

-- MONTROSS --

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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.

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

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MONTROSS

See also: Harmse, John

Montross, Cornelius

Cornelius Montross
b. about 1825 NJ

m.

Ann

b. about 1824 NJ

They were listed in the 1870 Federal Census, New York, Rockland Co., Ramapo, Monsey P.O., p. 44, enumerated 28 July 1870, Dwelling 378, Family 368 (all b. NJ except as noted) -- Montross, Cornelius, 45, Farmer, value personal estate \$300; [Montross], Ann, 46, Keeping House; [Montross], William L., [or S.?], 14, works on fram; [Montross], Elizabeth A., 13, at school; [Montodd], George W., 8; [Montross], Susan M., 2, b. NY. Listed living int he same dwelling, Family 369 -- Mabie, John, 23, Coachman, value personal estate \$200, b. NJ; [Mabie], Phoebe A., 19, b. NY; [Mabie], Charles E., 1, b. NY.

--children of Cornelius Montross & Ann

- **William Montross**, b. about 1856 NJ
- **Elizabeth A. Montross**, b. about 1857 NJ
- **George W. Montross**, b. Feb 1862 NJ; d. 1932; buried Valleau Cemetery, Ridgewood, Bergen Co., NJ; m. (prob)about 1884, **Mary Frances Mabie**. Mary Frances Mabie was b. June 1864 NJ; d. 19--; buried Valleau Cemetery, Ridgewood, Bergen Co., NJ
- **Susan M. Montross**, b. about 1868 NY

Montross, David

David Montross

b. about 1722

d. 1805 age 83

buried Presby BG Yorktown, Westchester Co., NY

---Sources: Horton, William P., Cemetery Inscriptions of Westchester County, NY, Peekskill, NY, 1928 (online at Ancestry.com), Vol. I, (Presbyterian Ground, Yorktown, Westchester Co., NY), p. c15

Montross, David

David Montross

son of Hendrick Montross &

Elizabeth Jeffers/Jeffries

bp. 25 April 1724 Tarrytown Ref Ch

---*children of David Montross &*

• **Adam Montross, m. Catherine Cornelia Beselie**, dau. of James Beselie & Cornelia De Forest

---Sources: Information May 2004 from Sharilyn Whitaker <sharilyn@northcoast.com>

m.

-?-

dau. of

bp.

Montrose, George W. (George Washington Montross)

George W. Mostrose

m. about 1884

son of (prob) Cornelius Montross &

Ann

b. 22 Feb 1862 West Milford, Passaic Co., NJ¹

d. 1932 Saddle River, Bergen Co., NJ

buried Valleau Cemetery, Ridgewood, Bergen Co., NJ

They are buried in a plot with a Montrose-Slackbower monument. Also buried in this plot at Valleau Cemetery are: Mildred P. Walsh, wife of Bradford Slackbower, b. 1903; d. 1925; and Florence M. Montrose, b. 1915, d. 1927.

They were listed in the 1900 Federal Census, New Jersey, Morris Co., Jefferson Township, District 59, p. 8, enumerated 4 June 1900, Dwelling 68, Family 69 (all b. NJ, all their parents b. NJ) -- Montross, Geo. W., Head, b. Feb 1862, age 38, married 16 yrs., Farm Laborer, renting home; [ontross], Mary F., Wife, b. June 1866, age 33, married 16 yrs., mother of 4 children, 4 children then living; [Montross], Fanny F., Daughter, b. Aug 1883, age 15, Single; [Montross], Thos. W., Son, b. Feb 1888, age 12, at school; [Montross], Laura L., Daughter, b. Dec 1890, age 9, at school; [Montross], Viola, Daughter, b. Sept 1897, age 2.

They were listed in the 1910 Federal Census, New York, Orange Co., Monroe, District 0036, p. 21, enumerated 30 April 1910, North Main Street, Dwelling 206, Family 231 -- Montross, George W., Head, age 48, married 26 yrs., b. NY, his father b. NY, his mother b. NJ, painter, own business, renting home; [Montross], Mary F., Wife, age 46, married 26 yrs., mother of 3 children, 3 children then living, b. NJ, her parents b. NJ; [Montross], Viola, Daughter, age 11, b. NY; Stackbower, Anna F., Daughter, age 25, Divorced, mother of 2 children, 2 children then living, b. NJ, her father b. NY, her mother b. NJ, House work, working out; [Stackbower], Beatrice, granddaughter, age 6, b. NJ, her father b. NY, her mother b. NJ; [Stackbower], Bradford, grandson, age 6, b. NY, his father b. NY, his mother b. NJ.

They were listed in the 1920 Federal Census, New Jersey, Bergen Co., Saddle River Borough, District 110, p. 10, enumerated 23 & 28 Jan 1920, West Saddle River Road, Dwelling 113, Family 118 -- Eckert, George M., Head, owned home, age 50, Widower, b. NY, his father b. NY, his mother b. PA, farmer, dairy farm; Slackbauer, Anna F., hired help, age 36, Widow, b. NJ, her father b. NY, her mother b. NJ, housekeeper, private family; Slackbauer, Beatrice, boarder, age 15, b. NJ, her parents b. NJ; [Slackbauer], Bradford, boarder, age 15, b. NJ, his parents b. NJ; Montrose, George W., hired man, age 57, b. NJ, his parents b. NJ, assistant foreman, dairy farm; [Montrose], Mary F., boarder, age 55, b. NJ, her parents b. NJ; Kelley, Viola, companion, age 21, married, b. NY, her parents b. NJ; [Kelley], Georgianna, boarder, age 1-2/12 b. NJ, her parents b. NY; Crissey?, Anna E., mother in law, age 83, widow, b. NJ, her parents b. NJ.

They were listed in the 1930 Federal Census, New Jersey, Bergen Co., Saddle River Borough, District 225, p. 10, enumerated 6 April 1930, East Allendale Avenue, Dwelling 118, Family 130 -- Montrose, George W., Head, Renting home, age 67, married at age 21, b. NJ, his parents b. NJ, Laborer, Farm; [Montrose], Mary F., Wife, age 65, married at age 18, b. NJ, her parents b. NJ; Kelly, Georgianna, granddaughter, age 11, b. NJ, her father b. NY, her mother b. NY.

---*children of George W. Montross & Mary Frances Mabie:*

• **Fanny F. Montross** (Anna F.), b. Aug 1884 NJ; m. **Linderman Slackbower/Slockbower** (they were divorced).

Linderman Slackbower was b. 11 June 1879 NJ, son of (prob) Maurice/Morris E. Slockbar/Slackbower & Maria -?-. Linderman Slackbower &

Anna Frances Montross had two children (apparently twins): Bradford L. Slockbower, and Beatrice Anna Slockbower.

Bradford L. Slockbower, was b. 30 March 1904 NJ; d. 13 Sep 1974 Buena Park, Orange Co., CA; m. (1) Mildred P. -?-. m. (2) Carrie E. -?-.

Beatrice Anna Slockbower was b. 30 March 1904 Lake Hopatcong, Morris Co., NJ; d. Jan 1981 Paterson, Passaic Co., NJ; m. about 1924, Howard Gilpin (they were divorced).

• **Thomas W. Montross**, b. Feb 1888 NJ

• **Laura L. Montross**, b. Dec 1890 NJ

• **Viola Mildred Montross**, b. 24 Sep 1897 Ramsey, Bergen Co., NJ; d. 24 April 1996 Ramsey, Bergen Co., NJ;

m. (prob) (1) before Jan 1920, **Joseph R. Kelly**; m. (2) 21 Nov 1923 Monmouth Co., NJ, **George Jacob Straut** (George Jack Straut), widower of Maude -?- , and son of Frederick Roger Straut & Leah Retta Hemion. George Jacob Straut was b. 23 Nov 1893 Ramsey, Bergen Co., NJ; d. 25 Nov 1965 Monmouth Co., NJ. He was married in June 1817 when he registered for the WW I draft.

---Sources:

[1] New Jersey, Births and Christenings Index, 1660-1931 (birth of George W. Montross), online at Ancestry.com; Ackerman, Herbert S., and Arthur J. Goff, Valleau Cemetery (Ridgewood, Bergen County, NJ) Gravestone Inscriptions (typescript), copied Feb 1944, p. 90

[Montross], Harman Harmensen

Harman Montross m.
son of (Capt.) John Harmensen &
Aeltje Abrahamse Rycken
b.
bp. 7 Oct 1684

Margrietje/Grietje Montross
dau. of Pierre Montross &
Margriet Davids
b. 25 June 1691
bp. 12 Nov 1693 Kingston Ref Ch

Harmen Harmensen adopted the surname of his wife: Montross.

"It is clear from the will of John (Jan) Harmse of Phillipsburgh, dated 30 November 1739, proved 17 January 1742 (New York Co. Wills 15:1, WNYHS3:383) that the several grandchildren named as legatees were the children of Harmen and Margaret Montras, but was Harmen or Margaret the child of Jan Harmse? Jan Harmes and his wife Aeltje Abrahams had four known children baptized: Margaritie, 12 October 1684 (BDC 1:149) Harmen, 20 October 1683 (BDC 1:160), Harmen, 7 October 1684 (BDC 1:164) and Grietje, 8 May 1687 (BDC 1:179). John Wilson Taylor in "Harmen Jansen's Relationship to the Montross Family" (Rec. 87:195-205) suggested that Harman Montross was the son of Jan Harmse, born 1684, and that he married circa 1703 Margaret (born 1691, bpt. 1693) daughter of Pierre and Marguerite (David) Montross, and took his wife's surname. This solution was based on Taylor's (correct) conclusion that Pierre Montras was French and would not have had a child with such a distinctively non-French name as Harmen. However, as we have seen above, there is good reason to believe that Marie Armand (the mother of Marguerite David, wife of Pierre Montras was not French. If her surname were really the patronymic Harmens, then it would not be surprising for her to have a grandson named Herman Montras, thus avoiding the postulation of the unusual name change. His wife would then be a daughter of Jan Harmese (presumably Grietje, baptised 1687). (Marie's non-French origin might also explain the appearance of the name Hendrick among the children of Pierre Montras. The French equivalent of this name, (Henri) was extremely rare among the French-Canadian settlers.)"¹

---children of Harman Harmansen [Montross] & Grietje Montross:

- **Rachgel Montras** (Rachel), bp. 10 March 1704 Tarrytown Ref Ch (wit: Jan Hermanse, Aeltje his wife); m. (poss) **Jacob Banker**
- **Margrietje Mantras**, b. about 1706; m. about 15 June 1728 **Abraham Wolfertz Ecker**
- **Jan Harmse Montras**, bp. 2 Aug 1709 Tarrytown Ref Ch (wit: Jan Hermanse, Weyntje de Revier); m. 9 March 1729 Tarrytown Ref Ch, **Martha Jewell**, dau. of George/Joris Jewell & Metje De Groot
- **Aeltje Montras**, bp. 25 March 1712 Tarrytown Ref Ch (wit: Hendrick Montras, Orseltje Martus)
- **Petrus Montras**, bp. 6 March 1715 Tarrytown Ref Ch (wit: Joseph Hiscock, Margrietje his wife)
- **Jacob Montras**, bp. 23 April 1717 Tarrytown Ref Ch (wit: Jacob Wilzee, Abiegel his wife)
- **Harmen Montras**, bp. 19 April 1720 Tarrytown Ref Ch (wit: Jan Montras, Elizabeth); m. 30 Aug 1740 Tarrytown Ref Ch, **Maritie Post**

---Sources:

[1] "The Origins of the Montross and David Family of Tarrytown" by James L. Hansen; Information online Feb 2000, Dutch-Colonies List, from Cynthia M. Zuber <RV4cats@aol.com>; Cole, David, First Record Book of the "Old Dutch Church of Sleepy Hollow"...The First Reformed Church of Tarrytown, NY, 1901

Montras, Harmen

Harmen Montras m. 30 Aug 1740
son of Harman Harmansen Montross & Grietie Montross Tarrytown Ref Ch
bp. 19 April 1720 Tarrytown Ref Ch

Maritie Post
dau. of
bp.

In the Tarrytown Ref Ch record of their marriage, they were: Harmen Montras, j.m., b. in Phillips Burgh, and Maritie Post, j.d., b. in Haverstree. Both l. in Phillips Burgh.

---children of Harmen Montras & Maritie Post:

- **Grietie Montras**, b. 6 March 1742; bp. 12 June 1742 Tarrytown Ref Ch (Abraham Ecker, Margrietie his wife)
- (prob) **Jan Harmse Matras**, bp. 31 Oct 1745 Tarrytown Ref Ch (wit: Stevanes Ecker and his wife) (no mother's name in bp. record)

---Sources: Cole, David, First Record Book of the "Old Dutch Church of Sleepy Hollow"...The First Reformed Church of Tarrytown, NY, 1901

Mostross, Harry Lee

Harry Lee Montross m. before 1906
son of William Lorenzo Montross & Abigail Jane Babcock
b. 8 Dec 1880
d. 27 Feb 1917 Ramsey, Bergen Co., NJ

Carrie Shuart (Caroline)
(widow of **Cyrus Harper**)
dau. of Richard Shuart & Harriet Francis Washburn
b. b. 22 June 1870
d.

They were listed in the 1910 Federal Census, New Jersey, Bergen Co., Ramsey, District 27, p. 25, enumerated 27 April

1910, Main Street, Dwelling 274, Family 297 -- Montross, Harray, Head, age 29, married 6 yrs., b. NY, his parents b. NY, Contractor, Painter; [Montross], Carrie, Wife, age 38, second marriage, married 6 yrs., mother of 1 child, 1 child then living, b. NJ, her father b. NJ, her mother b. NY; [Montross], Hilda, Daughter, age 3, b. NJ.

Caroline Shart m. (3) **Ellsworth Bush**.

---children of Harry Lee Montross & Carrie Stuart:

• **Hlda Montross**, b. about 1907 NJ

Montras, Hendrick

Hendrick Montras
son of (poss) Pierre Montras &
Marguerite Davids

m.

Elizabeth Jeffers/Jeffries

dau. of

---children of Hendrick Montras & Elizabeth Jeffers/Jeffries:

• **Margrietje Montras**, bp. 6 Oct 1714 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Hendrik Buys, Dirkje Lammers)

• **Maritie Montras**, bp. 21 April 1719 Tarrytown Ref Ch (wit: Derck Storm, Margrietje Montras)

• **Elieizabeth Montras** (Elizabeth), bp. 20 June 1721 Tarrytown Ref Ch (wit: Joseph Hescocck, Maregrietje his wife)

• **David Montras**, bp. 25 April 1724 Tarrytown Ref Ch (wit: Zarel Davids, Janitie Davids); m. -?-

---Sources: Cole, David, First Record Book of the "Old Dutch Church of Sleepy Hollow"...The First Reformed Church of Tarrytown, NY, 1901; Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City], 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III)

Montross, Isaac

Isaac Montross
son of

m. 13 April 1821
Hopewell Ref Ch,
Dutchess Co., NY

Susan Jewell

dau. of

---Sources: "Marriages in the Dutch Reformed Church in Hopewell, Dutchess County, New York [1766-]" in New York Genealogical & Biographical Record, Vol. 79, No. 1, Jan 1948, p. 18

Montras, Jan (John Montross, Esq.)

Jan Montras
son of Pierre Montross &
Marguerite Davids

m.

Grietjen Schut (Margrietje; Scott²)

dau. of

b. 24 Oct 1695 (calc. from ts)¹

d. 4 July 1770, age 74.8.10¹

buried BG near Wappinger's Falls, NY¹

---children of Jan Montras & Grietjen Schut:

• **Maria Montross**, b. 25 Dec 1719; m. -?- **Langdon**

• **Peter Montross**, b. 8 Dec 1723; d. 28 June 1746 age 22.6.20; buried Montfoort Ground, near Fishkill Plains, NY

• **Margriet Montras**, b. 10 Oct 1725; bp. 23 Jan 1726 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Johannes ter-Bosch, Margriet Montras); d. 30 Jan 1787 age 61.3.22

• **Johannes Montross**, bp. 20 May 1734 Fishkill Ref Ch (wit: Johannes Schut, Margrietje Schut)

---Sources:

[1] Taylor, John Wilson, "Origin of the Montross Family of New York" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 87, No. 2, April 1956, p. 69, 74;

[2] Mrs. Grant Rideout, *Ancestors & descendants of Sarah Eleanor Ladue*. Chicago. unknown. Privately printed 1930., p. 105, online at Ancestry.com;

Hoes, Roswell Randall, *Baptismal and Marriage Registers of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston...*, 1891 (reprinted 1997 by Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, MD); Records of the Dutch Reformed Church of Fishkill, Dutchess County, N.Y., 1731-1850 (online at Ancestry.com)

Montras, Jan Harmse

Jan Montras
son of Harman Harmanse Montross &
Grietje/Margaret

m. 9 March 1729
Tarrytown Ref Ch

Mettie Juel

dau. of George Jewell &
Metje/Martha de Groot

bp. 2 Aug 1709 Tarrytown Ref Ch

bp. 1 Dec 1706 Hackensack Ref Ch

In the Tarrytown Ref Ch record of their marriage, they were: Jan Montras, j.m., b. in Phillips Burgh, and Mettie Juel, j.d.,

b. at Tappan. Both l. in Phillips Burgh.

---children of Jan Montras & Mettie Jewell:

• **Jan Harmse Montras**, bp. 11 Oct 1729 Tarrytown Ref Ch (wit: Jan Harmse, Aaltie his wife)

• **Mettie Montras** (Martha), bp. 21 Aug 1731 Tarrytown Ref Ch (wit: Jorus Juel, Mettie his wife)

• **Abraham Montross**

• **Harmen Montross**

• **Peter Montross**

• **Samuel Montross**

• **María Montoss**

---Sources: Cole, David, First Record Book of the "Old Dutch Church of Sleepy Hollow"...The First Reformed Church of Tarrytown, NY, 1901; Information Aug 2004 from Shari-lyn Whitaker <sharilyn@northcoast.com>

Montross, John

John Montross

m.

Margaret

In his will, he wrote: ...I, John Montross, of Rumbout Precinct, in Duchess County, being in health. I leave to my grand-daughter Molly, wife of Dirck Hogeland, and daughter of my eldest son Peter, deceased, £5, in full bar to all claim as heir at law. I leave to my wife Margaret the interest on œ200 and œ50 in cash, and a bed and furniture of her own choosing. All the rest to be divided into 5 parts. I leave to my daughter, Mary Langdon, widow, 1/5, except £24. The other 4/5 and the £24 I leave to my granddaughter Molly, wife of Dirck Hogeland, and my daughter Margaret, wife of George Bloom, and my daughter Rachel, wife of Joseph Thurston, and my daughter Leah, wife of Matthias Horton. My executors may sell all real estate and make division. "My negro is to have a choice of a master, if he will give a reasonable sum." "That part of my land which now is for a Christian burial ground is to remain for that purpose for ever." I make my trusty friends, William Van Wyck, Theodorus Van Wyck, Jr., and Jacob Du Bois, Jr., executors. Dated December 12, 1769. Witnesses, Jacob Du Bois, Philip Ver Planck, Jr., Peter Du Bois. Proved, September 3, 1770. Confirmed by Governor William Tryon, May 29, 1771.

---children of John Montross & Margaret

• **Peter Montross**, d. before 12 Dec 1769; m. -?-

• **Mary Montross**, m. -?- **Langdon**

• **Margaret Montross**, m. **George Bloom**

• **Rachel Montross**, m. 10 Oct 1750 Presbyterian Ch, Rumbout & Poughkeepsie, NJ, **Joseph Thurston**

• **Leah Montross**, m. **Matthias Horton**

---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 VII 1766-1771, p. 429 (will of John Montross); "Record of Marriages of the Presbyterian Churches in Rumbout and Poughkeepsie" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 69, No. 3, July 1938, p. 284

Montross, Nathaniel

Nathaniel Montross

m.

Hester Swartwout

b. 9 June 1770

b. 11 May 1770 NYC

d. 24 Dec 1858

d. 11 March 1807 age 36.10.-

buried

buried Presby BG, Yorktown, NY

They lived in Yorktown, Westchester County, NY.

---children of Nathaniel Montross & Hester Swartwout:

• **Mary Montross**, b. 22 Nov 1790

• **Barnardus Montross**, b. 2 July 1794; d. 2 July 1883; m. 5 April 1815, **Sarah Whitney**. She was b. 22 Nov 1793; d. 28 Sep 1873.

• **Catherine Montross**, b. 22 Dec 1796

• **Steuben Montross**, b. 11 Aug 1798

• **Harriet Montross**, b. 29 June 1800

• **Jacob Montross**, b. 27 Jan 1803

• **David Montross**, b. 11 Jan 1805

• **Hester Montross**, b. 5 Feb 1807

---Sources: Horton, William P., *Cemetery Inscriptions of Westchester County, NY*, Peekskill, NY, 1928 (online at Ancestry.com), Vol. I, (Presbyterian Ground, Yorktown, Westchester Co., NY), p. c15; "Montross - Churchill Bible Record" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 82, No. 1, Jan 1951, p. 49

Montras, Pierre (Peter) (Montross)(Pierre Montarras dit Marmande)

Pierre Montras

m. 1674 Sorel,

Marguerite Davids

son of Barthelmy Montarras &

Canada¹

dau. of Guillaume Davids &

Margueritte BeDat'

(marriage contract

Marie Armand

b. Notre Dame d'Engien, Marmande, France

8 Dec 1674¹)

b. 12 April 1661 at Notre Dame De Quebec, Canada

bp.

bp. 13 April 1661

d.

d. 1703 NYC

Pierre Montarras came to Canada in 1665 as a soldier in the Carignan-Salieres regiment, which was the first detachment of regular troops sent to America by the French government. This assemblage was raised originally in Savoy by the Prince of Carignan in 1644, but it was soon in the service of France. After the peace of the Pyrenees, the Prince of Carignan, unable to support the regiment, gave it to the king, and it was incorporated into the French army. In 1664 it distinguished itself in the Austrian war against the Turks, and became greatly renowned. The following year it was ordered to America with a fragment of a German regiment, the whole being placed under command of Colonel de Salieres (a cousin of the King of France), and the compound name adopted. There was a good reason for sending this body of men to Canada, as the first attempt at colonization made by the Company of One Hundred Associates had been a failure. This was an association formed in France, which sent colonists to Canada to assume control and barter with the Indians, but they proved quite unequal to the task.¹

8 Dec 1674 -- Marriage Contract of Pierre Montarras and Marguerite David (translation) -- In the presence of Anth, Adhemar, royal notary, and registrar living in the jurisdiction of Three Rivers, living at Saurel, and the witness hereafter listed, Guilh. David and Marie Arman his wife, legally authorized as witness, actually living at Saurel, acting in the name, and testifying for their daughter Marguerite David, in her presence and of her good will, for one part, and Pierre Montarras alias Marmande, son of the deceased Barthelemy Montarras and Margueritte BeDat, his father and mother, born in the Parish of Notre-Dame de l'êveche Dagen, and actually living in Saurel, for the other part; which parties of good will and in the presence of their parents and friends, meet together for this said purpose. To be witness for the David's part, Jacques David, brother of the spouse. Miss Catherine Le Garder, wife of Master Pierre Saurel, seigneur of Saurel, Marguerite Andrieu, wife of Pierre Augran, Nicholas Chavio, Pierre Augran, Jeanne de Corps, wife of Martin Masseâ, and for the Montarras part, Master Pierre

de Saurel, seigneur of Saurel, Martin Masse, Francois Gaignon, Piere Girardo, and Marc Daca, all living at Saurel, recognize agreement of the marriage contract. It is to be known that the said David and Arman his wife are promising to give their daughter, under the marriage law, to Montarras, who promises to take her as his wife, also the said David promises to take Montarras as her husband and the marriage will be consecrated under the laws of the Roman Catholic Church as soon as possible. And it will be considered and deliberated between them, their parents and their friends, if God and our Mother Church want them to be one in community for all personal property and real estate actually owned from the day of their marriage. In the future, following the custom in use in this country, and under the control of the city's provost and viscount of Paris, neither the man nor his wife will be responsible for debts contracted before the marriage; if they exist they will be paid by the one who contracted them, of his own property. He has endowed the said future spouse with the usual dowry, or the sum of 200 pounds in full amount paid, the future spouse to take her choice. Either her dowry of the best part of her husband's property, who is responsible for the charges and mortgages, or the before mentioned sum of money. The future husband takes the said future spouse with all her rights, claims, and shares which she has at present, and those which will fall to here hereafter, as well, by inheritance, gift, or otherwise. In favor of the said future marriage and on account of a perfect accomplishment, the said David and Arman, Give to Marguerite their daughter, a cow with calf, which they promise to the said future husband and wife the day before their marriage, or the value the said cow would be on the day of its estimation, and the said future husband will include its value in his property. The increase in value of that cow will belong to David and Arman. Between these parties, the delivery of said cow, means that the present gift is valuable, as an unbreakable dowry, and in the best form a dowry can be given, and at this time the said Marguerite David accepts the said dowry, humbly, from her father and mother. The half of the said dowry shall come into the said community and the other half shall come legally to the said future spouse and to her descendants in direct line, will be the legacy equal and reciprocal of the amount of fifty pounds, and that the heirs shall take their share before any others partake. Be it known that the future husband shall own his clothes, linens, arms and everything he has for his own use, and the said future spouse her clothes, linens, jewels and everything to her own use. In the case of the death of the future husband, before the death of the future spouse, it will be permitted to the said future spouse to renounce the said community. Of so, she will take her own community, and dowry and legacy as mentioned above and all that she will have received during the said community, as well by inheritance, gift and otherwise, and have dissolution of the said future marriage, if there are no children. The said future husband and the said future spouse, with their parents' consent make by this said contract a donation one to another which is forever unbreakable, and in the best form such a donation can be made; to be effective in full, for all and each one. The donation will be all acquired property and real estate that will belong to them, without any Any reserve on the day when one of them shall be deceased, and the one living will have the use of everything as belonging to him, and use this contract to prove it. The said parties have made this contract, and given the right to have it executed, to their attorney, the maker of this said agreement. Made in Saurel, in Huynan's house, the eighth day of December, one thousand and six hundred and seventy four, before noon, in the presence of the said Seigneur and Miss de Saurel, Moie and Masse, who thereafter signed, and in the presence of the others who said they don't know how to write and made their mark. Mark of the said David; Mark of the said Montarras; Signature of Saurel; Signature of Catherine Le Gaurdeur; Signature of Moie; Signature of Masse; Mark of the said Arman; Mark of the said Margitte David; Mark of the said Jacques David; Mark of the said Marie David; Mark of the said Augran; Mark of the said Girardaud; Mark of the said Chivo; Mark of the said Gaignon; Mark of the said Darga; Mark of the said De Corps; Mark of the said Andrieu. Adhemar Notaire Royal. 8 Xber 1674.²

They first lived at Sorel, Canada, and later moved to Kingston, NY. While in Canada he had been a Roman Catholic, in Kingston they joined the Dutch Reformed Church there.

Marguerite David m. (2) 13 June 1703 Kingston Ref Ch, **Richard Reyster**.

---children of Pierre Montras & Marguerite Davids:

- **Harmen Montras**, b. 1683; m. about 1703 **Grietje/Margaret Jans**, dau. of Jan Harmse & Aeltje Abrahams [Rycken].
- **Rezule Montras** (Resoule; Resule; Ursela), m. 1713 NYC, **Frans Van Dyke**
- **Margriet Montras**, b. 25 June 1691; bp. 12 Nov 1693 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Jean Babtiste du Poitier; Margriet Rinkhout).
A note in the bp. record states that the delay before she was baptized is because her parents were Roman Catholic.
Margaret Montross m. **Harmen [Jansen]** son of Jan Harmse; Harmen adopted the surname of Montross³ (But see, Harmen, above).
- **Angelique Montras**, bp. 12 Nov 1693 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Jean Petit; Elisabeth Jossar)
- **John Montras**, b. 24 Oct 1695 (calc. from ts); d. 4 July 1770 ae 74.8.10; buried near Wappinger's Falls, NY;
m. **Margaret Scut** (Scott), She was b. 1691; d. 1776; buried in Monfoort Ground, near Fishkill Plains, NY.¹
- (poss) **Barrancke/Veronica Montross**, m. before 1720, **Dirck Storm**
- **Hendrick Montross**, m. **Elizabeth Jeffers**

---Sources:

[1] Mrs. Grant Rideout, *Ancestors & descendants of Sarah Eleanor Ladue*. Chicago, unknown. Privately printed 1930., p. 105, online at Ancestry.com;

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[3] Taylor, John Wilson, "Origin of the Montross Family of New York" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 87, No. 2, April 1956, p. 69;

Richardson, Ruth Ellsworth, *Samuel Richardson and Josiah Ellsworth*. Privately Published. 1974, p. 430; Hoes, Roswell Randall, *Baptismal and Marriage Registers of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston...*, 1891 (reprinted 1997 by Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, MD)

Montros, Pieter

Pieter Montros
son of

m. 30 Dec 1740
NYC Ref Ch
(license 30 Dec 1740)

Emmetje Anderzon
dau. of

---Sources: *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;

Montross, Peter

Peter Montross
son of

m.

Hannah Cranckheyt

dau. of Jacobus Cranckhyte &
Geertje/Charity

Jacobus Krankhytt, of Ryckes Patent, in Westchester Co., NY, in his will dated 7 Jan 1771, mentioned his daughter Hannah, wife of Peter Matrass.

---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, pub. 1899, p. 96 (will of Jacobus Krankhytt)

Montross, Peter

Peter Montross

m.

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Locations made in Surveyor General's office, Feb. 7, 1817, for sons of persons who adhered to the Unity of the Empire - Peter Montross, 200 acres, Order in Council, Jan. 27, 1816 [Malahide Township, Elgin Co., Ontario, Canada] (lot 11, Concession 4, p. 553-555).¹

Grant to Peter Montross Jr., Charlotteville Twsp., Norfolk Co., son of Peter Montross Sr., of same place, a United Empire Loyalist, 200 acres, 1816 (Lot 11, Concession 4, p. 556-557).¹

Order in Council March 21, 1827 regarding Peter Montross' surrendering of patent for Malahide lot and issuing of patent for land in Glanford and Walsingham (Lot 11, Concession 4, p. 560).¹

---children of Peter Montross &

• Peter Montross

---Sources:

[1] Elgin Co., Land Papers, Malahide Township, online at <<http://sites.google.com/site/elginbranchogs/Home/ancestor-indexes/land-records/malahide-land-papers>>;

Mostross, William Lorenzo

William Lorenzo Montross
son of Cornelius Montross &
Ann Hunt

m.

Abigail Jane Babcock

dau. of Jacob Babcock &
Kezia Raynor

b. 13 Aug 1855 West Milford, Passaic Co., NJ

d. 8 Aug 1914 Ramsey, Bergen Co., NJ

buried Union Cem., Ramsey, Bergen Co., NJ

b. 24 March 1858 West Milford, NJ

d. 17 Aug 1937 Ramsey, Bergen Co., NJ

buried Union Cem., Ramsey, Bergen Co., NJ

---children of William Lorenzo Montross & Abigail Jane Babcock:

• **Grace Wilmoth Montross**, b. 28 Feb 1878 Monroe, Orange Co., NY; d. 16 Sep 1944 Ramsey, Bergen Co., NJ; buried Union Cemetery, Ramsey, Bergen Co., NJ

• **Harry Lee Montross**, b. 8 Dec 1880; d. 27 Feb 1917 Ramsey, Bergen Co., NJ; m. before 1906, **Carrie Stuart**

• **Catherine Elizabeth Montross**, b. 25 July 1882; d. March 1976; m. before 1906, **Frederick J. Ramsey**, son of James Ramsey & Maria Catherine Pulis. Frederick J. Ramsey was b. about Aug 1879 NJ. They were divorced. They had 2 children.

• **Rose Etta Montross**, b. 16 March 1884 Bergen Co., NJ; m. 15 April 1906 NJ, **Thomas Swin**

---Sources: Tombstone Inscriptions and photos posted online at <<http://www.findagrave.com>> (Union Cem., Ramsey, NJ: William L. Montross, Abigail Babcock Montross, Grace Wilmoth Montross; tombstone photos posted online); Family Tree posted online at Ancestry.com