

-- WILLETT --

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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**Willett, Abraham**

Abraham Willett  
son of Col. Thomas Willett &

b. about 1685  
d. 1756-57

He became a Quaker.

---children of Abraham Willett & Susanna Stephenson:

- **Abraham Willett**, b. 3rd day 10th mo 1717' d. 1799m. **Hannah -?-**
- **Thomas Willett**, b. 19th day 8th mo 1727. He was Sheriff of Queens Co. in 1770. He was a Loyalist.
- **Edward Willett**, b. 10th day 8mo 1737
- **Helena Willett** (Eleanor), m. -?- **Rodman**
- **Susanna Willett**, m. -?- **Cornell**
- **Mary Willett**

---Sources:

[1] Bailey, Rosalie Fellows, "The Willett Family of Flushing, Long Island" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 80, No. 3, July 1949, p. 159; New York #2, 1740s-1880s Marriage Index online at <genealogy.com>

**Willett, Edward**

Edward Willett

m. 9 May 1722

**Aletta Clowes**

son of Elbert Willett &  
Johanna Van Varick

b.  
bp.  
d. 1 Dec 1794, age 93  
buried Jamaica Chyd, NY

Grace Ch, Jamaica, L.I.  
by Rev. Poyer (he a  
gentleman of Flushing;  
she of Jamaica)

dau. of Hon. Samuel Clowes &  
Katherine Douw

b.  
bp.  
d.  
buried

On 18 Nov 1723, Edward Willett of Flushing, the son of Elbert, sold land to Robert Denton of Jamaica "which tract was purchased by Elbert Willett, father of ye said Edward, by deed dated 4 Aug 1706 and which tracts ye sd Elbert dyed seized of and the same devolved to his only son & heire, Edward Willett."

---children of Edward Willett & Aletta Clowes: (13 children)

- **Elbert Willett**, d. 19 Aug 1738, in his 14th year; buried Jamaica, NY Chyd.
- **Samuel Willett**, bp. 11 Sep 1726 Grace Ch, Jamaica, L.I.; d. 1767
- **Johanna Willett**, bp. 27 Oct 1728 Jamaica
- **Edward Willett**, bp. 22 April 1731 Grace Ch, Jamaica, L.I.; d. 1774
- **Isaac Willett** (Lieut.), b. 1732; d. 1759
- **Margaret Willett**, b. 1736; d. 1811
- **Elbert Willett**, b. 1738; d. 1 Feb 1828, age 90. He settled at Albany.
- **Marinus Willett** (Col.), b. 31 July 1740 Jamaica, L.I., NY; d. 1830
- **Catharine Willett**, b. 1747; d. 1772
- (poss) **Joanna Willett**, b. 1750

---Sources:

[1] Bailey, Rosalie Fellows, "The Willett Family of Flushing, Long Island" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 80, No. 3, July 1949, p. 156; Hillman, E. Haviland, "Ancestry of Colonel Marinus Willett" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, April 1916, p. 119; Betts, Berverley R., "Inscriptions from Tombstones in the Parish Churchyard at Jamaica, L.I." in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Jan 1876, p. 18; New York #2, 1740s-1880s Marriage Index online at <generalogy.com>

### Willett, Elbert (Lt.)

Elbert Willett  
son of Thomas Willett &  
Helena Elbertse Stoothoff

b. about 1676  
d. 1706

m. 13 May 1701  
NYC Ref Ch  
(License 7 May 1701)

**Johanna Van Varick** (Annatje)  
dau. of Rev. Rudolphus Van Varick &  
Margaret Visboom

b.  
d.

In the NYC Ref Ch record of their marriage, they were: Elbert Willett, j.m. Van Vlissingen, en Annatje Van Varick, j.d. Van Hem, in Noordt Hollt.

He was High Sheriff of Queens Co., NY in 1705-06.

In his will dated 10 Aug 1706, he, of Jamaica, Long Island, though "Late of Flushing in Queens Co." mentioned, besides his brothers Capt. Thomas and Major William Willett, his wife Johanna and his two children, Edward and Margaret. In a codicil dated the following day he also mentions his father, Col. Thomas Willett of Flushing.

---children of Elbert Willett & Johanna Van Varick:

- **Edward Willett**, d. 1 Dec 1794 ae 93; buried Grace Chyd, Jamaica, L.I., NY; m. 9 May 1722 Grace Ch, Jamaica Long Island, **Aletta Clowes**, dau. of the Hon. Samuel Clowes & Katherine Douw
- **Margaret Willett**, m. 21 May 1726, **Anthony Whitehead Waters**, son of Anthony Waters & Elizabeth Whitehead

---Sources:

[1] Bailey, Rosalie Fellows, "The Willett Family of Flushing, Long Island" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 80, No. 3, July 1949, p. 156; Hillman, E. Haviland, "Ancestry of Colonel Marinus Willett" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, April 1916, p. 120; 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

### Willett, Gilbert

Gilbert Willett  
son of William Willett &

In his will, he wrote: "...29 December, 1731. I, Gilbert Willett, of the Borrough Town of Westchester, being now in health. I leave to my brother, Isaac Willett, all my lands and meadows which were given to me by my honored father, and the land and meadow I purchased of Benjamin Grant, Sr., and Benjamin Grant, Jr., and are situated in Westchester. Also my negro man, and all horses and cattle, upon the condition that he gives security to my executors to pay the following legacies, viz., £300 to his brother Thomas Willett, £100 to my sister, Mary Rodman, £100 to my sister, Ann Jones, and £100 to my brothers, William, Thomas, and Cornelius Willett. "I order my executors to send to England for a good silver watch, and this watch and my silver hilted sword, and a bridle and saddle, I leave to my honored father, William Willett." I leave to my aunt, Sarah Doughty, £20, and to my executor £20 for his trouble, "but not to discharge him from what he owes me by bond or otherwise." And my executor is directed to defend my right in the Equivalent lands, and he is to sell the same, and the proceeds are to be divided among my four brothers, William, Thomas, Isaac, and Cornelius. The rest of my movable estate I leave to my three brothers, William, Thomas, and Cornelius.--I make William Forster, of Westchester, sole executor.

Witnesses, Lewis Morris, Jr., James Graham, Euphemia Morris. Proved, March 28, 1731/2.

---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, Wills Vol III 1730-1744, p. 50 (will of Gilbert Willett)

### Willets, Hopp (Hope; Hoop Willets)

Hopp Willets

m.

**Marcy** (Merrey)

They were of Jerusalem, L.I. in 1701.

*---children of Hopp Willets & Marcy*

- **Joseph Willets**, m. 6 Nov 1702 Flushing Monthly Meeting (Quaker Record) (all of Hempstead), **Deborah Simons**, dau. of Solomon Simons & Elizabeth
- **Mary Willets**, m. 9 Aug 1701 Flushing Monthly Meeting (Quaker Record), **Richard Ridgeway**, son of Richard Ridgeway of West NJ
- **Elizabeth Willits**, m. Jan 1710 Flushing Monthly Meeting (Quaker Record), **Jarvis Faro**, pf Springfield, Burlington Co., NJ

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

**Willet, Isaac**

Isaac Willet

m.

**Margaret**

d. before 24 May 1774

d.

In his will, he wrote: ...I, Isaac Willet, of the Borrough Town of Westchester, Gentleman, being at present weak in body. I leave to my wife Margaret, during her life, all that my neck of land or farm and meadow, called Cromwell's Neck, whereon I now live. After her death, the said Neck or farm is to be divided into two equal parts, by lines to set off and begin at a large white oak tree upon the bank near or adjoining the "Bonding Field," which tree I have marked with two notches on four sides, and from thence to run such a course as will divide it into two equal parts, quantity and quality. And the east part, with the buildings and improvements, is to be for my nephew, Isaac Willett, and he is to provide a good sufficient maintainance for my brother, William Willett. The west half is to be for my nephew, Lewis Graham. "I think proper here to declare that this last mentioned half given to the said Lewis Graham, was intended for my nephew Gilbert Colden Willett; But his grandfather Governor Colden, (who I suppose is well able to make handsome provision for him) has treated me and my wife very unkindly in removing my nephew, Lewis Graham, from the office of Sherriff of this County; which I resigned in his favor, expecting it would have been some provision for him, And my wife in consideration of this bequest has consented that my lands in the Mohawk Country, which I had expressly engaged to devise to her, shall be otherwise disposed of." "I leave to my wife all my personal estate, for this reason, that all my slaves except three came by her; and her industry and prudence has procured the greater part of the rest. And she will have the power by this to reward those who treat her with respect and civility; as I have no children of my own to provide for. And I request her to assist my nephew Isaac Willett as long as he behaves dutifully to her." I do request that she will take care of Anna McElworth until she is of age or married. I also leave a good support for my brother William. I leave to my nephew, Lewis Graham, that part of Cow Neck, in the Borrough of Westchester, which is in possession of Ichabod Lewis, on which he now lives. And he is to pay to my brother, Cornelius Willett, £200, but if he be not living, then to his children. I leave to my brother, Cornelius Willett, the use of my salt meadow at Black Rock during his life. I also leave him all my lands, tenements, and real estate of Barren Island or Flatlands, in Kings County, upon Nassau Island, commonly called Long Island. I have conveyed to Lewis Graham a small farm in the Manor of Cortlandt, and the payment of £600 is charged for the same. My lands in the Mohawk Country, which were left to my wife by her father, are to be sold by my executors, and they are to put £500 at interest for the education of Thomas McElworth and £500 for Anna McElworth. After paying all debts, my executors are to use money to assist my nephew, Gilbert Willett, "if he is so situated that a small sum of money will be of use to him; not to exceed £150, but not to pay his debts." I recommend my nephews, Isaac Willett and Lewis Graham, who have been brought up in my family, to live together in Brotherly Love and promote each other's interest and rights. I make my brother Cornelius, and Lewis Graham, and my nephew, Richard Morris, Esq., executors. Dated January 30, 1770. Witnesses, Israel Honeywell, Gillead Honeywell, Samuel Downing, Quaker. Proved, May 24, 1774.

---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, p. 172 (will of Isaac Willet)

**Willits, Jacob**

Jacob Willits

son of Richard Willits &

m. 10th mo. (Dec)  
(6 Oct 1717) Flushing  
Monthly Meeting  
(Quaker record)

**Mary Jackson**

dau. of James Jackson &

According to their marriage record he was of Jericho, son of Richard (dec'd); she was dau. of James of Flushing.

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

**Willets, Jacob**

Jacob Willets

m.

**Hannah**

*---children of Jacob Willets & Hannah*

- **James D. Willets** b. 1 May 1758; m. 3 March 1784, **Joanna Titus**, dau. of Henry Titus & Sarah. She was b. 1765; d. 1830/1840. (Nine Partners Quaker Record)
- (prob) **Phebe Willets**, b. 1763; m. 1781, **Stephen Titus** (Nine Partners Quaker Record)

---Sources: Quaker Records on Ancestry.com, Nine Partners Monthly Meeting, Dutchess County, New York

**Willets, James D.**

James D. Willets

m. 3 March 1784

**Joanna Titus**

son of Jacob Willets &  
Hannah

b. 1 May 1758

Nine Partners Quaker Records: Cert fr Chappaqua 4- 3-1787, Cert to Oswego 9-7-1812 with children, Cert fr Hudson 5-20-1828, Cert to Creek 12-17-1829.

*---children of James D. Willets & Joanaa Titus:*

• **Jacob Willets**, d. 12 Sep 1860, ae 75.7.26

• **William Willets**

• **Henry Willets**

• **Stephen Willets**, b. 1797

• **Hannah Willets**

• **John Willets**

• **Samuel Willets**

• **Mary Willets**

• **Sarah Willets**, m. 1810 **John T. Haight**

*---Sources: Quaker Records on Ancestry.com, Nine Partners Monthly Meeting, Dutchess County, New York*

dau. of Henry Titus &  
Sarah

b. 1765

### Willits, Jesse

Jesse Willits

m. about 1751

son of Thomas Willits &  
Catherine Hallock

### Elizabeth Albertson

(widow of (poss) **John Wood**)

dau. of Garret Albertson &  
Abigail Sneden

b. 12 Jan 1715 Oyster Bay, NY<sup>1</sup>

d. about 1786 Brunswick Twp., Schuylkill  
(Berks) Co., PA<sup>1</sup>

b. 19 April 1714 Islip, Suffolk Co., NY<sup>1</sup>

d. about 1782 Brunswick Twp., Schuylkill (Berks) Co. PA<sup>1</sup>

Jesse's father Thomas Willits left for PA very early, leaving Jesse behind with a lot of relatives to help him. In 1762 Thomas came back to visit Jesse and testified about hurricane damage to the south shore 30 years earlier. Also in 1762 Thomas persuaded Jesse to move to PA. Elizabeth's youngest Wood son Jesse Wood would have been about 21 years old at that time. When Jesse sold out we learned who his neighbors had been much earlier. They included John Wood.

Jesse Willits lived next door to John Wood at Sampawums Neck on the south shore of Huntingdon. Jesse witnessed John Wood's signature in 1736 in Huntingdon. Jesse inherited and lived on his father's property which appears to be mostly in Se-catague (Islip).

He was witness to a land transfer in 1736 at Huntingdon NY, and witnessed will of his uncle William Hallock in 1765?, disowned 1751 for marrying out of meeting, acknowledged error 1754, moved to Exeter PA in 1762, paid taxes in Brunswick Twp Berks Co PA in 1781.<sup>1</sup>

*---Sources:*

[1] Information online Dec 2001 at <<http://revolution.3-cities.com/~gjansen/willits.htm#WILLITS>> posted by George Jansen Jr & Ginger Jansen <[gjansen@3-cities.com](mailto:gjansen@3-cities.com)>;

### Willett, John

John Willett

m. 14th day 7th mo (Sep)  
1714 Flushing, NY

### Mary Rodman

dau. of John Rodman &

son of Thomas Willett &  
(1) Helena/Heiltje Elbertse Stoothoff

b. about 1690

b.

*---children of John Willett & Mary Rodman:*

• **John Willett**, b. 10th day 4th mo. 1715 Society of Friends, NYC; d. 31st day 11th mo 1737 (Jan 1738); m. 3 Oct 1734, **Deborah Lawrence**, dau. of Samuel Lawrence of Flushing. She m. (2) 10 March 1748, **Samuel Doughty**.

• **Thomas Willett**, b. 10th day 10th mo. 1716 Society of Friends, NYC; d. 8th of 12th mo 1727/8

• **Ann Willett**, b. 19th day 10th mo. 1718 Society of Friends, NYC; m. Nov-Dec 1738, **John Stevenson**, son of John Stevenson. They removed to Westchester Co., NY and later to Middletown, NJ.

• **Hannah Willett**, b. 7th day 12th mo. 1720/1 Society of Friends, NYC

• **Jonathan Willett**, b. 21st day 8th mo. 1722 Society of Friends, NYC; m. **Deborah Lawrence**. He removed to Bucks Co., PA.

• **Samuel Willet**, b. 15th day 12th mo. 1723/4 Society of Friends, NYC; m. **Elizabeth Lawrence**. He removed to Bucks Co., PA. Elizabeth m. (2) 15 Jan 1761, **Joseph Thornton**

• **Elizabeth Willett**, b. 17th day 10th mo. 1725 Society of Friends, NYC; m. Aug-Oct 1744, **William Bowne**. He was b. 1719/20; d. 1747.

• **Mary Willett**, b. 10th day 6th mo. 1727 Society of Friends, NYC; m. (prob) (NY License 2 Dec 1756), **Elnathan Field**

• **Helena Willett**, b. 17th day 4th mo. 1729 Society of Friends, NYC

• **Thomas Willett**, b. 4th day 2nd mo 1731 Society of Friends, NYC; m. **Mary -?-**

• **Carolina Willett**, b. 8th day of the 12th mo 1732/3 Society of Friends, NYC

• **Catharine Willett**, b. 28th day 6th mo. 1735 Society of Friends, NYC; d.y.

*---Sources:*

[1] Bailey, Rosalie Fellows, "The Willett Family of Flushing, Long Island" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 80, No. 3, July 1949, p. 161; "Record of the Society of Friends of the City of New York and Vicinity, from 1640 to 1800" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Oct 1873, p. 194

**Willett, John**

John Willett  
son of Thomas Willett &

m. 24 June 1722  
by Rev. Poyer  
(both of Flushing) Grace  
Ch, Jamaica, L.I., NY

**Elizabeth Lawrence**  
dau. of William Lawrence &  
Deborah

b. about 1700-01  
d. about Jan 1787

b.  
d. 17 Oct 1773 age 67

John Willett was one of the Judges of the Superior Court of Common Pleas. He was a Loyalist.

---*children of John Willett & Elizabeth Lawrence:*

- **Deborah Willett**, bp. 3 July 1726 Grace Ch, Jamaica, L.I., NY
- **Elizabeth Willett**, bp. 5 May 1728 Grace Ch, Jamaica, L.I., NY; m. (License 6 May 1772), **Thomas Hallett**
- **Sarah Willett**, bp. 13 9ber 1729 Grace Ch, Jamaica, L.I., NY; m. (License 12 Nov 1767), **James Morrell**

---Sources:

[1] Bailey, Rosalie Fellows, "The Willett Family of Flushing, Long Island" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 80, No. 2, April 1940, p. 91; New York #2, 1740s-1880s Marriage Index online at <genealogy.com>

**Willitt, John**

John Willitt  
son of John Willitt &

m. 3 Aug (or Oct) 1734  
Flushing Monthly Meeting,  
(Quaker Record) (both of  
Flushing)

**Deborah Lawrence**  
dau. of Samuel Lawrence &

b.

b.

Deborah Lawrence m. (2) **Samuel Doughty**.

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

**Willett, John**

John Willett

m.

**Elizabeth**

d.  
buried

d. 19 Oct 1773, ae 67  
buried Coldenham, NY

In what is poss. his will, he wrote: ...I, John Willett, of Flushing, in Queens County. My executors are to sell all my real and personal estate, and after all debts are paid I leave all the rest to my daughter, Hannah Willett. I make my good friends, Thomas Willett, Esq., and David Colden, Esq., executors. Dated April 17, 1774. Witnesses, Talman Waters, John Willett, Jr., Isaac Underhill. Proved, April 25, 1774.

---*children of John Willett &*

• **Hannah Willett**

---Sources: Purple, Edwin R., "Notes, Biographical and Genealogical, of the Colden Family, and of Some of its Collateral Branches in America" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Oct 1873, p. 161, 168; 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. 230 (will of John Willett)

**Willets, Joseph**

Joseph Willets  
son of Hope Willets &  
Merrey

m. 6 Nov 1702  
Flushing Monthly Mtg.  
Quaker record (all of  
Hempstead)

**Deborah Simons (Seaman)**  
dau. of Solomon Seaman &  
Elizabeth Linnington

b. 13th day 10mo 1677

b.

After the birth of several children, they removed in 1714 to Little Egg Harbor, NJ.

---Sources:

[1] Wardwell, Arthur S., "The Willets Family of Hempstead and Jericho, Long Island" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 80, No. 2, April 1949, p. 117; New York #2, 1740s-1880s Marriage Index online at <genealogy.com>

**Willett, Joseph H.**

Joseph H. Willett  
son of

m.

**Maria Louise Nichols**

d.

dau. of E. W. Nichols  
d. about 14 Nov 1894<sup>1</sup>

---Sources: Information online Dec 1999, NYBROOKLYN List, from Mary Ellen Walz <billme@gte.net> citing death notices from *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* November 14, 1894

**Willett, Marinus (Col.)**

Marinus Willett  
son of Edward Willett &  
Aletta Clowes

m. (1) 2 April 1760  
Trinity Ch, NYC

-?-  
dau. of

b. 31 July 1740 Jamaica, L.I., NY

b.

d. 22 Aug 1830 age 90

d.

buried Family Vault, Trinity Ch, NYC

buried

m. (2)

-?-

m. (3)

-?-

Col. Marinus Willett gave distinguished service in the Continental Army during the Revolution. He was Mayor of NYC in 1807.

---children of Marinus Willett & (1)

• **Marinus Willett**, d. unmarried about the time of the Revolution. He was a surgeon.

---children of Marinus Willett & (3)

• **Marinus Willett** (Dr.), b. 1801; d. 1840

---Sources:

[1] Bailey, Rosalie Fellows, "The Willett Family of Flushing, Long Island" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 80, No. 3, July 1949, p. 158;

**Willett, Marinus** (Esq.)

Marinus Willett

son of

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

m. Oct 1793

NYC (*New York Magazine*)

Mrs. **Vardell**

**Willett, Nathaniel**

Nathaniel Willett

son of

d. 4 Jan 1698 age 80

buried Center Chyd [Hartford?]

m. (1) before Jan 1645

m. (2)

m. (3)

**Elizabeth**

(widow of **Samuel Wakeman**)

d.

buried

**Hannah Adams**

dau. of Jeremy Adams &

**Ellinor Watts**

(widow of **Joseph Clements**)

dau. of Richard Watts &

Elizabeth

d. 28 Sep 1703

---children of Nathaniel Willett &

• **Rebecca Willett**, m. (1) **Thomas Banney**; m. (2) **Jacob White**

• **Abigail Willett**, m. **John Bishop** of New Haven, CT

• **Sarah Willett**, m. **Zachary Sandford**

---children of Nathaniel Willett & Hannah Adams:

• **Hannah Willett**, m. 1 April 1697 [Hartford, CT?], **Bayze/Baysey Baker**, son of John Baker & Lydia Baysey; m. (2)

**Joseph Webster**

---Sources: Families of Early Hartford, CT, Surnames, A-B, Page 27, 28 online at genealogy.com; Families of Early Hartford, CT, Surnames, V-Z, Page 681 at genealogy.com

**Willett, Richard**

Richard Willett

son of

b. about 1618-1622 prob. England

d.

m. (1) about 1648-49

m. (2)

**Mary Washburne**

dau. of William Washburne &

Jane

b. about 1629

d. 17 day 12 mo 1713-14 age about 85

**Frances Darvall**

dau. of William Darvall &

Richard Willetts was one of the original proprietors of Hempstead. by 16 Nov 1644.

Whereas William Darvall, late of New York, died intestate, Letters of administration are granted to his daughter Frances, wife of Richard Willett, January 17, 1711/12.

In his will, he wrote: I, Richard Willett, of New York, being indisposed of body. All my real estate, except my dwelling house, is to be sold immediately by my executors, and after payment of debts, the remainder is to be used for the education of my dear children (not named). And the debts due to me are to be collected and used for the same purpose. I leave to my wife, Frances Willett, my dwelling house during her life, or till she marries, and then to be sold by my executors. I make my wife Frances, and Joseph Robinson executors, with full power to sell. Dated May 9, 1722. Witnesses, George Brownell, Patrick Johnson, Allaine Jarrett. proved, July 17, 1722. [NOTE.--The dwelling house of Richard Willett is now No. 77 Pearl street and No. 44 Stone street. This lot was given to Richard Willett and his first wife Mary by his father-in-law, Thomas Willett, of Flushing, November 1, 1701.--W. S. P.]

---children of Richard Willett & Mary Washburne:

• **Thomas Willett**, d. May 1650; m. about 1670, **Dinah Townsend**, dau. of Richard Townsend & Deliverance Coles

• **Hope Willetts**, b. Sep 1652 Hempstead, NY; d. before 10 March 1702-03; m. about 1676-77, **Mary/Mercy Langdon**, dau. of Thomas Langdon. Following Hope Willetts' death, the entire family moved to NJ, perhaps to Burlington Co.

• **John Willett**, b. July 1655

• **Richard Willetts**, b. Dec 1660; d. 14th 3rd mo. 1703 in 42nd yr; m. (1) 25th of 1st mo 1686-87 Flushing, L.I.,

**Abigail Bowne**, dau. of John Bowne & Hannah Feeke; m. (2) 15th 3rd mo. 1690 Huntington, L.I., **Abigail Powell**, dau. of Thomas Powell,

• **Mary Willett**, b. April 1663; m. 7 1st mo, 1686-87, **John Fry**

---Sources:

[1] Wardwell, Arthur S., "The Willets Family of Hempstead and Jericho, Long Island" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 80, No. 2, April 1949, p. 112; 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, pp. 253 (will of Richard Willett); *Ibid.*, p. 80 (ad.min., estate of William Darvall)

**Willits, Richard**

Richard Willets  
son of Richard Willetts &  
Mary Washburne  
b. Dec 1660  
bp.  
d. 14th 4rd mo. 1703 in 42nd yr

m. 25 Jan (or March) 1686  
Flushing Monthly Meeting  
(Quaker Record) (date given  
was "First month") (he of  
Jericoo, L.I., husbandman)

m. 15 March (or May) 1690  
Flushing Monthly Meeting  
(Quaker Record) (he of  
Jericho, L.I., husbandman)

**Abigail Bowne**

dau. of John Bowne (of Flushing) &  
Hannah Feeke  
b. about 1662  
bp.

d. 16th 4th mo 1688

**Abigail Powell** (Abigal)  
dau. of Thomas Powell &

b.  
d. 2nd day 9th mo. 1757

---children of Richard Willets & (1) Abigail Bowne:

• **Hannah Willets**, b. 24th day 11th mo. 1687-88; d. 1727; m. 1710, **Job Carr**

---children of Richard Willets & (2) Abigail Powell:

• **Abigail Willets**, b. 28th day 12th mo 1690-91; d. 1777; m. 1715, **John Willis**

• **Mary Willets**, b. 16th day 1st mo. 1692-93; d. 25 Feb 1749-50; m. (1) 1710, **Henry Scudder**; m. (2) 1717, **Thomas Williams**

• **Martha Willets**, b. 24th day 11th mo 1694-95; d. 1743; m. 22nd 8th mo 1715, **Obadiah Valentine**

• **Jacob Willets**, b. 6th day 4th mo 1697

• **Phebe Willets**, b. 14th 2nd mo 1699; d. 7th day 9th mo 1782; m. (1) 1731, **Adam Mott**; m. (2) **Tristram Dodge**

• **Elizabeth Willets**, b. 27th day 4th mo 1701; d. 25th day 2nd mo 1722 unmarried

---Sources:

[1] Wardwell, Arthur S., "The Willets Family of Hempstead and Jericho, Long Island" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 80, No. 2, April 1949, p. 112, 114; New York #2, 1740s-1880s Marriage Index online at <genealogy.com>

**Willetts, Richard**

Richard Willetts  
son of Thomas Willetts &  
Dinah Townsend  
b.  
d. 4,13, 1753

m. (1) 16th day 7mo 1706

m. (2) 1st day 7mo 1740

**Deborah Underhill**

(widow of Capt. **Robert Cole**)  
dau. of John Underhill & Mary Prior  
b. 2 mo, 11, 1682 Matinecock, L.I.  
d.

**Margaret Hallock**  
(widow of **John Powell**)  
dau. of John Hallock &  
Abigail Swezey

---children of Richard Willetts & (1) Deborah Underhill:

• **Sarah Willetts**, b. 20 June 1707; d. before 13 April 1753; m. 1730, **William Kirby**

• **Thomas Willetts**, b. 25 Jan 1709/10; d. 4 April 1750; supposedly unmarried.

• **Richard Willetts**, b. 11 April 1712; d. after 1750; m. 26 April 1738, **Hannah Strong**, dau. of Selah Strong & Hannah Woodhull.

• **Jacob Willetts**, b. 1716; d. 2 Dec 1716

• **Daniel Willetts** (twin), b. 14 Oct 1718; d. 6th day 2mo 1753; m. (1) 3rd day 2 mo., 1743, **Phebe Carpenter**; m. (2) 1745/6, **Amy Powell**

• **Jacob Willetts** (twin), b. 14th day 8mo 1718; d. after 1750

• **Deborah Willetts**, b. 24th day 8mo 1720; d. 29 March 1814 ae 93.5.7; m. 29 May 1738, **David Willetts**

• **Phebe Willetts**, b. 12 Dec 1722

• **Jane Willetts**, b. 1724; d. poss 1776.

---Sources:

[1] Wardwell, Arthur S., "The Willets Family of Hempstead and Jericho, Long Island" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 80, No. 2, April 1949, p. 115; Frost, Josephine S. *Underhill Genealogy*, Vol. 2, 1932, p. 83-84

**Willetts, Richard**

Richard Willetts  
son of

m.

**Abigail** (Powell?)

dau. of (poss) Thomas Powell &  
d. before 20 Oct 1757

In her will, she wrote: ...I, Abigail Willets, of Hempstead, in Queens County, being this 12 day of 6th month, 1757, "very ancient in years, and in a very weak condition of body, and being willing to settle my outward affairs." I leave to my 3 daughters, Abigail Willis, Martha Valentine, and Phebe Dodge, all my wearing apparel. To my daughter, Abigail Willis, three silver spoons, and the same to my daughter, Martha Valentine. I leave to my 3 grand children, Elizabeth Hewlet, Phebe Doty, and Ann Williams, each 1 silver spoon. To my grand daughter Elizabeth, wife of John Willis, of Oyster Bay, 1 silver spoon. To my 2 grand sons, Adam and Stephen Mott, each a silver spoon. I leave to my grand son, Richard Willetts, of Jericho, my coach and my great table now in his possession at Jericho. I leave to my grand daughter Mary, wife of David Seaman, my Great iron pot, and my spit and hand irons. I leave to my 4 grand daughters, Elizabeth, wife of Jonathan Seaman, Elizabeth, wife of John Willis, Esther, wife of Samuel Way, Jr., and Ann Williams, daughter of Thomas Williams, each a silver tea

spoon. I leave to the children of my eldest daughter, Mary Williams, so much of my estate as will be equal to 1/4 of my clothes, and a silver porringer. To my daughter, Abigail Willis, a silver porringer, and the same to my daughter, Martha Valentine. I also leave to my grand children, Elizabeth Willis, Adam Mott, and Stephen Mott, each a silver porringer. "I leave to my daughter, Martha Valentine, my Bible and pye pan." My silver tankard and money and the rest of my movables to my daughter, Mary Williams, and to the children of my daughter, Mary Williams, and to my grand children, Elizabeth Willis, Adam Mott, and Stephen Mott. I make my 2 sons in law, Obadiah Valentine and John Willis, executors.

Witnesses, Nathaniel Seaman, Jr., Richard Townsend, Richard Townsend, Jr. Proved, October 20, 1757.

---children of Richard Willets & Abigail

- **Mary Willets, m. -?- Williams**
- **Abigail Willets, m. John Willis**
- **Martha Willets, m. Obadiah Valentine**
- **Phebe Willets, m. (1) Adam Mott; m. (2) Tristram Dodge**

---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. V, 1754-1760, p. 195 (will of Abigail Willets)

### Willetts, Richard

Richard Willetts m. -?-  
d. before 19 Aug 1785 d.

In his will, he wrote: ...I, Richard Willetts, of Musquito Cove, Queens County, N. Y., make my will. I leave to my youngest daughter, Hannah, such articles of furniture as she shall fix on not exceeding value of £100. My real and personal estate to be sold and proceeds divided after my debts are paid among my four children, Isaac, Anne Underhill, wife of Samuel, Deborah Underhill, wife of Andrew and Hannah Willetts, deducting £853 from the share of Isaac, £862 from the share of Anne, £1100 from the share of Deborah, these sums having been advanced to them, and the money so saved by the several reductions to be divided between my said four children. Executors, friends, Thomas Pearsall, of Bethphage, James Parsons, of New York, and son-in-law, Andrew Underhill. Dated December 31, 1782. Witnesses, Thomas Underhill (of N. Y. City, silversmith at proof), Henry Mitchell, John Murray, Jr. Proved, August 19, 1785.

---children of Richard Willetts &

- **Isaac Willetts**
- **Anne Willetts, m. Samuel Underhill**
- **Deborah Willetts, m. Andrew Underhill**
- **Hannah Willetts**

---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. 189 (will of Richard Willetts)

### Willet, Samuel

Samuel Willett

Samuel Willett was Sheriff of Queens Co., NY in 1720.

---Sources: Hillman, E. Haviland, "Ancestry of Colonel Marinus Willett" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, April 1916, p. 119

### Willet, Thomas

Thomas Willet m. (1) 6 July 1636  
son of Thomas Willett\* & Colony of New Plymouth  
Aels/Alice -?-  
b. about 1607-11 (1610 Leiden) Norwich, England  
bp. 29 Aug 1605 Harley, Hertfordshire  
d. 4 Aug 1674 in 64th yr Swansea  
buried Riverside, RI

m. (2) 19 Sep 1671

**Mary Browne**  
dau. of John Browne &  
Dorothy  
b. about 1604  
bp.  
d. 8 Jan 1669 Plymouth Colony  
buried Riverside, RI  
**Joanna Boyse**  
(widow of Rev. **Peter Prudden**)

Capt. Thomas Willett, New England merchant and first Mayor of New York City in 1665; b. abt 1607-11 in Norwich, Eng., m. in New England in 1636, moved in and out of New Amsterdam and NYC, d. in 1674 in New England.

Thomas Willets left Leiden/Leyden, Holland in March 1629 on the *Mayflower* !!. His parents remained in Leiden, as did his sisters--Sara Willet, who m. (1) Willem Minther and (2) Rogier Sijmons in 1618; Hester Willet, who m. \_\_\_\_ Wood; and Rebecca Willet, who m.(1) \_\_\_\_ Jacobs, (2) Daniel Fairfield. An article from the Leiden Pilgrim Documents Center of the Municipal Archives, written by B. N. Leverland and J. D. Bangs, titled "The Pilgrims in Leiden, 1609-1620." details the reasons the English Puritans fled to Holland in 1607-08, and tells the story of their harrowing and narrow escapes. William Bradford, John Robinson and William Brewster emerged as the eventual leaders in this group.

Willet, born into this group in Leiden, was one of the late Pilgrim emigrants from Holland to the New World, and he, Isaac Robinson (son of John) and Richard Masterson went over between 1630 and 1632, leaving the rest of their families behind to assimilate into Dutch society.

Thomas Willet became the assistant governor of Nieuw Amsterdam under Pieter Stuyvesant, then the first English mayor of New York City in 1664.

Joanna Boyse m. (3) Rev. **John Bishop**.

---children of Thomas Willett & (1) Mary Browne: (13 children, all b. Plymouth Colony)

- **Mary Willett**, b. 10 Nov 1637 Plymouth Colony



A deed dated 8 Jan 1703/4 made by Coll. Thomas Willett and Helena his wife, of Flatbush, to our children, the issue of both, namely William Willett, Thomas Willett, Elbert Willett, Charles Willett, Cornelius Willett, Abraham Willett, John Willett, Sarah Willett alias DeKey, Helena Willett and Elizabeth Willett. Conveys land in Flatlands "bequeathed to us by the last will and testament of our father Elbert Stoothoff, deceased." Witnesses: Samuel Haight and James Clements. (Recorded Liber 3 of Kings County Conveyances, p. 21)

In his will, he wrote: I, Thomas Willett, of Flushing in Queens County, gentleman. I leave to my eldest son, William Willett, of Westchester, besides what I have already given him by deed, one of my slaves, and my seal ring, and my riding horse, and saddle and furniture, and my sword and pistols. I leave to my second son, Thomas Willett, of Flushing, all those lands in Flushing which I have given him by deed; Also a certain lot of land situate near the Fresh Meadows, and adjoining to Jeremiah Gonong, and containing 5 acres, Being the same land which was laid out to me with some other land, which was at the same time laid out to Captain Thomas Hicks, deceased; Also a piece of boggy meadow lying on the north-east side of a creek, near the house where my son now lives. I leave to my son Abraham, all those lands in Flushing and elsewhere which I have formerly given to him by deed; Also a certain 10-acre lot of land situate in Flushing, on the south side of the Hills, near the Great Plain; Also a patentee right of land which belongs to the place where he now lives. I leave to my son John, all those lands which I have given to him by deed. I leave to my three sons Thomas, Abraham, and John, my certain Swamp in Flushing called Doughty's Swamp; and all of my lands and salt meadows on Newtons Neck, which remains yet undivided. And it is my will that in the division, my son John shall have for his share, two 50-acre lots, known by the numbers 59 and 60, if his share shall come to so many acres. And I also give to my said three sons my two patent rights of meadow at Fresh meadow, in Flushing, called Double Patent Rights, one of which formerly belonged to my father, John Bridges, and the other to one Thomas Sauls; Also my meadow ground lying at Gravesend in Kings County; and all my other lands and rights. I also leave to each of my sons a negro slave. I leave to my youngest daughter, Mary Willett, £12, besides a sum which I have secured to her, and as much of my movable estate as will purchase for her household stuff to the value of what my daughter Elizabeth Stevenson has already had. I leave the rest of my movables to my three daughters, Sarah De Key, Elizabeth Stevenson, and Mary. And I make my four sons executors. Dated at Flushing August 19, 1722. Witnesses, Isaac Hicks, Richard Power, S. Clowes. Proved, October 11, 1722.

---children of Thomas Willett & (1) Helena/Heiltje Elbertse Stoothoff:

- **William Willett** (Major), b. about 1668; m. (1) **Ana -?-**, dau. of (poss) Robert Field & Susanna -?-; m. (2) 12 Dec 1722 Grace Ch, Jamaica, NY, **Mary Bloodgood**, widow of Flushing. He settled in Westchester Co., NY.
- **Sarah Willett**, b. about 1670; m. (NY license 19 May 1694) **Jacobus De Key**
- **Thomas Willett** (Capt.; Col.), b. about 1672; d. 30 Nov 1724 ae 52; m. (1) (License 24 Aug 1695), **Sarah Hunchman**; (2) 20 July 1723 Grace Ch, Jamaica, NY, **Keziah Thorne**. Keziah Thorne m. (2) 25 Jan 1727 Grace Ch, Jamaica, NY, James Hinchman.
- **Mary Willett**, b. about 1674; d. before Nov 1701; m. (License 22 Dec 1697) **Richard Willett** of NYC. He is said to have been no relation, and to have come from St. Kitts. He m. (2) (NY License 30 March 1703), **Frances Darvall**.
- **Elbert Willett**, b. about 1676; d. 1706; m. 13 May 1701 NYC Ref Ch, **Johanna Van Varick** (Annatje), dau. of Rev. Rudolphus Van Varick & Margaret Visboom.
- **Charles Willett**, b. prob. about 1678
- **Helena Willett**, b. 22 Dec 1680; bp. 27 March 1681 Flatbush Ref Ch; d. 1 May 1715; m. 1 May 1713 Flushing, NY, **William Hartshorn**, widower of NJ
- **Cornelius Willett**, b. about 1683; d. by 1722 without issue. He was Sheriff of Queens Co, in 1708-09, and its Treasurer in 1714, replaced in 1723.
- **Abraham Willett**, b. about 1685; d. 1756-57; m. 1 May 1713 Flushing, NY **Susanna Stephenson** of Flushing. He became a Quaker.
- **John Willett**, b. about 1690; d. 11 April 1774; m.... 14th day 7th mo. (Sep) 1714 Flushing, NY, **Mary Rodman**, dau. of John Rodman
- **Elizabeth Willett**, b. about 1692; m. 24 May 1711, **Daniel Stevenson** of Newtown. He was b. about 1692; d. 1754 Flushing, NY.

---children of Thomas Willett & (2) Charity Stephenson:

- **Mary Willett**, b. about 1705; d. 21 May 1751 ae 46; buried Newport, RI; m. 16th day 3rd mo. 1723, **Samuel Rodman**.

---Sources:

- [1] *The Sweet and Alien Land: The Story of Dutch New York* by Henri and Barbara Van Der Zee [New York: The Viking Press, 1978, pages 418-453;  
 [2] Hillman, E. Haviland, "Ancestry of Colonel Marinus Willett" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, April 1916 (Vol. 47, No. 2), p. 120;  
 [3] Bailey, Rosalie Fellows, "The Willett Family of Flushing, Long Island" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 80, No. 2, April 1040, p. 83;  
 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, pp. 256-258 (will of Thomas Willett); Information online Dutch-Colonies List, Sep 1999 from Howard Swain <hswain@popd.ix.netcom.com> citing George E. McCracken, F.A.S.G., "The Fields of Flushing, Long Island," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, vol 113 (July 1959), pp 197-216 and (Oct 1959) pp 267-289; ---Sources: Bailey, Rosalie Fellows, "The Willett Family of Flushing, Long Island" in 4 installments in vol LXXX (Jan 1949); Hillman, E. Haviland, "Willett-DeWitt-Willett--Corrections" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Oct 1915, p. 415; McQueen, David, "Kings County, N.Y. Wills" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, July 1916, p. 232

### Willett, Thomas

Thomas Willett m.  
 son of Richard Willet &  
 Mary Washburne  
 b. May 1650  
 d. 15 4th mo 1714 in 65th yr., Secatague, L.I.

His children were probably b. at Jericho, NY. His name also appears on town records of Oyster Bay. He moved to Secatague (later Islip), L.I.

---children of Thomas Willett & Dinah Townsend:

### Dinah Townsend

dau. of Richard Townsend &  
 Deliverance Coles  
 b.  
 d. 18th 10th mo 1732 ae 81

- **Mary Willetts**, b. about 1671; d. after 1731; m. 6th day 9th mo. 1691, **Thomas Powell**
- **Elizabeth Willett**, b. about 1673; d. 5th mo 1713; m. 1695, **John Underhill**
- **Hannah Willett**, b. about 1676; d. 1st mo. 1753; m. 28th day 12th mo 1699-1700, **Samuel Underhill**
- **Richard Willetts**, b. about 1680; m. **Sarah Hallock**, dau. of John Hallock & Abigail Swezey/Swazey
- **Thomas Willetts**, b. about 1683; m. (1) 24 Oct 1706 Flushing Monthly Meeting (Quaker Record), **Catherine Hallock**, dau. of John Hallock & Abigail Swazey/Swezey; m. (2) about 1719-20, **Rachel Powell**, dau. of Thomas Powell & Elizabeth Phillips. He moved in 1737 to PA.
- **Amos Willetts**, b. about 1685; m. (1) 1713, **Mary Hallock**, dau. of John Hallock & Abigail Swazey/Swezey; m. (2) about 1719, **Rebecca Whitson**, dau of Thomas Whitson & Martha Jones. He was a farmer & blacksmith in Syosset, L.I.
- **Isaac Willetts**, b. about 1688; d. 28th 6mo 1736 Islip, NY; m. 1716, **Clement/Clemence Hallock**, dau. of John Hallock & Abigail Swazey/Swezey
- **Dinah Willetts**, b. about 1690

---Sources:

[1] Wardwell, Arthur S., "The Willetts Family of Hempstead and Jericho, Long Island" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 80, No. 2, April 1949, p. 113;

**Willetts, Thomas** (Thomas Willett Sr.)

Thomas Willett  
son of Thomas Willett &  
Hilletje Stoothoff  
d. before 9 Dec 1724

m. (1)  
  
(NY license 24 Aug 1695)

**Sarah Hinchman**  
dau. of John Hinchman &  
Sarah -?-  
d.

m. (2) 20 July 1723  
by Rev. Poyer (both of  
Flushing) Grace Ch,  
Jamaica, NY

**Keziah Thorne**  
dau. of

At the time of the (1) marriage license he was of Queens Co., NY; she was of Flushing.

In his will, he wrote: I, Thomas Willett, of Queens County, "being indifferent in body, and calling to mind the shortness of this life, and the disturbances and distractions which may happen in my family not leaving a will behind me." I direct that my son, John Willett, shall sell all my outports or skirts of land and meadows near the South Hills, and where Jeremiah Genong lately lived, and all those at Gravesend, and all my interest of lands at the Fifth kills, and the money is to be applied to payment of debts. And the money due to me from Jacob Thomas, John Rider, and Samuel Thomas, is to be used for the same purpose. I leave to my wife Keziah the use of my new house, and 1/2 of the cellar and gardens, barn and mill house, and 1/3 of the fruit in the orchard, and the use of 1/3 of my lands so long as she remains my widow, Also a negro woman, and a bay mare, and a saddle and bridle, and one of the best beds, and the use of £100 till my daughter Keziah "is of age or married or dyes." I leave to my daughter, Elizabeth Willett, one negro boy, bed clothes for the beds, a grey horse, saddle, and bridle, the clock that was her mother's, and the yarn in the house to be woven up to make her beds, and 30. And she is to be maintained till of age or married, she choosing one of her sisters to live with. I leave the rest of my movable estate to my wife Keziah, and my daughters, Sarah Laurence, Helena Whitehead, Elizabeth Willett, and Keziah Willett. I leave to my son, John Willett, besides what I have already given to him, so much land and meadows as will make with what he already has, one third of my lands, with my wife and my son Thomas. I leave to my son Thomas the old part of my dwelling house, with 1/2 of the cellar and buildings, and after my wife's decease, all of the house and buildings. All the rest of my lands to go to my sons John and Thomas. My trusty and well-beloved friends, Richard Betts, Esq., John Talman, Esq., and Robert Mitchell, Gent., are to divide the lands. My daughter Keziah is to have as much in money and goods as to make her equal with my daughter Elizabeth. My son John is to have "the money due from Joseph Foord, to pay for shingles." "And the money due to me from the county is to be used for funeral and debts." The bond of William Laurence is to be added to my movable estate. I appoint my wife, Keziah, my sons John and Thomas, and Richard Beth, executors. Dated November 30, 1724. Witnesses, John Rodman, Jr., Peter Huff, Daniel Stevenson, John Haight, Richard Gower. Proved, December 9, 1724.

Keziah Thorne m. (2) 25 Jan 1727 Grace Ch, Jamaica, NY, **James Hinchman**.

---children of Thomas Willetts & (1) Sarah Hinchman:

- **John Willett**
- **Thomas Willett**, d. before 21 Dec 1781; m. **Sarah -?-**
- **Sarah Willett**, m. -?- **Lawrence**
- **Helena Willett**, m. -?- **Whitehead**
- **Elizabeth Willett**

---children of Thomas Willett & (2) Keziah Thorne

- **Keziah Willett**

---Sources:

[3] Bailey, Rosalie Fellows, "The Willett Family of Flushing, Long Island" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 80, No. 2, April 1940, p. 90; 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, pp. 307-308 (will of Thomas Willett); 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. 256 (marriage license); New York #2, 1740s-1880s Marriage Index online at <genealogy.com>

**Willetts, Thomas**

Thomas Willett  
son of Thomas Willett &  
(1) Sarah Hinchman  
b.

m. 31 Dec 1715  
by Rev. Poyer at Jamaica  
(both of Flushing) Grace  
Ch, Jamaica, NY

**Sarah Talman**  
dau. of  
b.

---children of Thomas Willett & Sarah Talman:

- **Mary Willett**, m. **Thomas Lawrence**
- **Charles Willett**, d. before 5 Oct 1780; m. **Helena** -?-
- (poss) **James Willett**, d. before 13 Aug 1765, on which date administration on his estate (he called late of Queens Co., yeoman) was granted to his brother Charles Willet of Flushing, yeoman.

---Sources:

[3] Bailey, Rosalie Fellows, "The Willett Family of Flushing, Long Island" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 80, No. 2, April 1040, p. 91; New York #2, 1740s-1880s Marriage Index online at <genealogy.com>

**Willett, Thomas**

Thomas Willett

m.

**Sarah**

In his will, he wrote: ...I, Thomas Willett, of Flushing, in Queens County, Gent., "being in a very weak and sickly condition." All debts (if any I owe) to be paid. I leave to my well-beloved wife Sarah the whole use of the east part of my dwelling house where I now live, "except the milk room," both above stairs and below, with a free passage upstairs and down. Also 1/2 my garden, and as much fruit out of my orchard as she shall have occasion for, And 10 bushels of winter apples, 2 cows, and pasture for the same, with salt and fresh hay. "All this while she continues my widow, and no longer, but debaring her of all liberty of renting out any of said privileges without the consent of my son Charles." I also leave her my best bed, and a negro woman, "Hagor," and her child, and £300. I leave to my only daughter, Mary, wife of Thomas Lawrence, of Flushing, my two next best beds and furniture, 10 pairs of sheets and other linnen, 1 dozen leather chairs, "and a new Looking Glass, which has never yet been hung up." And brass-headed hand irons, tongs, and shovel, "which I lately bought on purpose for her," and 6 cows, 2 horses, and one of my riding chairs, and 2 negro women, and child, and £1,500. I leave to my granddaughter, Sarah Willett Lawrence, a negro girl and £300. To my granddaughter, Betsy Willett Lawrence, a negro girl and £300. To my grandson, James Willett Lawrence, a negro boy and £500. All three to be paid out of my ready money and bonds due me. My executors are to put at interest the legacies to my grandchildren till they are of age. All the rest of my household goods (except my Clock) I leave to my wife and daughter. "I leave to my wife fire wood for one fire." I leave to my son, Charles Willett, all my lands, meadows, and tenements in Flushing or elsewhere, except a right in the Upper Fresh meadows lying south of the Beaver Dam, so called, in Flushing, I leave to my son-in-law, Thomas Lawrence, all the said right of Fresh meadows. All the rest of my personal property, including my Clock and 4 negro men, I leave to my son Charles, and I make him and my son-in-law, Thomas Lawrence, executors. Dated November 30, 1761. Witnesses, John Willett, John Willett, Jr., Benjamin Hinchman. Codicil, December 1, 1761. "For fear of misconstruction and to prevent Disputes," I leave to my wife and daughter all my silver plate. Witnesses, Susanah Willett, John Willett, John Willett, Jr. Proved, December 21, 1761.

---children of Thomas Willett &

- **Charles Willett**
- **Mary Willett**, m. **Thomas Lawrence**

---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 VI, 1760-1766, p. 127 (will of Thomas Willett)

**Willett, Thomas**

Thomas Willett

m.

**Elizabeth Lawrence**

b.

b.

d. before 16 June 1768

(NY License 15 Oct 1737)

d.

---Sources:

[1] Bailey, Rosalie Fellows, "The Willett Family of Flushing, Long Island" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 80, No. 2, April 1040, p. 95;

**Willets, Thomas**

Thomas Willets

m.

**Leah**

---children of Thomas Willets & Leah

- **Rachel Willets**, m. 11 Dec 1794 Flushing Monthly Meeting (Quaker Record), **Edmund Pearsall**, son of Thomas Pearsall & Ann

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

**Willet, William** (Col.)

William Willet

m. (1)

**Anna** (poss Field\*)

son of (Col.) Thomas Willet &

dau. of (poss) Robert Field &

(1) Helena Stoothoff

Susanna

b. about 1668

b.

d. before 4 May 1733

d.

m. 12 Dec 1722

**Mary Bloodgood**

Grace Ch, Jamaica, NY

(widow of -?-)

He had settled in Westchester by 1696. The Town of Westchester's 1698 census named his wife Ana and 4 children.

In his will, he wrote: April 20, 1733. I, William Willett, of the Borrough Town of Westchester, being very sick. I leave all my houses and lands and meadows on Long Island to my sons, William, Thomas, and Cornelius. I leave to my sons, Thomas and Cornelius, all my lands and meadows in Westchester. I leave to my son William my riding horse, bridle and saddle. To my son Thomas, a negro man "Tony," and my roan horse. To my son Cornelius my negro man "Cesar." To my wife Mary, two negro women and a negro girl. To my daughter, Anna Jones, my silver Tankard. To my daughter, Mary Rodman, 6

silver spoons, and as much money as is equal to the value of my silver Tankard, at 8 shillings an ounce. I leave to my friend, William Forster, "to wear in memory of me, my black cloth coat, vest and breeches, black stockings and Hat band, which I bought for mourning for my son Gilbert." My son Isaac is to pay to my sons, Thomas and Cornelius, £5, and my watch and chain. I leave to my sons, Thomas and Cornelius, all cattle, horses, and farming tools, "and the wheat in chamber, and corn in crib," except what the family need. I leave the rest of my personal estate to my daughters, Mary Rodman and Anna Jones. I appoint my sons Thomas and Cornelius, and William Forster, executors. Witnesses, Thomas Standard, James Stevenson, Nathaniel Underhill. Proved, May 4, 1733.

---children of William Willett

- **William Willett**
- **Thomas Willett**
- **Cornelius Willett**
- **Gilbert Willett**, d. before 28 March 1731/2 (dec'd in father's will)
- **Isaac Willett**
- **Anna Willett**, m. **-?- Jones**
- **Mary Willett**, m. **-?- Rodman**

\* Anna Field, dau. of Robert Field & Susanna -?-, is said to have m. Thomas Stevenson.

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**Willett, William** (Col.)

William Willett  
son of

m. (1)

**Margaret Floyd**

(widow of Rev. **John Thomas**)  
dau. of Col. Richard Floyd &  
**Alice Colden**  
dau. of Cadwallader Colden &  
Alice Christy  
b. 27 Sep 1725 NY

m. (2)

---children of William Willett & (1)

- **William Willett**, d. before 30 Dec 1765. In his will, he wrote: ...November 28, 1755. I, William Willit, Jr., of Rye, in Westchester County, being sick. I direct all debts to be paid by my executors. I leave to my brother (-in-law), John Thomas, Esq., £25. To my sister Margaret, wife of David Jones, Esq., £25. To my sister Gloriana, wife of Edward Stevenson, Gent., £25. To my brother, Gilbert Colden Willitt, £25 when of age. I leave all the rest of my estate, lands and movables, in Rye and elsewhere to my honored father, William Willitt, of Rye, and I make him executor. Witnesses, Sarah Haviland, Samuel Haviland, John Carhart. Proved, December 30, 1765.

---children of William Willett & Alice Colden:

- **Margaret Willett**, m. **David Jones**
- **Gloriana Willett**, m. **Edward Stevenson**
- **Gilbert Colden Willett**, m. **Susan Murray**, dau. of Robert Murray of Murray Hill, NYC. He was Captain in DeLancey's Third Battalion of Loyalists, and Vestryman of St. Mark's Ch. in 1799.
- **Alice Willett**, m. **Henry Nicoll**, son of Benjamin Nicoll
- **Anne Willett**, m. **Thomas Colden**

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**Willett, William**

William Willett  
son of

m. 12 Dec 1722  
by Rev. Poyer  
(he of Westchester; she  
of Flushing; she widow)

**Mary Bloodgood**

(widow of **-?-**)

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