2) Henry Crabbe).

In a will dated 11 Oct 1671, probated NYC 27 Oct 1671, John Hadden of Jamaica, left, to John, son of Wm. and Margery Merritt, £10 "to be paid to his parents against he arrives to years of understanding." Among other legacies mentioned in his will, he left "to Margaret Welham, servant of Wm. Merritt, for care and trouble in taking care of me in my sickness, 30 shillings."¹

On 21 April 1680, a license was granted (by the Common Council of NYC), to William Merritt for the selling of wine and other liquors.⁹

23 Feb 1684, at a meeting of the NYC Common Council -- Mr. Wm. Merritt being Sent for And Discoursed About the Ferry to Long Island Offered if he might have the Same for Twenty Yeares to giue Twenty Pounds pr Annum, And to make houses On Each Syde And haue two Boates for Cattle And horses, And two Boates for Passengers, And to Carry Cattle and Horses, att 6d Pr head men att 1d [per] And Come att 1d [pr] Bagg, qt e Sciples.⁹

13 Oct 1684 - at a meeting of the NYC Common Council -- Mr. William Merritt chosen a member of the Common Council.⁹

14 Oct 1687 - at a meeting of the NYC Common Council -- William Merrett was chosen as Alderman for the Out Ward.⁹

When he received from Thomas Dongan in 1686 land that had once been part of Wolphert Webber's farm, William Merritt was called a "mariner". In 1698 -- while Mayor -- William conveyed the land to William Janeway, Purser of His Majesty's ship "Richmond". Janeway, in turn, sold the land to an apothecary in London.⁶

20 Oct 1687 (Westchester Co. Deeds, Liber 8, recorded Albany, NY, p. 165) -- George Lockhart of the City of New York & Janet his wife to William Merritt of the same place, a tract of land in Orange County at a place called Tappan.¹

William Merritt, a former mariner, was assemblyman, alderman, and a Mayor of New York City (1695-98, then an appointed position) before he moved to the Tappan/Palisades/Snedens Landing area of then Orange (now Rockland) County, NY.

His residence in New York City was on the west side of Broad Street, a little north of Stone Street. It was known as "William Merritt's Great House" and was destroyed by fire.³ "Mr Merretts Mill & house & Ground" were listed in the West Ward, in a Tax List of New York City, made in 1695.

George Lockhart, Chirurgeon, of New York, died intestate before 18 March 1697/8, on which date Letters of Administration were granted to Major William Merritt, as principal creditor, March 18, 1697/8.⁷

He was the half brother of Dr. George Lockhart, who on 29 Oct 1687, less than two months after his patent was finally confirmed in New York, sold or mortgaged for 353 pounds, 17 shillings, the tract of 3,410 acres including what became Snedens Landing in Orange Co.

29 Sep 1695 at a meeting of the NYC Common Council, William Merritt Esq. was appointed Mayor of NYC (he was sworn in 14 Oct 1695).⁹

A William Merritt, with Maria Foos, wit. the bp. 25 June 1701 at Tappan Ref Ch of Chicen [Jason?], son of William Dwully and Sara ("the mother"). A Maria Foos was married to Casper Springsteen by 1697 and to Casper Smidt by 1700.

William Merritt was a Judge of Orange County. He headed the job of counting the 236 men, women and children (and 33 slaves) in Orange County for the June 1702 Census.

William and Margery, and son John Merrit and his wife, sold their land to Capt. John Corbett in 1705.

A Margery Dobbs, along with Richard Chisnall and William Huddleston, wit. the 13 Dec 1706 will of Nicholas Croxton of New York, mariner (late of Bridgeton, in the Island of Barbadoes). He made friends Col. William Merritt and Capt. Daniel Dunscombe his executors².

The will of William Merritt, of the city of New York, Esq., was dated 1 Feb 1706, probated 19 July 1708. In it he left his entire estate to his wife Margery during her life, and then to his son, John. He appointed wife Margery and son John as executors. Witnesses: Hendrick Kermer, Thomas Norton, William Huddleston.³

---children of William Merritt & Margery

• **John Merritt**, m. (NY License: 17 Sep 1686) **Janet Lockhart** (Jane), dau. of Dr. George Lockhart. John Merritt was a Judge of Orange County, NY. In his will dated 11 Oct 1671, probated NYC 27 Oct 1671, John Hadden of Jamaica, left, to John, son of Wm. and Margery Merritt, £10 "to be paid to his parents against he arrives to years of understanding."

---Sources:

[1] 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. I, 1665-1707, pub. 1892), p. 21;

[2] *Ibid.*, p. 434

[3] 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. II, 1708-1728, pub. 1893), p. 12

[4] Chadwick, Edward Marion, *Ontarian Families: Genealogies of United Empire Loyalist and other Pioneer Families of Upper Canada*, (1894) reprinted 1970, Part I, p. 191;

[5] Adams, Arthur G., *The Hudson Through the Years*, 1983, p. 38;

[6] Information online July 2000, Dutch-Colonies List, from Dorothy Koenig <dkoenig@library.berkeley.edu> citing volume 6 of Stoke's "Iconography of Manhattan Island";

[7] 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 I 1665-1707, p. 288 (estate of George Lockhart);

[8] Bristol, Theresa Hall, "Westchester County, N.Y. Miscellanea" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Oct 1927 (Vol. 58, No. 4), p. 351;

[9] *Minutes of the Common Council of the city of New York, 1675-1776* 8 volumes.. New York. Dodd, Mead. & Co., 1905, Vol. I, p. 81, 123, 157, 191, 382;

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; Talman, Wilfred Blanch, *Tappan: 300 Years, 1988*, p. 29; *New York Marriages Previous to 1784, 1984*, p. 577; *Collections of the New York Historical Society for the Year 1910* (Early NYC Tax Lists), Vol. I

Merritt, Willem

Willem Merritt
son of

m.

Catreyna Hendricx [Spier]
dau. of Hendrick Jansen Spier &
Magdalena Hans Van Swol
bp. 11 Dec 1667 NYC Ref Ch

bp.

---children of William Merritt & Catrina Hendricks [Spier]:

• **Leena Merritt**, bp. 13 May 1696 Bergen Ref Ch (wit: Echtje Everts, Barent Hendrickse)

---Sources: Versteeg, Dingman, and Thomas E. Vermilye, Jr., with contributions by Nicholas G. Vreeland, et. al., *Bergen Records: Records of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Bergen in New Jersey, 1666 to 1788* (excerpted and reprinted from Year Books of the Holland Society of New York, 1913, 1914, 1915) Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1976; reprinted for Clearfield Co., Inc., 1990; *Genealogies of New Jersey Families*, Volume I, Online at Genealogy.com, "The Early Spier Family," by Janet T. Riemer, p. 791

Merritt, William

William Merritt

William Merritt, Esq. of New York died intestate and on 11 May 1753 Merritt Smith, next of kin, was granted letters of administration.

---Sources:

[1] 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. IV, 1744-1753,

pub. 1895), p. 431

Merritt, William

William Merritt
son of Samuel Merritt &
Elizabeth Underhill
b. 1712 White Plains, Westchester Co., NY
d. 1807

m. 1750

Tamar Cornbury

dau. of
b. about 1716
d.

---children of William Merritt & Tamar Cornbury:

• **Samuel Merritt**, b.1759 Fredricksburgh, Dutchess,NY; d.1854 Greenwich, Huron Co., OH; m. **Chloe Haines**.

Chloe Haines was b.1766 Fredericksburgh, Dutches Co., NY, d. after 1850 Greenwich, Huron Co., OH.

---Sources: Information posted online July 2004 by Jane Meyer at Merritt Family Genealogy Forum <<http://genforum.genealogy.com/merritt/messages/2751.html>>

Merritt, William H.

William H. Merritt
b. 5 Feb 1805
d. 8 April 1848
buried Oak Hill Cem., Nyack, Rockland Co., NY

m.

(poss) **Julia J.**

b. 16 Nov 1801
d. 26 Jan 1882
buried Oak Hill Cem., Nyack, NY

---Sources: Barber, Gertrude A., Gravestone inscriptions of the Oak Hill Cemetery, Nyack, N.Y., (typescript), New York.: 1934, p. 46 (online at HeritageQuest)

Unplaced Merritt Women:

Jane Merritt, m. 24 Oct 1801 Fishkill Dutch Ref Ch, **Jacob Myer**

Jemima Merritt, b. 27 July 1732 -- ---Sources: Quaker Records, Amawalk Monthly Meeting, Westchester Co., NY, online Aug 2000 at Ancestry.com

Mary Merritt, m. (1) **Walter Dobbs**; m. (2) **Nathaniel Pittman**.

Mary/Mercy Nerritt, m. by 1733, **Joseph Bloomer**

Sara Merritt, m. (1) **Edward Meeks** (or Meer); m. (2) 8 Oct 1689 **Henry Crabbe**.

Susanna Merritt, m. before 1678 **William Legg**

Merritt, Sara

Sara Merritt
dau. of
m. (1)
m. (2) 8 Oct 1689
NYCRefCh

Edward Meeks (or Meer)
Henry Crabbe

She was the sister of Col. William Merritt, Mayor of New York City 1695-98.

---Sources: NYC Reformed Dutch Church Marriages, in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, July 1879, p. 121