

-- WILLIS --

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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Willis, Abraham

Abraham Willis
son of John Willis &
Rachel Doremus
b. 7 Sep 1762
d. 3 Dec 1810 Paterson

m.

Catrina Post

dau. of (prob) Peter Adrian Post &
Grietje Westervelt
b.
d.

Abraham Willis was a well-educated man and was a civil engineer and surveyor. He was employed by the Society for Establishing Useful Manufactures (SUM) when Paterson was laid out in 1792, and continued in their service until his death. He lived in Paterson in a small house on the north side of Willis Street (which was named after him), next west of the Willis Street Baptist Church.

Abraham Willis wit. Bergen Co. Deed R:6, dated 1 April 1803 (recorded 12 Sep 1803) from Joseph Kough of Saddle River Twp. to Charles Debaun of Harington Twp., 45-1/2 acres more or less at Slotterdam.¹

On 20 May 1806 (recorded 21 May 1806, Bergen Co. W:403) Abraham Willis of the Town of Paterson in County of Essex and Caty, his wife, John Willis and Mary, his wife, Michael Moore and Elizabeth, his wife, John Storms and Mary, his wife, Cornelius Demarest and Sophia, his wife, all of the County of Bergen, Ryer Demarest and Rachel, his wife, and Peter Willis and Elizabeth, his wife, of the City of New York, conveyed to John Waggoner of the Township of Franklin, for \$2000, 80 acres more or less in the Township of Franklin, the property of the later John Willis, where John Waggoner now dwelleth; whereas John Willis late of the Township of Franklin (at the Ponds), deceased, was possessed of a certain farm by deed of conveyance from Abraham Van Houten and Sophia, his wife, Nelly Van Houten and Cornelius Van Houten on 15 July 1801; at SE side Crooked Pond at line of James A. Ackerman. Bounded SE by Benjamin Bartolf and Roeleff Van Houten; SW by

Patent line of Johnson and Willix tract; W and NW by said Benjamin Bartolf and Garret Van Blarcom; N by said pond and James A. Ackerman. Signed by Abraham Willis, Caty Willis, John Willis, Pegge Willis, Michael Moore, Elisabeth Moore (her mark), John Storms, Mary Storms (her mark), Cornelius Demarest, Sophia Demarest, Ryer Demarest, Rachel Demarest, Peter Willis, Elizabeth Willis. Witnessed by John Campbell, Wm. Stewart (his mark).¹

---children of Abraham Willis & Catrina Post:

- **Peter Willis**, b. 4 Sep 1788; bp. 25 Sep 1788 Acquackanonk Ref Ch (no wit). He enlisted in the War of 1812 and went with the army to Canada
- **Catrina Willis**, b. 17 Oct 1790; bp. 21 Nov 1790 Totowa Ref Ch (wit: De Vader en Moeder); m. 26 Dec 1807 Acquackanonk (by Rev. Schoonmaker), **John Inslee**
- **Maria Willis**, b. 17 May 1793; bp. 30 June 1793 Totowa Ref Ch (wit: De Vader en Moeder)
- **John Willis**
- **James Willis**, b. 7 Dec 1795; bp. 24 Jan 1796 Acquackanonk Ref Ch (no wit)
- **Abraham Willis**, b. 26 April 1798; bp. 27 May 1798 Totowa Ref Ch (wit: De Vader en Moder)
- **William Willis**, b. 26 Jan 1801; bp. 12 April 1801 Totowa Ref Ch (wit: De Vader en Moder)
- **Rachel Willis**, b. 30 June 1803; bp. 13 Aug 1803 Totowa Ref Ch (wit: De Vader en Moder)
- **Elisabeth Willis**, b. 12 Dec 1806; bp. 8 March 1807 Totowa Ref Ch (wit: De Vader en Moder); m. 16 Nov 1826

John Benjamin

---Sources:

[1] Bergen County, NJ Deeds, at Bergen Co., Division of Cultural & Historic Affairs, Hackensack, NJ, abstracted by Patricia A. Wardell; Nelson, William, *History of the Old Dutch Church at Totowa* [Paterson, NJ], 1892 including Baptisms 1756-1808; Eberhart, Edith Whitcraft, *The Doremus Family in America, 1687-1987*, 1990, p. 93; "Essex County Marriage Records" in *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*, Apr 1936, p. 36; Kelly, Arthur, *Vital Records of the Protestant Dutch Reformed Church at Acquackanonk, 1977* (reprinted 1992);

Willis, Abraham V. (Abraham V.H. Willis)

Abraham V. Willis

m. 9 Mar 1831
Wyckoff Ref Ch

Jane Ward
dau. of

---children of Abraham V. Willis & Jane Ward:

- **Maria Jane Willis**, b. about 1833; d. 8 Jan 1837, age 3.5.1; buried Ref Chyd, Wyckoff, Bergen Co., NJ.
- **Isaac Bogert Willis**, b. 23 Nov 1837; bp. [no date] Ramapo Ref Ch, Mahwah
- **Margaret Willis**, b. 31 July 1845; bp. 28 Sep 1845 Greenwich Ref Ch, NYC (as Margaret, dau. of Abm. V. H. Willis & Jane Ward)
- **Catharine Emma Willis**, b. 25 Jan 1848; bp. 7 April 1848 Greenwich Ref Ch, NYC (as Catharine Emma, dau. of Abm. V. H. Willis & Jane Ward)

---Sources: Westervelt, Frances A., *Bergen County New Jersey Marriage Records*, 1929, p. 106; Ackerman, Herbert S. and Arthur J. Goff, Records of the Wyckoff Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, including gravestone Inscriptions from the Chyd (Wyckoff, Bergen County, NJ) January 1945; Ackerman, Herbert S., and Arthur J. Goff, [Records of the] Ramapo Reformed Church; Ramapo Lutheran Church, 1944 (reprint 1997 Bergen Historic Books); Vosburgh, Royden Woodward, *Records of the Reformed Dutch Church at Greenwich in the City of New York*, Baptisms (online at New York Genealogical & Biographical Society e-Library)

Willis, Arthur

Arthur Willis
son of

m. 29 Aug 1701
(New York Surrogates
Office, Wills, Vol. 3)

Joana Carr
dau. of

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

Willis, Benjamin

Benjamin Willis

m.

Breghje Cole

---children of Benjamin Willis & Breghje Cole:

- **Nencie Willis**, b. 14 Feb 1787; bp. 4 March 1787 Clarkstown Ref Ch (no wit)
- Sources:* Cole, David, *History of Rockland County, New York*, 1884 (reprinted 1986), appendix includes early Baptisms of the Tappan Ref Ch, the Clarkstown Ref Ch, and the Tappan Irregular congregation

Willis, Charles

Charles Willis
son of

m. 30 May 1828
Stone House Plains Ref Ch

Sally Ann Kent
dau. of

---Sources: Stone House Plains Marriages, Stone House Plains Baptisms, Online at: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~mqueman/stone.html>

Willis, Cornelius Ackerman

Cornelius Ackerman Willis
son of William Willis &
Dorcas Ackerman

m.

Catherine L. Waldron
dau. of

b. 10 Jan 1844

bp. 8 Mar 1844 Second Ref Ch Paterson

b.
bp.

---children of Cornelius Ackerman Willis & Catherine L. Waldron:

- **William Willis**, b. 23 June 1867; bp. 13 Oct 1867 Second Ref Ch, Paterson, NJ

---Sources: Second Reformed Church at Paterson, NJ, Baptisms 1828-1882 online March 2001 at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~njpchsgc/chu/second_reformed_chu.htm>

Willis, David

David Willis
b. about 1809

m.

Mary

b. about 1810

David Willis, 41, forgerman, and Mary, 40, were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, living in West Milford Township, Passaic County, NJ. Listed living with them were: Jacob, 18, forgerman; Phebe, 17; Electa, 14; Harriet, 12; Hannah, 10; and William H., 6.

---children of David Willis & Mary

- **Jacob Willis**, b. about 1832
- **Phebe Willis**, b. about 1833
- **Electa Willis**, b. about 1836
- **Harriet Willis**, b. about 1838
- **Hannah Willis**, b. about 1840
- **William H. Willis**, b. about 1844

---Sources: 1850 Federal Census, New Jersey, Passaic County, West Milford Township, District No. 17 (taken August 1850 by Wm. W. Colfax), Dwelling 324, family 324

Willis, Edmund B.

Edmund B. Willis
b. 1831
d. 1915

m.

Mary E.

b. 1834
d. 1909

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

buried South Schraalenburgh Ref Chyd

---children of Edmund B. Willis & Mary E.

- (poss) **Charles W. Willis**, b. 1858; d. 1916; buried South Schraalenburgh Ref Chyd, Bergenfield, Bergen Co., NJ

---Sources: Ackerman, Herbert S., and Arthur J. Goff, Thirty Seven Cemeteries, 1946 (reprinted by Bergen Historic Books) (North Schraalenburgh Church Yard, Dumont, Bergen Co., NJ), p. 119

Willes, George (Welles; Wilks)

George Willes
son of

m.

Annetje Conselje

dau. of Jean le Conseille &
Phebe/Fytje Schuts

b. about 1689

b.

---children of George Willes & Annetje Conselje:

- **Elizabeth Willes**, bp. 6 July 1712 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Manfield Tucker, Catharina Hardenbroek, j.d.)

---Sources: Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City], 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III)

Willis, George (Jorge)

George Willis

m.

Hannah Vreeland

---children of George Willis & Hannah Vreeland:

- **Jane Willis**, b. 25 July 1809; bp. 15 Oct 1809 Stone House Plains Ref Ch

---Sources: Stone House Plains Ref Ch, Baptisms, Online at: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~mqueman/stone.html>

Willis, Henry

Henry Willis
b. 1628 England
d.

m.

Mary Peace (Pease)

b.
d. 17 of 11th mo 1713, age about 84 yrs

He came to Oyster Bay in 1675.

She was of Jericho at the time of her death.

---children of Henry Willis & Mary Peace/Pease:

- **William Willis**, b. 1663 England; d. May 1736 Westbury, L.I., NY; m. 1687 **Mary Titus**, dau. of Edmund Titus & Martha Washburne. She was b. 1665; d. 1747.
- **Henry Willis**, d. 10th mo. 1675
- **Rachel Willis**, d. 28 Aug 1739; m. 9 Aug 1695 Westbury, L.I., NY (Flushing Monthly Meeting Quaker Record), **Nathaniel Seaman**, son of John Seaman & (2) Martha Moore.
- (prob) **Sarah Willis**, m. 9 Aug 1695 Flushing Monthly Meeting (Quaker Record), **John Titus**, son of Edmund Titus & Martha Washburne (all of Westbury, Hempstead, NY)

---Sources: Underhill, Abraham S., "Records of the Society of Friends of the City of New York and Vicinity -- Deaths" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Jan 1876, p. 39, 42; Seaman, Mary Thomas, The Seaman Family in America. 1928, p. 42; Jones, John H. The Jones Family of Long Island. New York: Tobias A. Wright, 1907, p. 293

Willis, Henry

Henry Willis

m.

Mary

They were of Westbury, NY in Aug 1695.

---children of Henry Willis & Mary

- **Ester Willis**, m. 9 Aug 1695 Flushing Monthly Meeting (Quaker Record), **William Albardson** (Albertson), son of William of Newtown, Gloucester Co. [NJ]

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

Willis, Henry

Henry Willis

m.

Phebe

d. before 27 Dec 1744

d.

In his will dated 9 [October? "10th month"] 1744, probated 27 Dec 1744, Henry Willis of Hempstead in Queens County [NY], mentioned wife Phebe; dau. Phebe; son Silas; 5 children of dau. Mary, deceased, who was wife of Richard Post. Named son Silas and brother John Willis, both of Hempstead, and brother Samuel Willis of Oyster Bay, executors. Wit: William Willis, Thomas Pearsall, Daniel Thurston, Nathaniel Seaman.¹

---children of Henry Willis & Phebe

- **Silas Willis**

- **Phebe Willis**

- **Mary Willis**, d. before Oct 1744; m. **Richard Post**. They had five children.

---Sources:

[1] Pelletreau, William S., *Abstracts of Wills on File in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York*, pub. as Collections of the New York Historical Society (Vol. IV, 1744-1753, pub. 1895), p. 26;

Willis, Isaac

Isaac Willis

m.

Sarah Search

son of Jacob Willis &

dau. of

Phebe Elizabeth Hewlett

b. about 1815 Monmouth Co., NJ

b.

They were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, New Jersey, Sussex Co., Sparta Township, p. 42m enumerated 23 Oct 1850, Dwelling 297, Family 393 (all b. NJ) -- Isaac Willis [looks like Wittis], 35, Laborer; Sarah [Willis], 29; Mary [Willis], 9; Elias [Willis], 8; Arminda [Willis], 6; Phebe [Willis], 4; William [Willis], 2/12

---children of Isaac Willis & Sarah Search:

- **Mary Willis**, b. about 1841 NJ

- **Elias Willis**, b. about 1842 NJ

- **Arminda Willis**, b. about 1844 NJ

- **Phebe Willis**, b. 2 Feb 1848 NJ; m. 22 May 1867 **Albert K. Lozier**, son of David Lozier & Ann Kithcart, b. 18 Dec 1845.

- **William Willis**, b. about 1850 NJ

---Sources: Family Tree posted online at Ancestry.com

Willis, Jacob

Jacob Willis

d. before 20 Feb 1751

In his will, he wrote: ...I, Jacob Willis, of Westbury, in the town of Hempstead, being this 1st of February, 1748, in my perfect health. I leave to my brother, William Willis, 10 shillings. To Mary, the eldest daughter of my brother, Samuel Willis, 20 shillings. To John, son of Samuel Willis, 20 shillings. My executors are to sell all my estate. I leave all the rest of my estate to Richard, William, and John, sons of my brother, John Willis, and to Jacob, Samuel, Mordecai and Silas, the sons of my brother, William Willis. But Samuel Willis is to have £12 less than the rest, in stead of which I leave him all my wearing apparel. I leave to my kinsman, Benjamin Seaman, my cane. I make my trusty friend and kinsman, Jacob Titus, of Wheatly, in Oyster Bay, and my trusty friend, Zebulon Seaman, of Jericho in Oyster Bay, and my trusty friend and kinsman, Benjamin Seaman, executors, and they are to sell my farm. Witnesses, Mary Titus, Stephen Titus, William Titus. Proved, February 20, 1751, by affirmation of William and Stephen Titus, known Quakers.

---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 IV 1744-1753, p. 324 (will of Jacob Willis)

Willis, Jacob

Jacob Willis

m.

Phebe Elizabeth Hewlett

son of William Willis &

dau. of

Pgebe Wilson

b. about 1770 NJ

b. 1776 Monmouth Co., NJ

d. 11 Dec 1841 Morris Co., NJ

d. about 1850 Monmouth Co., NJ

The descendents of Jacob and Phebe were listed on a deed to property located in Jefferson Township, Morris County New Jersey. The property, a nine acre farm, was sold for one dollar to David Willis of West Milford, Passaic County New Jersey. David may also be a son of Jacob and Phebe. The deed was recorded on June 5, 1852. The County Clerk, James Van Orden, listed both the husband and wife (Grantors) and their residence. -- Township of Sparta, Sussex County, New Jersey: Peter Baty and Mary his wife; John Sheldon and Sally his wife and Nicholas Valentine and Nancy his wife. Township of Jefferson, Morris County New Jersey: Phebe Morgan (widow); Jacob Willis and Sally his wife; Isaac Willis and Sally his wife and Ira Little and Eliza his wife. Township of Hardiston, Sussex County New Jersey: Benjamin Willis and Nancy his wife. Township of Rockaway, Morris County New Jersey: Aaron Willis and Louisa his wife. County of Litchfield Connecti-

cut: Thomas Morgan and Johanna his wife.

---children of Jacob Willis & Phebe Elizabeth Hewlett:

- **Abigail Willis**
- **Hannah Willis**
- **Louis H. Willis**
- **Townsend Willis**
- **William H. Willis**
- **Mary Willis**, b. 1797; d. 1872
- **Benjamin Willis**, b. 1800; d. 1875, m. **Nancy -?-**
- **Sally Willis** (Sarah), b. 1802; d. 1883; m. **John Sheldon**
- **Johanna Willis**, b. 1803; d. 1872; m. **Thomas Morgan**
- **Phebe Willis**, b. 1806; d. 1882, m. **-?- Morgan**
- **Jacob Willis**, b. 1808; d. 1860; m. **Sally -?-**
- **Nancy Willis**, b. 1809; d. 1877; m. **Nicholas Valentine**
- **David Willis**, b. 1810
- **Nathaniel H. Willis**, b. 1811; d. 1831
- **Aaron Willis**, b. 1813; d. 1896; m. **Louisa -?-**
- **Isaac Willis**, b. 1815 Monmouth Co., NJ; m. **Sarah Search** (Sally)
- **Eliza Willis**, b. 1817; d. 1895; m. **Ira Little**

---Sources: Family Tree posted online at Ancestry.com

Willis, James

James Willis
son of

m. 18 Oct 1761
St. George Episcopal Ch,
Hempstead, NY (she of
Hempstead)

Mary Peters
dau. of

b.

b.

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

[Willis?] Willex, Johannis (Jan; Wilkese) (m. **Margreta Douw**) See: Wilx, Williks, Johannes

Willis, John

John Willis

He was in Gloucester Co., NJ by about 1688. On 1 June 1689 John Willis, along with several others, as adjacent inhabitants to the deficient bridge over the southern branch of Croppwell Creek, was ordered by the Gloucester Co., Court to "appear at the bridge on the 10th inst. to make it substantial."

In 1 mo. 1689/90 (March), John Wright was appointed Constable of Gloucester Co., NJ.

---children of John Willis &

- **Ann Willis**, m. before 12 April 1692, **-?- Penstone**

---Sources: Stewart, Frank H., *Gloucester County under the proprietors*, 1942 (online at Ancestry.com), p. 19, 22, 26

Willis, John

John Willis

son of William Willis &

Mary Titus

b. 15 Feb 1693

d. 9 May 1777

m. about 1713

Abigail Willets

dau. of Richard Willets &

(2) Abigail Powell

b.

d.

---children of John Willis & Abigail Willets:

- **John Willis**, b. 1726; d. 1813; m. **Margaret Cornell**, dau. of Caleb Cornell & Elizabeth Hayner.

---Sources: Jones, John H. *The Jones Family of Long Island*. New York: Tobias A. Wright, 1907, p. 293

Willis, Jan (Willts; Willes)

Jan Willis

son of

m. 23 Dec 1734
Acquackanok Ref Ch
(banns: 26 Oct 1734
Acquackanok Ref Ch)

Maria Van Giesen (Anna Maria)

dau. of Abraham Ryniers Van Giesen &
Fytje Andriessse

b.

b.

In the marriage record they were j.m. and j.d. both of Acquackanok.

---children of Jan Willis & Maria Van Giesen:

- (poss) **Fytje Willis**, m. 1754, **Isaac Bruyn**
- (poss) **Maria Willis**, m. before Aug 1760, **Jacobus/James Sigler**
- **Johannis Willes**, b. 23 Mar, bp. April 1741 Second River (Belleville) (wit: Johannis Van Giesen; Catrina Sanderse); m. 8 April 1762, **Rachel Doremus**, dau. of Cornelis Doremus & Elsje Egberts

---Sources: "Baptismal Register of Second River (Belleville) Dutch Reformed Church, 1727-1794" in *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*, Jan 1928, p. 128; Kelly, Arthur, *Vital Records of the Protestant Dutch Reformed Church at Acquackanok*, 1977 (reprinted 1992)

Willis, John

John Willis
son of John Willis &
Abigail Powell
b. 1726
d. 1813

m. 26 Aug 1749
St. George Episc. Ch,
Hempstead, NY (both
of Hempstead)

Margaret Cornell
dau. of Caleb Cornell &
Elizabeth Hayner
b.
d.

---children of John Willis & Margaret Cornell:

- **John Willis**, b. 3 Jan 1764; d. 26 March 1833; m. **Sarah Jones**, dau. of William Jones. She was b. 15 Feb 1758; d. 16 Sep 1841.

---Sources: Jones, John H. The Jones Family of Long Island. New York: Tobias A. Wright, 1907, p. 293; New York #2, 1740s-1880s Marriage Index online at <genealogy.com>

Willis, John (Capt.?)

John Willis
son of Jan Willis &
Maria Van Giesen
b. 23 Mar 1741

m. 8 Apr 1762

Rachel Doremus
dau. of Cornelis Doremus &
Elsje Egberts
b. 28 Feb 1745
bp.
d.

bp. Apr 1741 Second River Ref Ch (Belleville)

d. 1804 Crooked Pond, Franklin Twp., Bergen Co., NJ

Peter Tise, in his Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application File (NARA M804, Peter Tise, p. 11), it is recited that he "then Served two months as a Volunteer [ant?] of Capt. John Willis Company in the months of August, Sept & October in the year 1782 Stationed at Log Jaiole (Gaol/Jail?) [Oakland] -- their duty was guarding the Refugees and tory prisoners confined there...."

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---children of John Willis & Rachel Doremus:

- **Abraham Willes**, b. 7 Sep 1762; bp. 3 Oct 1762 Acquackanonk Ref Ch (wit: Isaac Bruyn, Fytje Willes); m. **Catrina Post**
- **Elizabeth Willis**, bp. 10 Feb 1765 Second River Ref Ch (wit: Peter & Rachel Doremus); m. **Michael Moore**
- **Maria Willis**, b. about 1772; m. **Johannes Storms**
- **John Willis**, b. 29 Dec 1774; m. (1) **Margaret Packer**; m. (2) **Dorcas Ackerman**
- (prob) **Sophia Willis**, m. **Cornelius Demarest**
- (prob) **Rachel Willis**, m. **Ryer Demarest**
- **Peter Willis**, m. **Elizabeth** -?-

---Sources:

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Willis, John

John Willis
son of John Willis &
Margaret Cornell
b. 3 Jan 1764
d. 26 March 1833

m.

Sarah Jones
dau. of William Jones &
b. 15 Feb 1758
d. 16 Sep 1841

---children of John Willis & Sarah Jones:

- **Phebe Willis**, b. 5 Nov 1792; d. 17 May 1863, unmarried
- **Margaret Willis**, b. 6 July 1794; d. 1858 m. **Thomas Townsend**
- **Samuel Jones Willis**, b. 20 Feb 1796; d. 20 April 1867; m. **Anna Maria/Mary Miller**, dau. of Nicholas Miller (of Denmark) & Sarah Clarke Terry
- **William Townsend Willis**, b. 1 May 1798; d. 28 Aug 1864 unmarried
- **John Willis**, b. 7 Oct 1800; m. **Phebe Cornell**

---Sources: Jones, John H. The Jones Family of Long Island. New York: Tobias A. Wright, 1907, p. 293

Willis, John

<p>John Willis son of (Capt.) John Willis & Rachel Doremus b. 29 Dec 1774 d. 29 July 1847, age 72.7.- buried Ref Chyd, Wyckoff, Bergen Co., NJ</p>	<p>m. (1)</p> <p>m. (2)</p>	<p>Margaret Packer dau. of b. 3 Nov 1781 d. 31 Mar 1815, age 33.4.28 buried Ref Chyd, Wyckoff, NJ Dorcas Ackerman b. about 1776 d. 19 March 1841, age 65.7.27 buried Ref Chyd, Wyckoff, NJ</p>
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John Willis was a farmer at Wyckoff, Bergen County, NJ.

On 8 May 1804 (recorded 12 May 1804, Bergen Co. S:157) Abraham J. Van Vorhase of the Township of Franklin, and his wife Nancy, conveyed to John Willis of same place, for \$1175, two parcels: (1) in Franklin Township at a place called Wicough beginning SE corner of land of Abraham Van Vorhase, formerly the property of William Van Vorhase, and (2) wood land in the same place, beginning line of Abraham Brower, in all 49 acres more or less, excepting 60/100 acre of last mentioned lot which was sold to Abraham Van Vorhase by said Abraham J. Van Vorhase. Signed Abraham J. Van Vorhase, Nancy Van Vorhase (her mark). No witnessed listed.¹

---children of John Willis & (1) Margaret Packer:

- **Rachel Willis**, b. 25 Nov 1801; d. 24 Nov 1870; m. (1) **Abraham Romaine**, son of Ralph Romaine of the High Mountain; m. (2) 15 July 1837 Fairfield, NJ, **Cornelius Dey**
- **John Willis**, d.y.
- (poss) **Frances Willis**, m. **John I. Debaun**
- **Catharine Willis**
- **Elizabeth Willis** (Eliza), m. (1) 9 Nov 1822 **Jacob Berdan**; m. (2) **William McKee**
- **Sophia Willis**; m. (prob) 16 Apr 1829 **John J. Westervelt**
- **Christina Willis**
- **William Willis**, b. 1814; m. **Dorcas Ackerman**, dau. of Cornelius J. Ackerman & Elizabeth Yeoman. Dorcas m. (2) 1878 Paterson, **Stephen Bartholf**. She m. (3) **-?- Staples**.

---Sources:

[1] Bergen County, NJ Deeds, at Bergen Co., Division of Cultural & Historic Affairs, Hackensack, NJ, abstracted by Patricia A. Wardell; Tobey, Barbara W., *The Ackerman Family*, 1988, vol. II, p. 17; Eberhart, Edith Whitcraft, *The Doremus Family in America, 1687-1987*, 1990, p. 61, 65, 95; Westervelt, Frances A., *Bergen County New Jersey Marriage Records*, 1929, p. 107; Ackerman, Herbert S. and Arthur J. Goff, Records of the Wyckoff Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, including gravestone Inscriptions from the Chyd (Wyckoff, Bergen County, NJ) January 1945; Martha Ann Zabriskie Memorandum Book (Typescript at Bergen County Historical Society Library), p. 36;

<p>Willis, John R. John R. Willis son of William Willis & Jane b.</p>	<p>m. 10 Nov 1802 Flushing Monthly Meeting (Quaker Record) (all of NYC)</p>	<p>Martha Willets dau. of Henry Willets & Phebe b.</p>
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---Sources: New York #2, 1740s-1880s Marriage Index online at <genealogy.com>

<p>Willis, Joseph Joseph Willis son of</p>	<p>m. 8 April 1803 Presbyterian Ch, Jamaica NY (she of Flushing)</p>	<p>Abigail Lyons dau. of</p>
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---Sources: New York #2, 1740s-1880s Marriage Index online at <genealogy.com>

<p>Willis, Oliver Oliver Willis</p>	<p>m.</p>	<p>-?-</p>
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---children of Oliver Willis &

- **Sarah Ann Willis**, m. 12 May 1819 Sugar Loaf St., NYC Dutch Ref Ch, **George Edwin Lewis**, son of Francis Lewis

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

<p>Willis, Peter Peter Willis son of (prob) John Willis & Rachel Doremus</p>	<p>m.</p>	<p>Elizabeth dau. of</p>
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On 20 May 1806 (recorded 21 May 1806, Bergen Co. W:403) Abraham Willis of the Town of Paterson in County of Essex and Caty, his wife, John Willis and Mary, his wife, Michael Moore and Elizabeth, his wife, John Storms and Mary, his wife, Cornelius Demarest and Sophia, his wife, all of the County of Bergen, Ryer Demarest and Rachel, his wife, and Peter Willis and Elizabeth, his wife, of the City of New York, conveyed to John Waggoner of the Township of Franklin, for \$2000, 80 acres more or less in the Township of Franklin, the property of the later John Willis, where John Waggoner now dwelleth; whereas John Willis later of the Township of Franklin (at the Ponds), deceased, was possessed of a certain farm by deed of conveyance from Abraham Van Houten and Sophia, his wife, Nelly Van Houten and Cornelius Van Houten on 15 July 1801;

at SE side Crooked Pond at line of James A. Ackerman. Bounded SE by Benjamin Bartolf and Roeleff Van Houten; SW by Patent line of Johnson and Willix tract; W and NW by said Benjamin Bartolf and Garret Van Blarcom; N by said pond and James A. Ackerman. Signed by Abraham Willis, Caty Willis, John Willis, Pegge Willis, Michael Moore, Elisabeth Moore (her mark), John Storms, Mary Storms (her mark), Cornelius Demarest, Sophia Demarest, Ryer Demarest, Rachel Demarest, Peter Willis, Elizabeth Willis. Witnessed by John Campbell, Wm. Stewart (his mark).¹

---Sources:

[1] Bergen County, NJ Deeds, at Bergen Co., Division of Cultural & Historic Affairs, Hackensack, NJ, abstracted by Patricia A. Wardell;

Willis, Peter

Peter Willis
son of

m. 14 March 1806
Christ Episcopal Ch, NYC

Betsey Bartuff (Elizabeth Bartolf)
dau. of Jan Bertholf &
Susanna Storms
b. 6 July 1791
bp. [no date] Pompton Plains Ref Ch

b.

bp.

---*children of Peter Willis & Elizabeth Bartolf*:

- **John Bartolf Willis**, b. 23 April 1809; bp. 16 Nov 1809 Madison Avenue Ref Ch, NYC (parents in bp. record: Peter Willis & Elizabeth Bartolf)

---Sources: Vosburgh, Royden Woodward, *Records of Christ Protestant Episcopal Church in New York City, NY*, Vol. 2, p. 41 (online at New York Genealogical & Biographical Society); Vosburgh, Royden Woodward, *Records of the Madison Avenue Reformed Church in the City of New York*, Vol. 1 (online at New York Genealogical & Biographical Society e-Library)

Willis, Peter

Peter Willis
son of

m. 20 Jan 1810
Acquackanonk Ref Ch

Harriot Hennion
dau. of

---Sources: Kelly, Arthur, *Vital Records of the Protestant Dutch Reformed Church at Acquackanonk*, 1977 (reprinted 1992)

Willis, Richard

Richard Willis
d.

m.

Abigail
d. 16 day 4th mo. 1688

---Sources: Underhill, Abraham S., "Records of the Society of Friends of the City of New York and Vicinity -- Deaths" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Jan 1876, p. 39

Willis, Richard

Richard Willis

m.

Abigail

---*children of Richard Willis & Abigail*

- **Martha Willis**, m. 22 Aug 1715 Flushing Monthly Meeting (Quaker Record), **Obadiah Valentine**, son of Obadiah Valentine (he of Hempstead; she of Oyster Bay, dau. of Richard (dec'd) & Abigail)

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

Willis, Samuel

Samuel Willis

m.

Mary Fry

---*children of Samuel Willis & Mary Fry*:

- **John Willis**, m. 1755 **Elisabeth Mott**, dau. of Adam Mott & Phebe Willets. She was b. 1733.
- **Sarah Willis**, m. **Adam Mott**
- **Amy Willis**, m. **Stephen Mott**

---Sources: Bunker, Mary Powell, *Long Island Genealogies*, 1895, p. 256

Willis, Stephen

Stephen Willis
son of

m. 26 Dec 1762
St. George Episcopal Ch,
Hempstead, NY (both of
Hempstead)

Sarah Smith
dau. of

b.

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

Willis, Thomas

Thomas Willis
son of Fry Willis &
Anna

m. 30 Dec 1807
Marlboro Monthly Meeting
(Quaker Record)
(he of Jericho)

Phebe Young
(widow of **Alexander Brown**)
dau. of John Young & Dorcas -?
b.

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

Willis, Thomas

Thomas Willis
son of

m. 5 Jan 1808
Christ Episcopal Ch, NYC

Dianna Jones
dau. of

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

Willis, Thomas C.

Thomas C. Willis

At a meeting held at the Boonton schoolhouse 10 Dec 1832, for the organization of a Presbyterian Church, Thomas C. Willis was elected a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church of Boonton. A church building was erected in 1833 on a lot of ground donated by the New Jersey Iron Co.

With Elijah D. Scott (proprietor of a forge and gristmill at Powerville, about a mile north of Boonton on the Rockaway River), Thomas C. Willis built, in 1846 a rolling mill. When Elijah D. Scott died, he left by his will, the forge, rolling mill, grist mill, and all the property on the east side of the river to Thomas C. Willis, who continued to operate these mills until his death.

---Sources: *History of Morris County, New Jersey, With Illustrations and Biographical Sketches of Prominent Citizens and Pioneers*, New York: W. W. Munsell & Co., 1882, p. 181, 182

Willis, Thomas (Wills)

Thomas Willis
son of

m.

Rachel Vanderbeek

dau. of John P. Vanderbeek &
Abigail Terhune

bp.

bp. 5 Sep 1773 Paramus Ref Ch

Thomas Wills witnessed Bergen County Deed R:12, dated 1 Jan 1803 conveying from John C. Post of the Township of Saddle River and Cornelis, his wife, and Jacob Ackerman of same place and Aeghea, his wife, to Peter Hopper of the Township of Saddle River, 119 acres in Small Lots.¹

---*children of Thomas Willis & Rachel Vanderbeek*:

- **Thomas Willis**, b. 28 Oct 1795; bp. 15 Nov 1795 Paramus Ref Ch (wit: David Marines; Dirckje Ackerman) (mother's name in bp. record is simply "Rachel")
- **Johannes Willis**, b. 12 April 1797; bp. 7 May 1797 Totowa Ref Ch (wit: Johannes Van Derbake; en Abby Terhune)
- **Catharina Wills**, b. 14 June 1800; bp. 29 June 1800 Paramus Ref Ch (wit: John Marinus and Jane Ackerman) (mother's name in bp. record is simply "Rachel")
- **Joseph Willis**, b. 3 Oct 1802; bp. 24 Oct 1802 Paramus Ref Ch (no wit) (mother's name in bp. record is simply "Rachel")

---Sources:

[1] Bergen County, NJ Deeds, at Bergen Co., Division of Cultural & Historic Affairs, Hackensack, NJ, abstracted by Patricia A. Wardell; Randolph, Howard S. F., and Russell Bruce Rankin, *Paramus...Reformed Dutch Church Baptisms...Together with Records from the Gravestones...*, 1935; Totowa Reformed Church Baptisms in Nelson, William, *History of the Old Dutch Church at Totowa*, 1892;

Willis, William

William Willis
son of Henry Willis &
Mary Pease
b. 1663 England
d. May 1736 Westbury, NY

m. 10 June 1687
Flushing Monthly Meeting
(Quaker Record)
(all of Hempstead)

Mary Titus
dau. of Edmund Titus &
Martha Washburne
b. 1665
d. 1747

---*children of William Willis & Mary Titus*:

- **John Willis**, b. 15 Feb 1693; d. 9 May 1777; m. about 1713, **Abigail Willets**, dau. of Richard Willets & (2) Abigail Powell.

---Sources: Jones, John H. *The Jones Family of Long Island*. New York: Tobias A. Wright, 1907, p. 293; New York #2, 1740s-1880s Marriage Index online at <genealogy.com>

Willis, William

William Willis

m.

Mary

---*children of William Willis & Mary*

- **Silas Willis**, d. 15th 1st mo. 1704

---Sources: Underhill, Abraham S., "Records of the Society of Friends of the City of New York and Vicinity -- Deaths" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Jan 1876, p. 41

Willis, William

William Willis

m.

Hannah Seaman

In his will dated 30 Jan 1749/50, probated 5 June 1750, William Willis, of Westbury, in the town of Hempstead [NY], yeoman, mentioned wife Hannah; sons Jacob, Samuel, Mordecai, Silas, William, and Joseph; daus. Mary Bedell, Hannah Spragg, Elizabeth Post, and Martha Willis. Made sons Jacob and Samuel and brother-in-law Jacob Seaman, executors. Wits: John Robbins, William Kirke, Jeremiah Robins, Samuel Willis. Probated 5 June 1750 "by affirmation of Samuel Willis, a known Quaker."¹

---*children of William Willis & Hannah Seaman*:

- **Jacob Willis**
- **Samuel Willis**

- **Mordecai Willis**
- **Silas Willis**
- **William Willis**
- **Joseph Willis**
- **Mary Willis, m. -?- Bedell**
- **Hannah Willis, m. -?- Spragg**
- **Elizabeth Willis, m. -?- Post.**
- **Martha Willis**

---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. IV, 1744-1753, pub. 1895), p. 282;

Willis, William

William Willis m. **Jane**

---*children of William Willis & Jane*

- **John R. Willis**, m. 10 Nov 1802 Flushing Monthly Meeting (Quaker Record), **Martha Willets**, dau. of Henry Willets & Phebe

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

Willis, William

William Willis m. 3 Dec 1796 **Eliza Oakly** (Oakley)
 son of (Ladies Weekly Museum, dau. of William Oakly (of Foster's Meadow, L.I.) &
 10 Dec 1796) (he of NYC)
 b. Presbyterian Ch, Jamaica, NY b.

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

Willis, William

William Willis m. 2 Sep 1837 **Dorcas Ackerman** (Doritha)
 son of John Willis & Wyckoff/Ponds/Preakness dau. of Cornelius J. Ackerman
 Margaret Packer by Zach. H. Kuypers & Elizabeth Yeoman
 b. 1814 b. 28 May 1820 Franklin Twp., Bergen Co.
 bp. bp. 13 Aug 1820 Franklin Twp.
 d. d.
 buried buried (poss) Wyckoff Ref Chyd, Wyckoff, NJ

William Willis, 35, grocer?, and Dorcas, 30, were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, living in Manchester Township, Passaic County, NJ. Listed living with them were: Margaret L., 12; Cornelius A., 6; John H., 2; and Jacob Banta, 23, tailor. Also living with them were Garrabrant Ryerson, 35, farmer, and Jane, 36.

Dorcas m. (2) 1878 Paterson, **Stephen Bartholf**. She m. (3) **-?- Staples**.

---*children of William Willis & Dorcas Ackerman:*

- **Margaret L. Willis**, b. about 1838; m. (poss?) 14 Oct 1858 Paterson Ref Ch, **Andrew H. Ackerman**
- **Eliza Catherine Willis**, b. 1840; d. 16 Sep 1842; ae 2.4.20; buried Wyckoff Ref Chyd, Wyckoff, NJ.
- **Rachel Jane Willis**, b. 1842; d. 20 Dec 1843, ae 1.6.18; buried Wyckoff Ref Chyd, Wyckoff, NJ.
- **Cornelius Ackerman Willis**, b. 10 Jan 1844; bp. 8 Mar 1844 Second Ref Ch Paterson; m. (prob) **Catherine L. Waldron**
- **John Henry Willis**, b. 5 Sep 1848; bp. Nov 1848 Second RefCh Paterson

---Sources:

[1] 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);
 Second Reformed Church at Paterson, NJ, Baptisms 1828-1882 online March 2001 at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~njpchsgc/chu/second_reformed_chu.htm>; Tobey, Barbara W., *The Ackerman Family*, 1988, vol. II, p. 17; 1850 Federal Census, New Jersey, Passaic County, Manchester Township, taken Aug 1850, dwelling 176, family 270; Ackerman, Herbert S. and Arthur J. Goff, *Records of the Wyckoff Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, including gravestone Inscriptions from the Chyd (Wyckoff, Bergen County, NJ) January 1945* (typescript)

Willis, William

William Willis m. **Ann**
 son of dau. of
 b. abt. 1820 England b. abt. 1819 England

William Willis was a spinner in the 1850 census.

---*children of William Willis & Ann*

- **Martha Willis**, b. abt. 1844 England
- **Susana Willis** (Susanna), b. abt. 1847 England

---Sources: 1850 Federal Census, Bergen County, Hohokus Township, dwelling 269, family 285

Unplaced Willis Women:

- Abigail Willis**, m. 17 July 1785 Trinity Ch, NYC, **Thomas Thomas**
- Hannah Willis**, m. 15 July 1781 Grace Episcopal Ch, Jamaica, NY, **Robert Mills**
- Marya Willis**, m. **Jacobus Sichlers** (Sigler?). They had a ch. bp. Acq. 1760.

Maria Willis, m. 9 Jan 1813 Belleville (by Rev. John Dow), **Cornelius Van Houten**; both of Paterson "Essex County Marriage Records" in *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*, Oct 1935, p. 18
Margaret L. Willis, m. (1) 1858 **Andrew Hopper Ackerman**; m. (2) **-?- Palmer**
Margaret Willis, b. about 1804, m. **Lewis Yeomans**
Phebe Willis, m. 2 March 1785 NYC Dutch Ref Ch, **Joseph Earle**
Rachel Willis, b. about 1830 NJ; m. **Christopher Harriott**. They lived in Wayne Twp., Passaic Co., NJ in 1860.
Ruth Willis, m. 19 Nov 1775 St. George Episcopal Ch, Hempstead, NY, **Samuel Hulett** (he of Hempstead; she of Oyster Bay)
Violette Willis, m. 7 Feb 1785 Presbyterian Ch, New Windsor, NY, **James Lynch** (both of Cornwall)