

-- RAPP --

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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Rapp, Abram J.

Abram J. Rapp m.
b. about 1814 NJ

Elizabeth

b. about 1820 NJ

They were listed in the 1870 Federal Census, New Jersey, Hudson Co., Jersey City, Ward 16, enumerated 17 June 1870, Dwelling 100, Family 109 (all b. NJ, except as noted) -- Rapp, Abram J., 56, Flour Merchant, value real estate 20,000, value pers. prop. 1,000; [Rapp], Elizabeth [M.?], 50, Keeping House; [Rapp], Ada, 17, At Home; [Rapp], Mary Jane, 13, Attending School; [Rapp], Abram E., 26, Market Gardener; [Rapp], Anna, 26, Keeping House, b. England; [Rapp], Estelle, 4; [Rapp], Ada Bell, 2; Sell?, Jacob, 17, Garner, b. Prussia. (they were listed two dwelling after the family of John J. H. & Jane Clendenny) (listed just after them was the family of Daniel C. & Fanny Rapp)

---children of Abram J. Rapp & Elizabeth

- **Abram E. Rapp**, b. about 1844 NJ; m. **Anna -?-**
- **Ada Rapp**, b. about 1853 NJ
- **Mary Jane Rapp**, b. about 1857 NJ

Rapp, Adam (Adam Rap)

Adam Rap m. 19 Nov 1785
son of Bergen Ref Ch

Arriaentje Pryer (Prior)

dau. of Andries Pryer &
Geertruy Sickels
b. 10 Nov 1764

b.

bp.

bp. 11 Nov 1764 Bergen Ref Ch

On 13 May 1792, Abraham Pryor, Hartman Pryor and Arionca Rap (wife of Adam Rap), all of Bergen Twp., Bergen Co., NJ [sold] to Casparus Pryor, of same, [for] £0.5, 2 rods...line of John Kelly. Wit: Matthew Decker and Zacharias Sickels.¹

On 1 May 1799 Adam & Arionca Rap, of Bergen Twp., Bergen County, NJ, [sold] to Jasper Pryor of same, [for] \$350, 1 acre...corner to John van Horne.¹

On 30 May 1792 (recorded 17 Dec 1803, Bergen Co. R:231) Casparus Prior, Hartman Prior and Arianea the wife of Adam Rapp, all of the Township of Bergen, conveyed to Abraham Prior of same, for 10 shillings, 2 Rods 22 Perches more or less, in the Township of Bergen, beginning at a House Lot of Walter Clendenny. Bounded NW by highway; NE by Casparus Prior; SE by John Kelly; SW by House Lot of said Clendenny. Signed by Jasper Prior, Hartman Prior, Arionca [Arianea?] Rap (her mark). Witnessed by Matthias Newkirk, Zacharias Sickels.

---children of Adam Rap & Ariaentje Prior:

- **Geertruy Rap**, b. 28 May 1787; bp. 1 July 1787 Bergen Ref Ch (wit: Yeems Dad, Marreytje van Scheyve, his wife)
- **Johannis Rap**, bp. 19 Dec 1788 Bergen Ref Ch (no wit)

---Sources:

[1] Davis, John David, *Bergen County New Jersey Deed Records 1689-1801*, p. 214, 215; 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

Rapp, Adam A.

Adam Rapp

m.

Catherine

b. about 1815-25 NJ

b. about 1831 NY

They were listed in their 1850 Federal Census, New Jersey, Hudson Co., Bergen Township, enumerated 2 Nov 1850, Dwelling 240, Family 280 -- Adam Rapp, 25, Oysterman, value prop. 1000, b. NJ; Catharine [Rapp], 25, b. NY; Francis E. [Rapp], 3, male, b. NY.

They were listed in the 1870 Federal Census, New Jersey, Hudson Co., Greenville, Bayonne P.O., enumerated 8 July 1870, Dwelling 708, Family 815 -- Rapp, Adam, 45, Waterman, value real estate 4000, value pers. prop. 500, b. NJ; [Rapp], Catherine, 39, Keeping House, b. NY; [Rapp], Fanny, 18, At Home, b. NJ; [Rapp], Martin, 16, b. NJ; [Rapp], George, 12, b. NJ.

They were listed in the 1880 Federal Census, New Jersey, Hudson Co., Jersey City, District 40, enumerated 1 June 1880, Old Bergen Road, Dwelling 278, Family 317 -- Rapp, Adam A., 56, Gardener, b. NJ, his parents b. NJ; [Rapp], Catherine, 55, Wife, Keeping House, b. NY, her parents b. NY; [Rapp], Martin O.P.?, 28, Son, Single, Surveyor, b. NJ; [Rapp], George W., 25, Son, Single, Architect, b. NJ.

---children of Adam A. Rapp & Catherine

- **Francis E. Rapp**, b. about 1847 NY
- **Fanny Rapp**, b. about 1852 NJ
- **Martin Rapp** (Martin O. P. Rapp), b. about 1854 NJ
- **George W. Rapp**, b. about 1858 NJ

Rapp, Adam

Adam Rapp

m. 18 May 1848
Bergen, NJ, by Rev.
Dr. B.C. Taylor

Catharine Van Reypen/Van Riper

dau. of

b. about 1824 NJ

b. about 1826 NJ

They were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, New Jersey, Hudson Co., Bergen Township, (just after the family of John & Hannah Rapp) Dwelling 423, Family 504 (all b. NJ) -- Adam Rapp, 26, Oysterman, value prop. 700; Catharine [Rapp], 24; Mary J. [Rapp], 2/12.

They were listed in the 1870 Federal Census, New Jersey, Union Co., Union Twp., P.O. Elizabeth, NJ, enumerated 6 June 1870 (all b. NJ), Dwelling 1, Family 1 -- Rapp, Adam, 46, Gardener, value pers. prop. 225; [Rapp], Catherine, 45, Keeping House; [Rapp], Celia, 16; [Rapp], John M., 6; Wilson, George H., 27, Works on Farm; [Wilson], Mary J., 20; [Wilson], George C., 5/12, b. Jan.

They were listed in the 1880 Federal Census, New Jersey, Union Co., Union Township, District 178, enumerated 24 June 1880, p. 354C, Dwelling No. blank, Family 384 (all b. NJ) -- Rapp, Adam, 56, Farmer; [Rapp], Catherine, 54, Wife, Keeping House; [Rapp], John M., 16, Son, Attending School.

---children of Adam Rapp & Catharine Van Reypen/Van Riper:

- **Mary J. Rapp**, b. 1850 NJ; m. (prob), **George H. Wilson**
- **Celia Rapp**, b. about 1854 NJ
- **John M. Rapp**, b. about 1864 NJ

---Sources: Sawyer, Kay C., *New Jersey Marriages, as published in the Christian Intelligencer of the Reformed Dutch Church from 1830 to 1871*, Vols. 1 & 2, pub. 1932-1933 (reprinted 1998 in one vol., by Bergen Historic Books); New York #2, 1740s-1880s Marriage Index online at genealogy.com

Rapp, Conrad

From *The Minutes of the Board of Proprietors of the Eastern Division of New Jersey from 1725 to 1744*, Perth Amboy (Re: Ramapo Tract; paraphrased unless in quotes)

(Vol. III, p. 333)...26 March 1760...lease for land at Romopock executed, No. 216 to Conrad Rep of 125 acres at £0.12.6 York money pr ann. for 3 years from 24th March inst.

Rapp, Conrad

Conrad Rapp

Conrad Rapp is listed in the Franklin Township Rateables for 1779 and 1780. In 1779 he is listed (just after Philip Hoofman and just before Cornelius Mire) with 100 acres of land and 13 horses and cattle. In 1780 he is listed (just after Hohan H. Rapp and just before Philip Hoofman) with 50 acres improved land, 50 acres unimproved land, 1 horse, 3 horned cattle, and 1 hog.

Rapp, Daniel C.

Daniel C. Rapp

m.

Fanny

b. about 1836 NJ

b. about 1840 NJ

They were listed in the 1870 Federal Census, New Jersey, Hudson Co., Jersey City, Ward 16, enumerated 17 June 1870, Dwelling 101, Family 111 (all b. NJ) -- Rapp, Daniel C., 34, Market Gardener, value real estate 20,000, value pers prop 600; [Rapp], Fanny, 30, Keeping House; [Rapp], Sarah, 7; [Rapp], Sherman, 5; [Rapp], Ellen, 1. (listed just after the family of Abram J. & Elizabeth Rapp)

---children of Daniel C. Rapp & Fanny

- **Sarah Rapp**, b. about 1863 NJ
- **Sherman Rapp**, b. about 1865 NJ
- **Ellen Rapp**, b. about 1869 NJ

Rapp, Jacob B.

Jacob B. Rapp

m.

Martha

b. about 1822 NJ

b.

They were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, New Jersey, Hudson Co., Van Vorst Township, enumerated 14 Sep 1850, p. 389, Dwelling 45, Family 83 (all b. NJ) -- Jacob Rapp, 23, stair builder, value property 3500; Martha [Rapp], 21; Elmer Rapp, 2; Delia [Rapp], 11/12?; David Jacobus, 9, Builder.

He was listed in the 1870 Federal Census, New Jersey, Hudson Co., Jersey City, Ward 16, enumerated 14 [blank; prob. June] 1870, (all b. NJ), Dwelling 39, Family 38 (listed just after the family of John J. & Hannah Rapp) -- [Rapp], Jacob, 48, Market Gardener, value real estate 40,000, value pers. prop. 9,000; [Rapp], Elmer, 22, Student; [Rapp], Mary, 13, At Home; [Rapp], John E., 19, Attending School; [Rapp], Grant?, 6, Attending School.

He was listed in the 1880 Federal Census, living with his son -- 1880 Federal Census, New Jersey, Hudson Co., Jersey City, District 38, enumerated 9 June 1880, p. 121C, Dwelling 90, Family 104, Lexington Ave. (all b. NJ; all parents b. NJ) -- Rapp, Elmer, 30, Gardener; [Rapp], Katie, 24, Wife; [Rapp], Jacob M., 4, Son; [Rapp], Allice, 2, Daughter; [Rapp], Jacob B., 55, Father, widower, Gardener; [Rapp], Edward, 19, Son, Single; Gardener; [Rapp], Grant, 17, Son, Designer.

According to an 1889-90 Jersey City Directory, Jacob Rapp, gardener, lived at 122 Lexington Ave.

---children of Jacob B. Rapp & Martha

- **Elmer Rapp**, b. about 1848 NJ; m. **Katie** -?-
- **John E. Rapp**, b. about 1851 NJ
- **Mary Rapp**, b. about 1857 NJ
- **Edward Rapp**, b. about 1861 NJ
- **Grant Rapp**, b. about 1864 NJ

Rapp, James

James Rapp

m.

Susan Garrabrant

b. about 1819

b. about 1822

They were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, New Jersey, Bergen Co., Hackensack Twp., taken 19 Aug 1850, Dwelling 543, Family 573 -- James Rapp, 31, Carpenter, b. NJ; Susan, 28, b. NJ; James H., 8, b. NJ; Adelia, 5, b. NJ; Sarah Elisa, 11/12, b. NJ.

By 1860 they had moved to Kentucky.

---Sources: Information online Dec 2002, Bergen County List, from <greta1927@yahoo.com>; 1850 Federal Census, New Jersey, Bergen Co., Hackensack Twp, Dwelling 543, Family 573 (Family of James Rapp)

Rapp, John

John Rapp

m.

Elizabeth

b. about 1716 Kassel, Hessen, Nassau, Prussia¹

b. about 1718 Kassel, Hessen,, Nassau, Prussia¹

---children of John Rapp & Elizabeth

- **Conrad Rapp**, b. about 1739 Kassel, Hessen, Nassau, Prussia¹
- **Henry Rapp**, b. about 1741 Kassel, Hessen, Nassau, Prussia¹
- **John Rapp**, b. about 1743 Kassel, Hessen, Nassau, Prussia¹
- **Ann Elizabeth Rapp**, b. about 1745 Kassel, Hessen, Nassau, Prussia¹; m. **Nathan Staker**. He prob. died on Staten Island during the Revolution, about 1781.¹

---Sources:

[1] Information online 18 Nov 1996 from Lynn Mason <lynn@comnett.net >

Rapp, John

John Rapp m. **Elizabeth Howser**
---*children of John Rapp & Elizabeth Howser*:
• **Elizabeth Howser Rapp**, b. 22 Jan 1769; bp. 29 Jan 1769 [Luth Ch NY?] (wit: Christoph Houser)
---Sources: Randolph, Howard S. F., "The Howser Family" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Jan 1929 (Vol. 60, No. 1), p. 80

Rapp, Johan Cor.

Johan Cor. Rep m. **Lisabeth**
---*children of Johan Cor. Rapp & Lisabeth*
• **Petrus Rep**, bp. 25 June 1758 Paramus Ref Ch (wit: Pieter and Marytje Vonck)
---Sources: Randolph, Howard S. F., and Russell Bruce Rankin, *Paramus...Reformed Dutch Church [Bergen Co., NJ] Baptisms...Together with Records from the Gravestones...*, 1935

Rapp, Johan H.

Johan H. Rapp
"Hohan H. Rapp" (probably a phonetic rendering of German pronunciation of "Johan") is listed in the Dec 1780 Franklin Twp. Rateables (listed just after Hercules Windiford and just before Coonrad Rapp) with 40 acres improved land, 60 acres unimproved land, 2 horses, 3 horned cattle and an illegible number of hogs.

Rap, John

John Rap
b. about 1795
d. 26 Dec 1826, age 31
buried River Rd. Burial Ground, Edgewater, Bergen Co., NJ
---Sources: "Bergen County Tombstone Inscriptions from the Old Burial Ground, River Road, Edgewater, Bergen County, NJ" copied 27 July 1912 by John Neafie, in (prob) *Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society*, p. 60

Rapp, John J.

John J. Rapp m. 9 Sep 1846 **Hannah Van Reypen/Van Ripper**
son of Bergen, NJ, by Rev. W.J.R. Taylor dau. of
b. about 1822 NJ b. about 1828 NJ

They were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, New Jersey, Hudson Co., Bergen Township, enumerated 14 Nov 1850, (just after family of Daniel Vreeland, and just before family of Adam Rapp & Catharine Rapp), Dwelling 422, Family 503 (all b. NJ) -- John Rapp, 27, carpenter, value property 700; Hannah [Rapp], 23; John [Rapp], 5/12; Sarah Van Ripper, 18.

They were listed in the 1860 Federal Census, New Jersey, Essex Co., Newark, Ward 12, enumerated 16 June 1860, p. 50, Dwelling No. blank, Family 451 (all b. NJ) -- Rapp, John, 38, Bridge Tender, value pers. prop. 200; [Rapp], Hannah, 32; [Rapp], John, 10; [Rapp], Richard, 2.

They were listed in the 1870 Federal Census, New Jersey, Hudson Co., Jersey City, Ward 16, enumerated 14 [blank; prob. June], 1870, Dwelling 38, Family 37 (all b. NJ) (listed just before the family of Jacob Rapp, 48) -- Rapp, John J., 47, Market Gardener; [Rapp], Hannah, 43, Keeping House, value real estate 15,000; [Rapp], John M., 20, Farm Laborer; [Rapp], Martha J., 5.

---*children of John J. Rapp & Hannah Van Reypen*:

• **John M. Rapp**, b. about June 1850 NJ; d. (prob) 1917; buried Westwood Cemetery, Westwood, Bergen Co., NJ

• **Richard Rapp**, b. about 1858 NJ

• **Martha J. Rapp**, b. about 1865 NJ

---Sources: Sawyer, Ray C., *New Jersey Marriages, as published in the Christian Intelligencer of the Reformed Dutch Church from 1830 to 1871*, Vols. 1 & 2, pub. 1932-1933 (reprinted 1998 in one vol., by Bergen Historic Books)

Rapp, John M.

John M. Rapp
son of (prob) John J. Rapp &
Hannah Van Reyper/Van Ripper
b. 1850
d. 1917
buried Westwood Cemetery, Westwood, Bergen Co., NJ
He was buried in a plot with Smiths and Clendennys.
---Sources: Ackerman, Herbert S., and Arthur J. Goff, *New York and New Jersey Cemeteries*, 1947, p. 42

Rapp, John M.

John M. Rapp m. about 1876 **Effie**

b. about Jan 1854 NJ

b. about May 1853 NJ

They were listed in the 1900 Federal Census, Union Co., Union Township, District 141, enumerated 1 June 1900, Dwelling 18, Family 19 -- Rapp, John M., Head, b. Jan 1854, age 46, married 24 yrs., b. NJ, his parents b. NJ, occupation blank; [Rapp], Effie, Wife, b. May 1855, age 45, married 24 yrs., mother of 1 child, 1 child then living, b. NJ, her father b. NY, her mother b. NJ; [Rapp], Martha E., Daughter, b. March 1874, age 26, single, b. NJ; [Rapp], Hannah, Mother, b. Oct 1827, age 72, Widow, mother of 4 children?, 1 child then living, b. NJ, her parents b. NJ.

She was listed in the 1930 Federal Census, New Jersey, Bergen Co., Hillsdale, District 130, West Hillsdale Ave., enumerated 3 & 4 April 1930, Dwelling 27, Family 35 -- Clendenny, Henry W., Head, 44, married age 21, b. NJ, his parents b. NJ, Hay & Grain Farmer; Clendenny, Martha E., Wife, age 55, married at age 33, b. NJ, her parents b. NJ; Rapp, Effie, Mother in Law, 73, Widow, married at age 21, b. NJ, her father b. NY, her mother b. NJ.

---children of John M. Rapp & Effie

• **Martha E. Rapp**, b. March 1874 NJ; m. about 1907, **Henry W. Clendenny**, son of Michael Clendenny & Sarah C. Smith.

Rapp, Martin

Martin Rapp

m.

Maria

---children of Martin Rapp & Maria

• **Johannes Rapp**, b. 30 June 1776; bp. 28 Sep 1776 Walkill Lutheran/Harrison Meeting House, Montgomery, Orange Co., NY (wit: Joh. Hohl, wife) (parents in bp. record: Martin Rapp & Maria)

---Sources: "Walkill Lutheran/Harrison Meeting House, Montgomery, Orange County [NY]" in *The New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 140 (Jan 2009), p. 72

Unplaced Rapp Women:

Elizabeth Rapp, m. Nov 1793 NYC, **John Prentiss** (*New York Magazine*)

Elizabeth Rapp, m. 1800 Schraalenburgh, **Benjamin C. Westerfield**

Gertrude Rapp, m. 22 Aug 1839 Bergen, NJ, **Oliver C. Stringham** (*Christian Intelligencer*, 7 Sep 1839)