

The Family of Mary Morris on her father's side has been researched by several persons. This particular paper is excerpted from a book done by Gladys Morris Tate of Belleville, Illinois. I have used some of the portions relating to Mary Morris' ancestors. I have tried not to plagiarize her work while still extracting the public records that pertain to Mary Morris' ancestry.

Mary's paternal ancestors are:

Nathaniel Morris⁴

Daniel Morris³

John Morris²

John Morris¹

All of my attempts to determine the parents of John¹ have been futile.

MORRIS FAMILY

Background Information on John Morris¹

There are various accounts as to who was the father of our John Morris¹. New Jersey Historical Society, Vol. 6, SUPPL - Settlement of Newark, N. J., 1866, P. 126, states, "Thomas Morris, 1639, New Haven, Conn., had sons, John, Eleazar, Ephriam, Thomas, Joseph." New England Historical Society Register, Vol. LXXI, pages 5 & 6, states, there were two John Morris's. One John Morris, son of Thomas Morris, and our John Morris, father unknown. The book, "The Vital Records of New Haven, Conn, 1649-1850, Part I, "has a record of both John Morris', which agree with New England Historical Society. Donald Lines Jacobus' book, "Families of Ancient New Haven, Conn," page 1212, States our John Morris could possibly be the Nephew of Thomas Morris of New Haven, Conn.

Could the father of our John Morris have been the William Morris, 1639 New Haven, Conn, who had sons, John, Eleazar, Ephriam, Thomas, b. 1651, Joseph, b. 1653 (Dodd-East Haven Register 135-137)? Early Rehoboth, Documented Historical Studies of Families in this Plymouth Colony Township, by Richard LeBaron Bower, Vol. III, p. 152, states, "It is not generally known that Thomas Morris was at Seekonk, Rhode Island, before he settled at New Haven, Conn. He was probably a brother of Robert Morris, who was a planter in the same early Seekonk settlement. The Documentary History of Rhode Island, by Howard N. Chapin, pages 234 and 235, Town of Providence (formerly Seekonk) states, "Adoniah/Adonijah Morris was administrator of the estate of his brother, Robert Morris. Thomas Morris's fifth child, Eleazar, named a son Adonijah Morris (Jacobus Families of Ancient New Haven, Vol. IV. pp. 1210-11). So, any of the above could be the father of our John Morris.

New Jersey Research led back to Connecticut and the following records are the beginning of the Morris line that I was able to record.

"The Vital Records of New Haven, 1649-1850, Part I," has the record of our John Morris as follows:

Page 18 - Died, Mrs. Anne Morris, wife of Mr. John Morris, Decm: 4th 1664

Page 23 - Borne, John fonne of Mr. John Morris December 16, 1666

Page 24 - Marriage, Mr John Morris & Elifabeth Lampfon widdow were married by Mr Wm Jones March 29th 1666 In Mrs. Lucy Ann (Morris) Carhart's book, "Genealogy of the Morris Family," she shows our John Morris as son to Thomas Morris. Research has shown this to be a mistake. In her book, she states, John Morris, son of Thomas married a third time to a Hannah Bishop, 12 Aug 1669. Since Elizabeth Morris, wife of our John Morris did not die until 1689/1693, this is proof there were two John Morris's and our John Morris was not the son of Thomas Morris. If our John Morris had children from his first marriage, I haven't been able to find any information or record of them.

According to information on the Harrison family, Richard Harrison was well advanced in age when with his grown family he was in New Haven, Conn., where he took the "oath of Allegiance," in 1644. So his daughter, Elizabeth, had married first Henry Lyne/Lyon/Lines, and he died 14 Jan 1662/3. She then married John Lampson of New Haven, and evidently, he died also. She married our John Morris in 1666, but still can't imagine what her age was when she married our John Morris.

Missouri State Archives
82-85 - Transcript
82-73 - Charts
Joint Free Public Library
Morristown, NJ
State of New Jersey State Library
Trenton, NJ
Filson Club
Louisville, Kentucky

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JOHN MORRIS¹, b. ? d. 1675, removed to Newark, NJ, m. 1st Anne _____, who died 4 Dec 1664; m. 2nd, 29 Mar 1666, Elizabeth (Harrison) wid. Henry Lines/Lyons & Thomas Lampson, dau of Richard Harrison of Cheshire, England and Branford, Conn. Elizabeth Morris d. between 22 Oct 1689 and 24 Feb 1692/3.

ISSUE: 2nd marriage

1. **JOHN²**, b. 16 Dec 1666
2. PHILLIP², b. 1668/72, d. 5 Dec 1693, m. Joanna/Johanna ?
ISSUE: 1. HETTY³ b ? d. ? , m. John Berry

Background Information on Phillip Morris¹

5 Jan 1690, Newark Town Records. p. 104, "It is voted that the soldiers, Phillip Morris, Samuel Potter and Benjamin Harrison, should be paid their wages for the time they were out, according to our Agreement."

Newark, Congar's Newark General Notices, p. 126, Phillip, son of Mr. John Morris, was one of the three soldiers out in 1690, his half brother Eleazer Lampson being another. Johanna his widow, adm. in 1694.

Phillip Morris, d. 5 Dec 1693, Newark, Inventory, undated, of the estate of Phillip Morris of Newark (died Dec 5, 1693). All personal, - L19.186. Made by John Curtis and John Morris. The estate Owes £ 8 (N. J. Orig wills & - abstracts in Arch XXIII 329)

1. **JOHN MORRIS²**, Capt. (John Morris), b. 16 Dec 1666, d. 27 Oct 1749, m. 1st Sarah (Crane?), b. 1665, d. 3 Sep 1739, m. 2nd Mary, dau of Samuel and Mary (Ward) Harrison, wid of Peter Condit, b. 1677, d. 10 Dec 1761.

ISSUE: 1st marriage

1. JOHN³
2. STEPHEN³
3. **DANIEL³**, b. ca 1700/05
4. NATHANIEL³
5. CHARITY³
6. PHEBE³
7. ABIGAIL³

8. EUNICE³ (Possible), m. Thomas Riggs, son of Edward Riggs
9. ZEBULON³, (Possible)

Background Information on John Morris²

The following was researched and written by Mr. Benjamin F. Reeves of Washington, D. C. and Gladys Morris Tate

JOHN MORRIS² (JOHN MORRIS¹)

“It was John whose birth was duly recorded in the New Haven Vital Statistics as 16 December 1666 who grew up to cut a wide swath in Newark as “Captain” John Morris. The official records are fairly spotted with notations of his services to the community. He was, as Mr. Samuel H. Congar, published about 1902, pointed out, the high sheriff of Essex County in 1700. He was chosen in 1698 to “lay penalties upon swine.” The next year he was chosen by vote “To give notice when cattle shall go into the Neck and when it is to be taken out.” in 1702 he was assessor for the north end of town. A few years later he was chosen on a committee to set a table of fees for the town clerk. In 1711 he was on a committee to settle the boundary line between Newark and Elizabeth Town. In 1716 he and James Nuttmann were chosen to select three men to “Seat the meeting house.” He was surveyor of the highways and collector for the overseers of the poor. Captain John lived to a ripe age, and in the delightful phrase of Mr. Congar, “did not soon die as has been said but lived four score years.” He died in 1749. He left at least three daughters, Charity, Phebe, and Abigail; Three sons for sure, Daniel, John, and Stephen. In the book, “First Presbyterian Church in Newark,” by Jonathan French Steam, is the records of the first settlers of Newark 1666-1680, with John Morris in the North West Section.”

Through information received, “January 23, 1709/10, Nat and Daniel Morris joined Rev. John Prudden’s day school at Newark.” So probably a fourth son was Nathaniel.

In 1745, Daniel, Stephen, and Zebulon gave bond for £500 to support John Morris, Gentleman, of Newark, who had lately deeded the greater part of his land to them. Captain John died in 1749 at age 83.

The following are excerpts from “New Jersey Colonial Documents,” Vol XXI.

Page 30 - 1668 June 18. Appointment as guardians of Hopestill Lyne of her mother Elizabeth and her present husband John Morris of Newark

Page 38 - 1675 Nov 5. Inventory of the estate of John Morris of Newark deceased, who died intestate. Mem. of letters of administration given to the widow Elizabeth.

Page 210 -1692/3 Feb. 24. Quitclaim. John Morris of Newark, son and heir proper in law of John Morris dec’d, to his brother Philip Morris of Newark, for all property divided by their mother Elizabeth Morris.

Page 268 -1690 Nov 22. Do. John Morris of Newark to Tunis Aspeere, for 20 acres in Newark, 3. Elizabeth Ward, N. Samuel Harrison, W. unsurveyed, E. Passaic R. (Passaic River)

1.3 **DANIEL MORRIS³**, (John Morris², John Morris¹) b. ca 1700/05, d. 1783m. Mary Riggs, b. ca 1707, d. ? , dau of Edward Riggs. Information from the New Jersey State Archives list the following children:

1. SARAH⁴, m. Edward Lewis - had 9 children
2. **NATHANIEL⁴**, b. ca 1730 (m. Rebecca Bayles)
3. JOSEPH⁴, m. Hannah Ford
4. ISAAC⁴, m. Rebecca Hathaway, 6 children, went to Carolina’s
5. DANIEL⁴, m. Hannah Armstrong, had 7 children
6. MARY⁴, m. Moses Prudden, had 6 children
7. EUNICE⁴, m. John Primrose, had 4 children
8. ELIZABETH⁴, m. Robert Young, went to Carolina’s

9. HANNAH⁴, m. Ephraim Lyon and 2nd Ichabod Cooper
10. PHILLIP⁴, m. Johanna, went to S. New Jersey
11. SAMUEL⁴, went to S. New Jersey
12. ABIGAIL⁴, m. John Roy

Background Information on Daniel Morris³

The first information found pertaining to Daniel Morris was in the "History of Morris County, New Jersey, 1739" that has Elder Morris of Basking Ridge, Mary, his wife, were members of the Presbyterian Church & Congregation. Daniel and Mary Riggs Morris were received into the First Presbyterian Church of Morristown, Morris County, NJ., by letter in 1758. Five years later, in 1763, he was made an elder of the church. He last met the session on 20 November, 1767. In the Combined Register of the Presbyterian Church, 1742/ 1885, the Morris family is listed on pages 166 and 167. Page 167 states, "Stephen Morris, said to be son of Daniel, son of John, a Captain under Cromwell, had Daniel; m. Mary. I have found nothing to verify this statement. The dates would not work for Stephen to be the father of Daniel and Joseph. Information sent by the New Jersey Archives list Daniel Morris, as a son of Captain John and Sarah Morris. S.M.H. in Newark News #358 says that John Morris 1666-1749, had son Daniel as shown by John Morris Will, dated 27 Oct 1749.

First Church, Morristown, NJ, page 318 states: Morris, Daniel (of Roxbury) made will 10 Sep 1779, probated 17 April 1783, gave to w. Mary and children:

Nathaniel⁴, eldest son
 Philip⁴
 Samuel⁴

CALENDAR OF WILLS - 1781-1785, page 283, New Jersey Colonial Documents

1779 Sep 10. Morris, Daniel, of Roxbury Township, Morris Co.,: will of:

Eldest son, Nathaniel, has had his part. Wife, Mary, all personal estate. Son Phillip 50 acres, which is part of the land where I live, bounded west by Zephaniah Martin. Son, Samuel, rest of said land. Executors-sons, Philip and Samuel. Witnesses--Zephaniah Martin, Edward Lewis, Cornelus Slaght. Proved April 17, 1784.

1784 April 13. Inventory, £ 126.10.11, made by Zephaniah Martin and Cornelus Slaght. Lib. M. p. 198

1.3.1 SARAH MORRIS⁴ - Information researched and written by Benjamin F. Reeves.

Sarah, believed to be the eldest child of Daniel and Mary (Riggs) Morris, was born, probably at Basking Ridge, NJ, in 1728. On 30 May 1745, she was married to Edward Lewis, a native of Wales, who was born 8 Aug 1722 and died 22 Jun 1792. Sarah (Morris) Lewis lived on until 6 Nov 1808. Both Sarah and Edward Lewis are said to be buried at Basking Ridge, although no tombstone has been located.

ISSUE:

1. MAJOR JOSEPH LEWIS⁵, married Anne Johnes, daughter of Pastor Timothy Johnes
 2. EDWARD LEWISS, married Nancy Crowell
 3. ISAAC LEWISS, married Sarah ?
 4. SARAH LEWIS⁵, m. Henry Southard
- Probably 5 other children

In the diary of Major Joseph Lewis, son of Sarah (Morris) Lewis, daughter of Daniel Morris and sister of Joseph Morris) published in the Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society, Vol 59, p. 170, notes that on Saturday, 6 Mar 1784, "at half after one we stopped at Doctor John F. Morris's (Middlebrook) where we dined. Doctor Morris said he was married last Monday night to a Miss Ewing to whom he introduced me as a new relation." The diary entry for 6 Feb 1785 (Vol. 60, p. 65) mentions "This morning I went from Coll. Drake's to see my grandmother Morris and thence to a meeting on the plains.

1.3.3 JOSEPH MORRIS - Information researched and written by Benjamin F. Reeves.

Joseph Morris probably the second son of Daniel and Mary (Riggs) Morris was born in 1732. He was married in 1759 to Hannah Ford, daughter of Samuel Ford, as recorded in the Combined Register of the First Presbyterian Church at Morristown, NJ.

An able military man, he was active during the French and Indian wars, and rose to the rank of Major in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, attached to Colonel Daniel Morgan's Rangers. Major Morris was wounded at the battle of White Marsh on 6 Dec 1777, and died 5 Jan 1778.

1.3.2 NATHANIEL MORRIS⁴ (Daniel Morris³, John Morris², John Morris¹) b.ca 1730, d. 1806 Surry County, North Carolina, m. 1st 21 Jun 1750 Rebecca Bailey(Bayles), m. 2nd 24 Aug 1763, Hopestill Woods, bp 24 Feb 1745.

ISSUE: 1st marriage - Known Children

1. MARY MORRIS⁵, b. ca 1760, d. 12 Nov 1841

2nd marriage - Known Children

1. ELIZABETH MORRIS⁵, b. 28 Jul 1772
2. DAVID B. MORRISS⁵, b. 7 Jan 1776
3. PHILIP MORRISS⁵, b. ca 1777

Background Information on NATHANIEL MORRIS⁴

In a will, in Surry Co., North Carolina, Will Book 2, page 50, Nathaniel Morris⁴ left all property to a son David Morris⁵, dated 15th day of Feb 1802, with specific instructions. Still nothing to prove this Nathaniel Morris was from New Jersey. I have various Deed of Property, listing Nathaniel Morris, David Morris and a Daniel Morris. Also a 1782 tax list of Surry Co., NC with the notation "no land", Nathaniel Morris. On the 1784 and 1786 tax lists of the Lewis District of Surry, he is listed as owning 500 acres. In 1787, he bought 200 acres on the south side of the Yadkin River from Benjamin Parks and received a 300 acre land grant from the State of North Carolina 28 Aug 1795. The most interesting is a Deed of Property naming both David Morris, and Daniel Morris and a John Spencer, selling the property in November 1804 to a Gideon Woodruff in North Carolina. So, evidently, Daniel Morris was also a son of Nathaniel Morris.

Mr. Reeves furnished the following information. Whether it is our Nathaniel Morris, we don't know, but the area is where he lived. It is from "New Jersey in the American Revolution 1763/1783," Edited by Larry R. Gerlach.

"Page 300 - (Aug) 11th. Rode through Bottle Hill (A small Village) Chatham, Springfield & Connecticut Farms to Elizabeth. Chatham is a small Village upon the River Passaic which I crossed here by a Bridge. Springfield is a small Village too, situated between two Brooks which, on Account of the Mud at Bottom, are impassable except to the Bridges. To this Place the Enemy came, but had not Time to do any Mischief, being disturbed and driven away, before Night, by the Militia. In their Way from Elizabeth Town to this Place the Enemy took out their houses a Mr. Nathaniel Morris and William Richardson, as Rebels (as they termed it), they pinioned them & brought them to Springfield. When they found an Engagement was likely to come on, they tied them both together, and placed them in Front; they remained there during the Battle, & neither of them received any Damage. The Enemy being driven off, they were released. The Officer who ordered them to be placed there is supposed to have been killed or mortally wounded (& carried off), as he has not been heard of since."

I researched the New Jersey Colonial Documents, Calendar of Wills - 1751-1760; and found the will of Richard Woods. It is as follows:

1756, Aug 15. Woods, Richard, Morris Town, Morris Co., blacksmith, will of.:

Wife, Rebecca. Children -- Abijah, Richard, Hopestill, Hannah, Sarah and Phebe all under age. Executors - Ezekel Cheeve of Morris Town, school master and Christopher Woods. Witnesses - John Whitehead, Christopher Woods, Philip Price. Proved Sept 3, 1756.

1756, Sept. 22. Account of good sold at vendue for £56.10.3. by the Executors. Some goods bought by widow, Rebecca Woods.

1756, Oct 15. Inventory; Real--farm at Rockaway £95. Homestead, £57.10; shop £2.1.1. Personal- £76.1.11, md. a looking glass, 7s., signed by the Executors and Caleb Fairchild, John Whitehead and Samuel Tuthill, Inspectors.

1760, May 29. Account by the Executors.

The purpose for showing this will is to show the relationship to names of Philip Morris children in his will, to the names of Children in Richard Woods Will. Abijah Woods, brother of Hopestill Woods, who married Nathaniel Morris⁴ and Abijah Woods Morris, first son of Philip Morris⁵.

In research of Kentucky, I came across a marriage licenses for Hopestill Morris⁶. She married first Malcolm McPhail, 3 Aug 1819, signed John Stevenson. She married second Walter Reeves 26 Nov 1832. It was through Mr. Benjamin F. Reeves that I was able to find that Hopestill Morris⁶ was the daughter of David Morris⁵, who was the son of Nathaniel Morris⁴. Here was our connection to Nathaniel Morris⁴ of New Jersey. Hopestill is not a common first name, so she was named after her grandmother Hopestill (Woods) Morris.

Philip Morris⁵, named his first son Abijah Woods Morris⁶. Hopestill Woods Morris had a brother Abijah Woods. Phillip Morris⁵ had sons named Nathaniel W., Edward, Philip and Joseph. The names are consistent with the names of the Morris family of Daniel and Mary (Riggs) Morris, Woods family, Harrison family and the Riggs family of New Jersey.

Nathaniel Morris⁴ has been difficult to locate much information or documentation. The combined efforts of Mr. Reeves and myself, assures me that we have the correct information. Mr. M. B. Morgan has researched the Mary Morris lineage, a daughter from Nathaniel Morris', first marriage.

THE FOLLOWING WAS RESEARCHED BY MR. M. B. MORGAN OF KENTUCKY

1.3.2.1 MARY MORRIS⁵ (Nathaniel Morris⁴ Daniel Morris³, John Morris², John Morris¹)
b. ca 1760, d. 12 Nov 1841, m. 23 Aug 1777, Morristown, NJ., Capt. John Pipes, b. ca 1739, d. 6 Aug 1821, Revolutionary Soldier.

In the Revolutionary War pension application of Mary Morris Pipes, widow of John Pipes and daughter of Nathaniel Morris (Joseph's brother), dated 3 November 1837, Mary affirmed "she was married to said John Pipes in Morristown, State of New Jersey, in the month of August in the year 1777. She was then in her 17th year, he the said Pipes was on furlow from Washington's Army then encamped at Elizabethtown. Several officers of the Regiment to which he belonged were at the wedding, among them were Captain Wade, Lieutenant Horn, and my Uncle Joseph Morris, who was wounded in the Battle of Brandywine and died of his wound, and was buried with honors of war. He held the commission of Major."

Resources for this article

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2. Vital Records of New Haven Conn, 1649-1850, Part 1, P's. 18, 23, and 24.
3. Genealogical Notices of the First Settlers of Newark, by Samuel H. Congar, Part I, P. 126.

4. VOL XI, New England Historical and Genealogical Review, April 1857, P. 161.
5. VOL LXXI, New England Historical and Genealogical Register, P's 5 and 6.
6. Combined Registers from 1742 to 1885, Morristown First Presbyterian Church, P's 166, 167 and 264.
7. Genealogies, by John Wallace, 1901, Pages 1 through 8, The Riggs Family, (Researched by Benjamin F. Reeves).
8. Genealogical information from New Jersey Archives, supplied by members of Morris Family.
9. Documents - Colonial History of the State of New Jersey, VOL XXI, 1664-1703, Pgs 30, 38, 210, 238, 244, 268.
10. New Jersey Colonial Documents 1781-1785, P. 283 - Will of Daniel Morris 10 Sep 1779.
11. New Jersey Colonial Documents, Calendar of Wills - 1751-1760, Richard Woods 15 Aug 1756, P. 367.
12. Richard Harrison - Harrison Genealogy from Richard Harrison, Branford, Conn. 1644-1653, by Charles L. Harrison, 1935. (Researched by Benjamin F. Reeves)
13. Richard Harrison, New Jersey Archives, 1st Series, VOL 21, P. 29. (Researched by Benjamin F. Reeves)
14. Richard Harrison, Settlers by the Long Grey Trail, by J. Houston Harrison Pgs 16, 80, 83, 89, and 90.
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17. North Carolina Census, 1790 and 1800, Nathaniel Morris.
18. Philip Morris Will #3789, St. Louis, MO., 3 Aug 1852.
19. Philip Morris, Kentucky Census, 1800, 1810, 1820.
20. Philip Morris, Deeds from Warren County, KY, Marriage Licenses, Green Co., KY Marriage Licenses from Warren County, KY of Hopedill Morris, dau of David Morris.
21. Philip Morris, Missouri Census, 1830/40/50.
22. Philip Morris, St. Louis, MO, Deeds of Property, Inventory of property at death of Birdie Morris.
23. Charles E. Morris Family Bible in possession of Gladys Morris Tate.
24. Mary Morris family researched by M. B. Morgan, Danville, Kentucky
25. The Puritan Forebears, Harrison line, by Marvin Bradley Harrison and Caroline T. Warner Harrison, information supplied by Benjamin F. Reeves.

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Articles of agreement entered into & agreed upon between David Morris of the one part and Nathaniel Morris Senior of the other part witnesseth that said David Morris is to take his father & Mother & Nancy his sister & maintain them deasently and keep them in good waring aparel & beding as long as they shall live if he lives & in consideration thereof Nathaniel Morris Senior giving & devises all the raille and personal estate he hath only two colts which both said Nathaniel Morris is to do and dispose of as he sees fit and all the money due to the estate by bond note or otherwise said Nathaniel Morris Sen has the right of disposing of as he thinks proper, said David Morris is to find food for these two colts and if he should change them for annother he is to find that Nathaniel Morris is to have the same privilege of his former property as usual to use; only is not to sell farther said David Morris is if his sister Nancy comes to be of sound sence and memmory to pay to her - Nancy Morris four kows and all his fathers housed furniture. In witness hereof we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals this 15th day of Feb 1802.

David Morris Seal

Testee Orby Martin Nathaniel Morris Seal

Wm. Cook Jural

Surrey County November Sessions 1802: the execution of the within agreement was duly proven in open court by the oath of Wm. Cook one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto; & ordered to be recorded

Done accordingly H. J. Williams C. C.