



John and Hannah (Mershon) Reeder HUNTERDON-MERCER COUNTY

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THE FOLLOWING TREATISE is a review of the account by the Rev. Eli Field Cooley, D.D., in his *Genealogy of Early Settlers of Trenton and Ewing, Hunterdon County, N. J.*, published in 1883, verified, corrected, and extended by inclusion of the source material found in the probate, Bible, gravestone inscriptions, and marriage records. The account of this couple in Grace L. O. Mershon's *Andrew Mershon and Descendants*, published in 1955, has also been collated with Dr. Cooley's statements.

JOHN REEDER, "son of Isaac and Elizabeth Reeder, born April 12, 1725. Hannah Reeder, the wife of John Reeder, born September 16, 1732. John Reeder was married to Hannah Mershon January 18, 1753," begins the record written in his family Bible, a digest of which was published in the *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* (79:109). The record then lists the names and dates of birth of their fourteen children, followed by "Hannah Reeder departed this life June 4, 1781 in the 49th year of her age. John Reeder departed this life August 19, 1788, in the 64th year of his age."

The will of John Reeder, of Trenton Township, Hunterdon County, N. J. dated 2 June 1788 and proved 22 August following, requires my (second) wife Taphath to be supported by my sons Andrew and Amos, and they are to bury her wherever she chooses, and if she is buried by me, they are to set up grave stones with her name and age on them; bequeaths to son John 20 acres of land; devises to son Abner 10 Pounds; bequeaths to sons Absalom and Abner 40 acres on the east side of the Great Road; to son Amos 124 acres; to son Andrew 10 acres next to Daniel Scudder, also the upper part of my plantation, joining Benjamin Moore and Benjamin Titus; devises to daughter Fanny Chambers 10 Pounds; to daughter Leticia Kruson 30 Pounds; to

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(For GMNJ 40:47, 46:14 and 48:36, see page 141 of this volume and pages 748 and 766 of Vol. II of this compilation.)

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daughter Hannah Hartley 50 Pounds; to daughter Abigail 60 Pounds; to youngest daughters Mercy and Elizabeth 60 Pounds each when age 18 years; and to grandson Charles Reeder, son of my son Isaac, 50 Pounds when age 21 years; and appoints sons Andrew, John, and Absalom executors (NJA 36:185).

Issue of John and Hannah (Mershon) Reeder:

- +2. Isaac Reeder, born January 27, 1754.
- +3. Andrew Reeder, born April 7, 1756.
- +4. John Reeder, born June 12, 1757.
- +5. Francina Reeder, born September 15, 1758.
- 6. Abigail Reeder, born May 28, 1760.*
- +7. Letitia Reeder, born October 26, 1761.
- +8. Absalom Reeder, born March 10, 1763.
- +9. Hannah Reeder, born November 18, 1764.
- +10. Abner Reeder, born October 10, 1766.
- 11. Benjamin Reeder, born 1768, died in 16th year of his age.
- +12. Amos Reeder, born August 10, 1770.
- 13. Rebecca Reeder, born February 15, 1772, died in 12th year of her age.
- +14. Marsy Reeder, born March 6, 1774.
- +15. Elizabeth Reeder, born June 23, 1776.

2. ISAAC REEDER, born 27 January 1754, eldest of the fourteen children of John and Hannah (Mershon) Reeder, died in Trenton Township 25 September 1784. Having predeceased his father by four years, he had not come into his inheritance; hence there was no probate of his estate. His father's will, however, devised fifty pounds to "my grandson Charles Reeder, son of my son Isaac," at age twenty one years. With his younger brothers Andrew and John Reeder, Isaac served as a private in the First Regiment of Hunterdon County Militia (SJR, pp. 731, 407). Isaac Reeder married Rachel Scudder, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Snowden) Scudder of Trenton Township (*Scudder Association Bulletin*, 22(1964):16). Daniel Scudder died 5 June 1811, aged 75 years, and his wife Mary died 29 September 1798, aged 60 years, per gravestones in the Presbyterian churchyard in that northern part of Trenton Township which was set off as Ewing in 1816. An abstract of the will of Daniel Scudder, dated 15 January 1811, does not name daughter Rachel Reeder (NJA 41:328).

Sole Issue of Isaac and Rachel (Scudder) Reeder:

- +16. Charles Reeder, b. 12 May 1783.

3. ANDREW REEDER, born 7 April 1756, second of the fourteen children of John and Hannah (Mershon) Reeder, died in Lawrence Township, Hunterdon County, 14 April 1824, aged 69 years, per gravestone in the Presbyterian

* Amos Reeder (#12) Bible: "Abigail Reeder departed this Life Novr. 26 1838 in the 78th year of her age."

24. ROBERT CHAMBERS, JR., son of Robert and Francina (Reeder) Chambers was born 2 July 1788, died 22 February 1865 at the house of his son-in-law Dr. Edwards Hall, 336 Fourth Avenue, New York City, and was buried from the house of his son Abner R. Chambers, Trenton, in Riverview Cemetery, his gravestone inscription having those dates. He married September 1814, Rev. Joseph Rue, Presbyterian Church, Hopewell, officiating, Catharine Houghton, born 2 April 1786, died 5 July 1860, daughter of Abner and Margaret (Van Dyke) Houghton, of Hopewell Township.

Issue of Robert and Catharine (Houghton) Chambers:

- 66. Abner H. Chambers, d. 17 Sept. 1819, aged 4 yrs., per g.s. in outer wall of First Presb. Ch., Trenton.
- 67. Theodore Van Dyke Chambers, d. 20 Nov. 1867, aged 50 yrs., on steamer *Dora* on voyage to New Orleans; date of death and age from g.s. in Riverview Cem., Trenton.
- 68. Margaret Matilda Chambers, m. 12 May 1852, Rev. John Hall, Trenton, officiating, Edwards Hall, of New York City (M.D. Albany Medical College, 1844). Residence in 1876: 13 East 66th St., New York City. Issue: i. Charlotte Hall, unm. ii. Sarah Frances Hall, m. Dr. A. Eugene Austin.
- +69. Abner Reeder Chambers, b. 13 Nov. 1822.
- 70. Robert M. Chambers, d. 10 Oct. 1827, aged 0.9.4.
- 71. Mary Frances Chambers, d. 20 July 1830, aged 9 mos.

NOTES AND REFERENCES

1. Bible published in Philadelphia, 1805. Transcript of the record now in collections of GSNJ.

2. Will of Peter D. Cattell of Upper Makefield Tp., Bucks Co., Penna., dated 27 Mar. 1848 and proved 30 Nov. 1849, bequeaths to daughters Mary, Margery, Wilhelmina Margaret and my granddau. Elizabeth Miller, children of Sarah Van Pelt decd., and children of Ellenor Logan decd., all my right that I got by my first wife Rebecca, mother of my said daughters. I was one of the admnrs. on the estate of my son Seth Cattell. Devises to my wife Hannah Cattell in addition to her right of dower, all that she had at the time of our marriage. To son Andrew C.W.L. Cattell the remainder of my lands not bequeathed to my aforesaid daughters. Appoints my wife Hannah and my only son Andrcw C.W.L. Cattell execrs (Bucks Co. Wills 13:261).

CSTE	E. F. Cooley, <i>Genealogy of Early Settlers in Trenton and Ewing</i> , 1883.
GMNJ	<i>Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey</i> , 1925-
LGPMM	F. B. Lee, <i>Genealogical and Personal Memorial of Mercer County</i> , 1907.
NGQ	<i>National Genealogical Society Quarterly</i> , Washington, 1912-
NJA	<i>Archives of the State of New Jersey</i> , 47 vol., 1880-1949.
NYGBR	<i>The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record</i> , 1870-
PGM	<i>The Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine</i> , 1948-
SHGM	Dr. J. E. Stillwell, <i>Historical and Genealogical Miscellany</i> , 5 vol., 1903-1932.
SJR	W. S. Stryker, <i>Official Register of the Officers and Men of New Jersey in the Revolutionary War</i> , 1872.
SnHS	J. P. Snell, <i>History of Hunterdon and Somerset Counties, New Jersey</i> , 1881.
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