

-- PIERSON --

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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Pierson, Abraham (Rev.)

Abraham Pierson
son of Abraham Pierson &
Mary Drake
b. Bradford, Yorkshire, England
d. before 12 March 1678

m.

Abigail Mitchell
dau. of Matthew Pitchell &
Susan Wood Butterfield
b. 1618
d. after 12 March 1678

The will of Abraham Pierson of Newark, was dated 10 Aug 1671. In it, he mentioned Wife, Abigail. Daughters--Devenporte, Mary and two others not named. Sons--Abraham, Thomas, Theophilus, Isaac. Executors--Jasper Crane, Robert Treat, Lieut. Swaine, brother Tomkins, brother Lawrence, brother Serjant Ward. Witness--Thomas Pierson. Proved March 12, 1678. 1678-9, March 12. Inventory made by John Ward, Michel Tompkins and Thomas Pierson (£854.17.7). 1678-9, March 18. Administration granted Abigail Pierson, the widow.

---children of Abraham Pierson & Abigail

- **Mary Pierson**, m. -?- **Davenport**
- **Daughter Pierson**
- **Daughter Pierson**
- **Abraham Pierson**
- **Thomas Pierson**
- **Theophilus Pierson**
- **Isaac Pierson**

---Sources: Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Vol. I, 1670-1730 (online at Ancestry.com), p. 365 (will of Abraham Pierson); Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Vol. II 1730-1750. Part II (online at Ancestry.com), p. 563 (will of Abraham Pierson); Records of the Town of Newark, New Jersey From its Settlement in 1666, to its incorporation as a City in 1836, Col-

lections of the New Jersey Historical Society, Vol. VI, 1864, online at Google Books;

Pierson, Albert (Rev.)

Albert Pierson
son of

m. 7 April 1827
Bloomfield, NJ
by Rev. Mr. Judd

Jane Armstrong

dau. of (Rev) Amzi Armstrong &

In the *Paterson Intelligencer* notice of their marriage they were: Married at Bloomfield on the 7th inst. by the Rev. Mr. Judd, Rev. Albert Pierson, Principal of the Bloomfield Academy, to Miss Jane, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Amzi Armstrong, dec'd.

---Sources:

[1] On Passaic Co. Genealogy Club Webpage, viewed June 2000 -- Proctor, Maryjane, "Family Chronicles of the Paterson Intelligencer Newspaper Marriages and Deaths 1825 to 1856" (this marriage notice from 25 Apr 1827 issue);

Pierson, Alexander (Alex T. Pierson)

Alexander Pierson
son of

m. 31 Oct 1827
English Neighborhood
Ref Ch (both of NYC)

Sarah W. Day

dau. of Michael Day &

---Sources: Westervelt, Frances A., *Bergen County New Jersey Marriage Records*, 1929, p. 15; Barber, Gertrude A., *New York Marriage Newspaper Extracts, 1801-1880*, p. 67, *New York Evening Post*, issue of Friday, 2 Nov 1827, Record for Alex T Pierson m. Sarah W, Day;

Pierson, Alexander

Alexander Pierson
son of

m. 19 Aug 1836
by Philip Duryee

Catharine Cowery

dau. of

---Sources: Westervelt, Frances A., *Bergen County New Jersey Marriage Records*, 1929, p. 16

Pierson, Benjamin

Benjamin Pierson
son of Josiah Pierson &
b. 1741

m.

Sarah Gilbert (of Newark, NJ)

dau. of
b.
d.

d. 1796 Ballston, Saratoga Co., NY

Benjamin Pierson moved with his family in 1773 to Richmond, MA. He and his sons Josiah and Jeremiah became three of the 60 MA men who bought from the Indians 130,000 acres of land in central New York between the Owego and Chenango rivers, which was confirmed to them by the Commonwealth of MA in 1786 and was known as the "Boston purchase."

---*children of Benjamin Pierson & Sarah Gilbert*:

• **Josiah Gilbert Pierson**, b. 29 Sep 1764 Newark, NJ; d. 17 Dec 1797 NYC; never married. A man of executive ability and mechanical genius, he came to NYC from Richmond, MA in 1790 and went into business. In 1793 he was manufacturing cut nails and 23 March 1794, the United States government granted him a patent for "machinery for cutting nails."

• **Isaac Pierson**, of NY

• **Jeremiah Halsey Pierson**, b. 13 Sep 1766 Newark, NJ; m. **Sarah Colt**. He was of Ramapo, NJ.

• **Lydia Pierson**

• **Mary Pierson**

• **Sarah Pierson** (Sally), m. -?- **Watrous** of Ballston, NY

• **Caleb Pierson**

• **John Pierson**

• **Joseph Pierson**

---Sources: "Family Record: Jermain, Wendell, Spooner (Pierson)" in *NYG&B Record*, Jan 1981, p.40; *Historical record to the close of the nineteenth century of Rockland County, New York*. Nyack, N.Y.: Van Deusen & Joyce. (online at Ancestry.com), Biographical section, p. 5

Pierson, Caleb (Peirson)

Caleb Pierson
b. about 1705 So. Orange Twp., Essex Co., NJ
d. about 1743 Newark, Essex Co., NJ

m.

Sarah Ruth Ogden

b. 19 July 1718 Newark, Essex Co., NJ
d. 17 Feb 1795 Newarkm Essex Co., NJ

Caleb Pierson of Newark, Essex Co., NJ, d. before 22 Sep 1743, on which date Adm'x, Sarah Peirson, the widow. Samuel Baldwin and John Tomkins, fellow bondsmen.

---*children of Caleb Pierson & Sarah Ruth Ogden*:

• **Caleb Pierson**, b. 1738; d. 1801; m. **Joanna Baldwin**, dau. of Israel Baldwin & Mary Curry

---Sources: *Calendar of New Jersey Wills*, Vol. II, 1730-1750 (online at Ancestry.com), p. 374 (estate of Caleb Peirson)

Pierson, Caleb

Caleb Pierson
son of Caleb Pierson &
Sarah Ruth Ogden
b. 1738 Orange, Essex Co., NJ

m. about 1765

Joanna Baldwin

dau. of Israel Baldwin &
Mary Curry
b. 1745

d. 1801
buried First Presbyterian Ch, Caldwell, Essex Co., NJ
Caleb Pierson served in the Revolutionary War in the New Jersey Continental Line.

d.
buried

---Sources:

[1] U.S., Sons of the American Revolution Membership Application 3 Jan 1967 for Robert Hunt Leigh, descendant of Caleb Pierson, online at Ancestry.com;

Pierson, Daniel (Judge)

Daniel Pierson m.
son of
b. 1703 Orange, NJ
d. 1777 Orange, NJ

Jemima Ogden
dau. of John Ogden &
b. 1709
d. 1776

---children of *Daniel Pierson & Jemima Ogden*:

- **Nathaniel Pierson**
- **Jonas Pierson**, m. (poss) **Mary Vander Poel**
- **Daniel Pierson**. He removed to Pompton, NJ.
- **Aaron Pierson**
- **James Pierson**
- **Jemima Pierson**
- **Abigail Pierson**

---Sources: Information online Dutch-Colonies List July 1999 from <Commjet@aol.com> citing *Pierson Millennium* by Richard E. Pierson and Jennifer Pierson, 1997, Heritage Books, Inc., p. 226

Pierson, David (Peirson)

David Pierson m.
d. before 11 Jan 1732-3

Hannah
d.

In his will, dated 1 Dec 1732 Newark, Essex Co., NJ, David Pierson, joyner; mentioned children--Theophilus, Mary and Susannah, all under age. Expected child. Negro boy, Titus, to be sold towards paying my debts. Lands joining lands of Ebenezer Headly and Daniel Harrison. Executors--wife, Hannah, and brother, Jonathan Peirson. Witnesses--John Crane, John Wall, J. Styles. Proved Jan. 11, 1732-3.

1733, March 22. Inventory, £91.01.09; made by Timothy Tuttle and Thomas Longworth.

1736, Sept. 9. Account of Jonathan Peirson, showing payments to Sam'll Wheeler, Isaac Harrison, John Baldwin, Daniel Harrison, Joseph Ball, Thomas Alling, Hannah Ball, Joseph Riggs, David Ogden, Josiah Ogden, Joseph Burwell, Lawrence Ward, Sam'll Plum, John Stiles, Joseph Hay, James Banks, Sarah van Tillburgh, Joseph Webb, Hannah Dod (widow of Jonathan Dod), Jasper Crane, Joseph Tuttle, Gilbert Heddin, David Crane, Samuel Baldwin, Samuel Ward, Philip Cundit, John Wall, Thomas Smith, and Hannah his wife (late Hannah Pierson, the other executor).

Hannah -?- m. (2) **Thomas Smith**.

---children of *David Pierson & Hannah*

- **Theophilus Pierson**
- **Mary Pierson**
- **Susannah Pierson**

---Sources: *Calendar of New Jersey Wills*, Vol. II, 1730-1750 (online at Ancestry.com), p. 374 (will of David Peirson)

Pierson, Henry

Henry Pierson m.
son of
b. Yorkshire, England
d. 5 Nov 1681 Bridgehampton, L.I. (Sag Harbor?)

Mary Cooper
dau. of John Cooper (of Lynn, MA)
b,
d.

Henry Pierson, a native of Yorkshire, England, came to Boston, Anmerica in 1639.

Henry Pierson, with Edward Howell and John Cooper, was a leader of the Company which in 1640 left Lynn, MA to lay the foundation of Southampton, Long Island, the first town settled by the English in the State of New York.. At the time of his death he was Clerk of the County of Suffolk.

---children of *Henry Pierson & Mary Cooper*:

- **John Pierson**
- **Joseph Pierson**
- **Daniel Pierson**
- **Henry Pierson II** (Harry), b. 1652 Southampton, L.I., NY; d. 1701 Bridgehampton, NY; m. **Susannah Howell**
- **Benjamin Pierson**
- **Theodore Pierson**
- **Sarah Pierson**

---Sources: "Family Record: Jermain, Wendell, Spooner (Pierson)" in *NYG&B Record*, Jan 1981, p.40; *Historical record to the close of the nineteenth century of Rockland County, New York*. Nyack, N.Y.: Van Deusen & Joyce. (online at Ancestry.com), Biographical section, p. 4

Pierson, Henry (Col.)

Henry Pierson m.

Susannah Howell

son of Henry Pierson &
Mary Cooper

b. 1652 Southampton, L.I., NY
d. 1701 Bridgehampton, L.I., NY

He succeeded his father as County Clerk of Suffolk Co., NY and was for many years a Member and Speaker of the Provincial Assembly.

---children of Henry Pierson & Susannah Howell:

- **John Pierson**, b. 30 Nov 1685¹
- **David Pierson**, b. 1688¹
- **Hannah Pierson**
- **Sarah Pierson**
- **Theophilus Pierson**, b. 1690¹
- **Abraham Pierson**, b. 1691¹
- **Josiah Pierson**, b. abt. 1694; d. 1776, aged 82, Sag Harbor
- **Josiah Pierson**, b. 1695¹ Bridgehampton, NY; d. 1782; m. four times
- **Mary Pierson**

---Sources:

[1] Whittmore, Henry, *History of the Sage and Slocum families of England and America*, 1908, p. 36;
"Family Record: Jermain, Wendell, Spooner (Pierson)" in *NYG&B Record*, Jan 1981, p.40; Historical record to the close of the nineteenth century of Rockland County, New York. Nyack, N.Y.. Van Deusen & Joyce. (online at Ancestry.com), Biographical section, p. 5

Pierson, Henry (Person)

Henry Pierson
d. before 22 Sep 1750

m.

Sarah
d.

In his will, dated 3 Jan 1748 Borough of Elizabeth, Essex Co., NJ, Henry Pierson/Peirson, yeoman; mentioned wife, Sarah. Children--Henry, John, Benjamin and Jemima, wife of James Arnet. Grandchildren--Henry, Jemima and Elizabeth Skillman, children and James, deceased. Lands bought of Benjamin Meeker, John Clark, David Morehouse, deceased, Benjamin Lyon; land joining land of Benjamin Bond, bought of Joseph Meeker, deceased; land bought of John Blanchard, May 20, 1736; land bought of Benjamin Williams, deceased; land joining lands of Stephen Brown, Abraham Baker, Isaac Crane and Joseph Crane, deceased. Executors--sons Joseph and Benjamin. Witnesses--John Hinds, Michael Meeker, Jno. Oborn. Proved Sept. 22, 1750.

---children of Henry Pierson & Sarah

- **Henry Pierson**
- **John Pierson**
- **Benjamin Pierson**
- **Jemima Pierson**, m. **James Arnet**

---Sources: Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Vol. II, 1730-1750 (online at Ancestry.com), p. 376 (will of Henry Pierson/Peirson)

Pierson, Henry Lewis

Henry Lewis Pierson
son of Jeremiah Halsey Pierson &
Sarah Colt (Holt?)
b. 15 Aug 1807 Ramapo, NY
d. 28 Dec 1893 in 87th yr. NYC^{1,4}

m. 16 Dec 1830²
(both of NYC)
by Rev Dr. Wainwright
(they were cousins)

Helen Maria Pierson
dau. of Isaac Pierson &
Helen M. Fort
b. 17 July 1807 NYC
d. 7 May 1845 NYC

In 1826 he assisted in a survey made by the State of New York for a road through the southern tier of counties from the Hudson river to Lake Erie. In 1828 he entered the firm of J.G. Pierson & Bros., and took charge of the New York business. In 1831 he was in Charleston, SC, and took part in the opening of the first section of the Charleston and Augusta Railroad. In 1840 he negotiated in England for 6,000 tons of rails, the first rails of the New York and Erie Railroad. He was then a Director of the road, and in 1841 its Vice President and at another time its Treasurer. In 1851 he filed at Washington a caveat for a patent for "improvement in cutting threads on wood screws." After the death of his father he became the proprietor of all the Ramapo property and in 1869 he removed from NYC to the homestead at Ramapo.

---children of Henry Lewis Pierson &

- **Henry Lewis Pierson**, b. 1831; d. 1916
- **Edward F. Pierson**
- **George B. Pierson**
- **Helen Maria Pierson**, b. 14 Dec 1834 NYC; d. 9 Aug 1893 Ramapo, Rockland Co., NY; m. 19 March 1862 NYC,
William Gaston Hamilton, son of John Church Hamilton . William Gaston Hamilton m. (2) 24 April 1896 Washington, D.C., Charlotte Ross Jeffrey Pierson, widow of Charles Theodore Pierson, and dau. of Alexander Jeffrey & Delia Granger.³
- **Sarah E. Pierson**
- **J. Fred Pierson**
- **Isaac C. Pierson**, d. in infancy
- **Julia Pierson**
- **Charlotte Maria Pierson**

---Sources:

[1] New York City Deaths, 1892-1902 (Henry L. Pierson), online at Ancestry.com;

[2] Barber, Gertrude A., New York Marriage Newspaper Extracts, 1801-1880, p. 46, Record for Henry L Pierson m. Helen Pierson, in *New York Evening Post*, issue of Saturday, 18 Dec 1830, online at Ancestry.com;

[3] Reynolds, Cuyler, *Genealogical and Family History of Southern New York and the Hudson River Valley*, 1914, Vol. III, p. 1389-1390, online at Ancestry.com;

[4] Obituary notice for Henry L. Pierson, in *The New York Times*, issue of 30 Dec 1893;

Historical record to the close of the nineteenth century of Rockland County, New York. Nyack, N.Y.. Van Deusen & Joyce. (online at Ancestry.com), Biographical section, p. 5-7

Pierson, Isaac

Isaac Pierson
son of Lemuel Pierson &
Martha Stratton
b. 1752 Long Island, NY
d. 19 Aug 1825 Morris Co., NJ

m. (1)

Hannah Jones

dau. of

b.
d.

---children of Isaac Pierson & (1) Hannah Jones:

• **Elisha Pierson, m. -?-**

---Sources: Information online April 2002, NY Suffolk Co. List, from <cdpalomera@aol.com>

Pierson, Isaac

Isaac Pierson
son of Benjamin Pierson

---Sources: *Long Island Source Records from the NYG&B Record*, Genealogy of the Pierson [Family], p. 495

Pierson, Jeremiah Halsey

Jeremiah Halsey Pierson
son of Benjamin Pierson &
Sarah Gilbert
b. 13 Sep 1766 Newark, Essex Co., NJ
d. 12 Dec 1855 in 90th yr. Ramapo, NY
buried Ramapo Cemetery

m. 4 Nov 1792
Richmond, Berkshire
Co., MA³

Sarah Colt

dau. of Jabez Colt &
Sara Elizabeth Nix/Mix
b. 1771 Richmond, Berkshire Co., MA
d. 1829 Ramapo, Rockland Co., NY
buried

Jeremiah Halsey Pierson practiced law and engaged in mercantile pursuits; he built a dam on the Ramapo River to create power; engaged in the manufacture of files and wood screws; justice of the peace 1800-1811; associate justice of the court of common pleas in 1808; largely instrumental in securing the construction of the Erie Railroad; elected as a Federalist to the Seventeenth Congress (March 4, 1821-March 3, 1823).²

Jeremiah Pierson settled at Ramapo, NJ. Josiah Gilbert Pierson came to NYC from Richmond, MA in 1790 and went into business. In 1793 he was manufacturing cut nails and 23 March 1794, the United States government granted him a patent for "machinery for cutting nails." This was the first patent of its kind. He operated his nail works in NYC and sold hoop and band iron, principally for oil casks for the New Bedford whale fisheries, but he had to send the iron which was imported from Russia to Wilmington, DA to be rolled and slit. In 1795 he sent for his brother Jeremiah and in May they went together to "survey the stream of the Ramapo river: in Sidman's Clove. There they determined to locate the works, and soon afterwards named the spot "Ramapaugh Works."

Jeremiah Pierson superintended the construction of the works and in June 1796 moved with his family from NYC to Ramapo, where for 60 years he conducted the works.

Josiah Gilbert Pierson never married, and left his interests in Ramapo and New York to his brothers, Jeremiah and Isaac, with whom he was associated under the name of J.G. Pierson & Bros.

Jeremiah Pierson was Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Rockland Co., NY in 1807; presiding Justice of the Court in 1809. He was elected to Congress in 1821. In 1831 he was one of the directors named in the charter for the Erie Railroad.

Jeremiah H. Pierson, 83, manufacturer of steel, b. NJ, blind, with real estate valued at \$87,000 [!], was listed as head of a household in the 1850 Federal Census, living in the Town of Ramapo, Rockland County, NY. Listed living with him, all b. NY, were: Jeremiah Jr., 49, manufacturer of steel; Elizabeth, 35; Louisa, 18; Jeremiah Jr., 17; Eliza Colt, 45; Josiah G. Pierson, 15; Charles F., 12; John F., 10; Margaret Marygold, 62; and Catherine Call, 21.

Jeremiah Pierson was listed in the 1855 NY State Census, Rockland Co., Town of Ramapo. Living with him were: Eliza Colt, 50, cousin, b. NJ; Josiah [G.?] Pierson, 29, grandchild; b. Rockland Co.

---children of Jeremiah Halsey Pierson & Sarah Colt:

• **Elizabeth Pierson**, b. 1795; d. 3 May 1833 Piermont, Rockland Co., NY.; m. 11 Oct 1824, **Eleazer Lord**, son of Nathan Lord & Mary Nevins. Eleazer Lord was the first President of the New York & Erie Railroad. Eleazer Lord m. (2) 30 Dec 1835 Ruth Thompson of East Windsor, CT. Eleazer Lord d. 3 June 1871 at his home in Piermont, Rockland Co., NY.¹

• **Josiah Gilbert Pierson**, b. 1797

• **Jeremiah Halsey Pierson**, b. about 1801 NY; m. 3 April 1828 Grace Ch, by Rev. Dr. Wainwright, **Elizabeth D. Sterry**, dau. of (Major) Robert Sterry. Elizabeth D. Sterry was b. about 1802 NY; d. 1833.

• **Theodore Pierson**, b. 1803

• **Henry Lewis Pierson** (twin), b. 15 Aug 1807 Ramapo, NY; d. 28 Dec 1893. Born Henry Pierson, he took the name Lewis from his twin brother who died in infancy.

• **Lewis Pierson** (twin), b. 15 Aug 1807 Ramapo, NY; d.y.

• **Benjamin Franklin Pierson**, b. 1811

---Sources:

[1] Lord, Kenneth, *Certain members of the Lord family, who settled in New York city in the early 1800's*, 1945, p. 39-43;

[2] *Biographical Directory of the American Congress, 1774-1949*, p. 1682;

[3] Massachusetts Marriages, 1633-1850, online at Ancestry.com;

Long Island Source Records from the NYG&B Record, Genealogy of the Pierson [Family], p. 495; Historical record to the close of the nineteenth century of Rockland County, New York. Nyack, N.Y.. Van Deusen & Joyce. (online at Ancestry.com), Biographical section, p. 5,6; 1850 Federal Census, New York State, Rockland County, Town of Ramapo, taken September 1850, dwelling 593, family 601; 1855 NY State Census, Rockland Co., Town of Ramapo, 2nd ED, family 293

Pierson, Jeremiah

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son of Jeremiah Halsey Pierson &
Sarah/Sally Colt

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Grace Ch, by Rev. Dr.
Wainwright¹

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dau. of (Major) Robert Sterry &

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d. 1833

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---children of Jeremiah Pierson & Elizabeth

- **Louisa Pierson**, b. about 1832 NY
- **Jeremiah Pierson**, b. about 1833 NY; d. 1852
- (poss) **Josiah G. Pierson**, b. about 1835 NY
- (poss) **Charles F. Pierson**, b. about 1838 NY
- (poss) **John F. Pierson**, b. about 1840 NY

---Sources:

[1] Barber, Gertrude A., New York Marriage Newspaper Extracts, 1801-1880, p. 77, *New York Evening Post*, issue of 3 April 1828, Record for Jeremiah H, Pierson Jr., m. Elizabeth Sterry, online at Ancestry.com;

[2] Barber, Gertrude A., New York Death Newspaper Extracts, 1801-1890, p. 93, in *New York Evening Post*, issue of Tuesday 15 July 1851, Record for Jeremiah H Pierson Jr, online at Ancestry.com;

1850 Federal Census, New York State, Rockland County, Town of Ramapo, taken September 1850, dwelling 593, family 601

Pierson, Jonah

Jonah Pierson
son of

m.

Mary Van Der Poel
dau. of Johannes Van DerPoel &
Apphia Davis
b. about 1743

b.

---children of Jonah Pierson & Mary Van Der Poel:

- **Sarah Pierson**
- **Catherine Pierson**
- **John Pierson**

---Sources: Information online July 1999 from "Mark L. Tunnell" <endoftunnell@p3.net>

Pierson, Josiah

Josiah Pierson
son of Henry Pierson II &
Susannah Howell

m. (1)

-?-
dau. of

b. 21 Jan 1695 Southampton, NY
d. 11 Nov 1776, aged 82 (Sag Harbor, L.I.?)

b.
d.

Josiah Pierson had four wives and 17 children.

---children of Josiah Pierson & Martha Halsey:

- **Josiah Pierson** (Capt.), b. 1726; d. 1783 Newark, NJ; m. **Julianna Gilbert** of Newark, NJ. His dau., Hannah Pierson m. Gen Richard Dey

---children of Josiah Pierson &

- **Silvanus Pierson** (twin of Matthew), b. 2 Mar 1725; d. 23 Aug 1795 Bridgehampton; m. (1) **Rebecca Lupton**, dau. of David Lupton of Boston. Silvanus had a dau., Margaret Pierson, b. Bridgehampton 14 Mar 1764; m. 27 Aug 1781 John Jermain; d. 30 Mar 1833 Albany, NY.

- **Matthew Pierson** (twin of Silvanus), b. 2 Mar 1725; d. 1798, aged 74 Sag Harbor, L.I.

- **Paul Pierson**

- **Joseph Pierson**

- **Timothy Pierson**, b. abt. 1730; d. 1802, aged 72

- **Benjamin Pierson**, b. 1741; d. 1796 Ballston, Saratoga Co., NY; m. **Sarah Gilbert** of Newark, NJ. He had 9 children, including Isaac Pierson, Jeremiah Pierson, Sally Pierson

- **Martha Pierson**, m. **Stephen Jagger** of Westhampton, L.I.

- **Susanna Pierson**, m. **Daniel Hedges** of Easthampton, L.I.

---Sources: "Family Record: Jermain, Wendell, Spooner (Pierson)" in *NYG&B Record*, Jan 1981, p.40; Historical record to the close of the nineteenth century of Rockland County, New York. Nyack, N.Y.. Van Deusen & Joyce. (online at Ancestry.com), Biographical section, p. 5

Pierson, Josiah

Josiah Pierson
son of Josiah Pierson &

m.

Julianna Gilbert
dau. of

---children of Josiah Pierson

• **Hannah Pierson**, m. 1775 Gen. **Richard Dey** (Dirk)

---Sources: "Family Record: Jermain, Wendell, Spooner (Pierson)" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Jan 1981, p.40

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Pierson, Josiah

Josiah Pierson

m. 1788²

son of Silas Pierson &

b.

d. 26 March 1826 Mount Hope, Orange Co., NY²

---children of Josiah Pierson & Frances

• **Mary Pierson**

• **Richard Wright Pierson** (twin), b. 6 March 1791¹

• **Henry Pierson** (twin), b. 6 March 1791¹

• **Margaret Pierson**

• **Mary Anne Pierson**

• **Elizabeth Pierson**

• **Silas Gilbert Pierson**

• **William Pierson**

• **John Moffat Pierson**

---Sources:

[1] Coleman, Charles C., *The early records of the First Presbyterian Church at Goshen, New York*, 1934, p. 116;

[2] Reynolds, Cuyler, *Genealogical and Family History of Southern New York and the Hudson River Valley*, 1914, Vol. I, p. 336;

Frances Moffat

dau. of (Rev.) John Moffat &

Margaret Little

b. 2 April 1764²

d. 7 Oct 1843 Wallkill, NY²

Pierson, Josiah Gilbert

Josiah G. Pierson

m. 18 May 1825

son of

b.

d.

---children of Josiah G. Pierson & Julia Boudinot Colt:

• **J. Gilbert Pierson**, b. 4 April 1826

• **Sarah Colt Pierson**, b. 1828; m. 10 July 1856, (Rev.) **Robert McMullen**. Both were killed June 13, 1857, at Cawnpore, India, by order of Nana Sahib.

• **Julia Colt Pierson**, b. 10 June 1829¹; d. 26 Sep 1908¹; buried New Rochelle, Westchester Co., NY¹; m. 15 Feb 1854,

William Jenkins Emmet, son of Robert Emmet & Rosina Hubley

---Sources:

[1] Spies, Francis Ferdinand, *New Rochelle, New York, cemeteries*, 1933, p. 40;

Loomis, Elias, *The Descendants of Joseph Loomis*, vol. 1. New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse and Taylor, 1880, p. 153, 156

Julia Boudinot Colt

dau. of Peter Colt &

Sarah Lyman

b. 24 Jan 1797

d. 29 Dec 1830 Ramapo, NY

Pierson, Samuel

Samuel Pierson

m.

Mary

d. before 15 April 1730

d.

In his will dated 13 March 1729/30 Newark, Essex Co., NJ, Samuel Pierson, carpenter; mentioned wife Mary (sole executrix). Sons--Joseph, Samuel, James, Daniel, Caleb. Daughters--Jemima, Mary and Hannah. Home farm adjoining John Harrison, Samuel Farrand, Samuel and Stephen Dod, boggy meadow at Wheelers Point, 50 acres on Toneys Brook near Samuel Baldwin's. Personal property. Witnesses--Daniel Taylor, Daniel Dod, Samuel Johnson. Proved April 15, 1730.

---children of Samuel Pierson & Mary

- **Joseph Pierson**
- **Samuel Pierson**
- **James Pierson**
- **Daniel Pierson**
- **Caleb Pierson**
- **Jemima Pierson**
- **Mary Pierson**
- **Hannah Pierson**

---Sources: [Calendar of New Jersey Wills](#), Vol. I, 1670-1730 (online at Ancestry.com), p. 253 (will of Samuel Pierson)

Pierson, Samuel

Samuel Pierson
son of Samuel Pierson &
Mary Jones

m. 21 Nov 1820
Union Co., NJ

Mary Clark Townley

dau. of Capt. Jonathan Townley &
Phebe Magie

b. 14 Nov 1794 Maplewood, Union Co., NJ
d. 17 July 1873 Newark, Essex Co., NJ²

b. 12 April 1797 Elizabeth, Union Co., NJ
d. 26 May 1863 Newark, Essex Co., NJ

He was listed in the 1870 Federal Census, New Jersey, Essex Co., Newark, Ward 3m p. 139, enumerated 8 July 1870, Dwelling 733, Family 1095 (all b. NJ) -- Pierson, Samuel, 75, Retired Merchant, value real estate \$30,000, value personal estate \$20,000; [Pierson], J. C., 38, Retail Dry Goods Dealer, value personal estate \$8500; [Pierson], Sarah A., 37, Keeping House; [Pierson], James T., 15; [Pierson], J. C., jr., 12; [Pierson], Mary E., 5.

---children of Samuel Pierson & Mary Clark Townley:

- **Joseph C. Pierson**, b. 18 Nov 1831 NYC; d. 17 May 1901 NJ; m. 1890 Newark, Essex Co., NJ, **Sarah Ann Blauvelt**, dau. of Abraham D. Blauvelt & Mary Ann Hayward

---Sources:

[1] [Biography and genealogical history of the city of Newark and Essex County, New Jersey](#), New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1898, Vol. 1, p. 108 (online at HeritageQuest);

[2] [New Jersey Deaths and Burials Index, 1798-1871](#) (death of Samuel Pierson), online at Ancestry.com;

Pierson, Theophilus

Theophilus Pierson

m.

-?-

b. (poss) 1659

b.

d. before 20 May 1717

d.

In his will, dated 10 March 1713/4, Newark, Essex Co., NJ, Theophilus Pierson, gentleman; mentioned wife ---. Children--Jonathan, David, Deborah, Mary. Real and personal estate. The wife sole executrix, with Rev. Mr. Bowers and Samuel Allin as overseers. Witnesses--Nath'l Bowers, George Harison, James Nuttman. Proved May 20, 1717.

---children of Theophilus Pierson &

- **Jonathan Pierson**
- **David Pierson**
- **Deborah Pierson**
- **Mary Pierson**

---Sources: [Calendar of New Jersey Wills](#), Vol. I, 1670-1730 (online at Ancestry.com), p. (will of Theophilus Pierson)

Pierson, Thomas, Sr.

Thomas Pierson, Sr.
son of Abraham Pierson &
Mary Drake

m. 27 Nov 1662
Branford, New Haven Co.,
CT

Mary Harrison

dau. of

d. before 3 March 1700-1701

d.

In his will, dated 12 Jan 1697/8 Newark, NJ, Thomas Pierson, Sr. mentioned Children--Samuel, Thomas (youngest son), Hannah, Abigail, Mary, Elizabeth. Real and personal estate. Son, Samuel Lyon, executor. Witnesses--Zophar Beech, Jonathan Tichnar, Benjamin Lyon. Proved March 3, 1700-1. 1701, May 1. Letters issued to Samuel Lyon, of Newark.

---children of Thomas Pierson &

- **Samuel Pierson**
- **Thomas Pierson**
- **Hannah Pierson**
- **Abigail Pierson**
- **Mary Pierson**
- **Elizabeth Pierson**

---Sources: [Calendar of New Jersey Wills](#), Vol. II 1730-1750. Part II (online at Ancestry.com), p. 563 (will of Thomas Pierson, Sr.)