



Nathaniel Pettit I

BIRTH 1645

Rockingham, Rockingham County, New Hampshire, USA

DEATH 1718 (aged 72–73)

Trenton, Mercer County, New Jersey, USA

BURIAL Friends Burying Ground

Trenton, Mercer County, New Jersey, USA

MEMORIAL ID 239111054



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Nathaniel Pettit was a younger son of Thomas & Christian Pettit of Newtown in Long Island. He married Mary the daughter of Elias & Sarah Bailey of Newtown. They were the parents of six children 1) Jonathan Pettit 2) Moses Pettit 3) Judith Heald 4) Nathaniel Pettit 5) Elias Pettit 6) Jane Early all mentioned in his last will and testament.

In 1695 he purchased land in New Jersey on the east side of the Delaware River and established a Tavern in present day Hopewell. He also had land holdings in Pennsylvania located across the Delaware River. In 1711 he purchased a 1400 acre Plantation on Assanpink creek. It is most likely that Nathaniel had a Mill and had slaves who operated it in this area.

This area was known as Petty's run, from 1730-1790 there was a steel furnace where metal goods were made before being power plated. Why are his so called Pettit grandchildren in Sussex New Jersey who became Judges not owners or operators of these Mills? In my research they have never been recorded in the area of Trenton or Hopewell but in Elizabeth Town New Jersey. It is evident to me that they came from NY and are the grandchildren of Thomas Pettit II not the grandchildren of his brother Nathaniel Pettit.

Thomas Pettit Sr. of Long Island had four known sons mentioned in the Minutes of Newtown records, Thomas, John, Nathaniel & Moses. Nathaniel Pettit is the only one of his known sons where we have found a record of a

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secured a patent for and purchased a certain tract of land. Each contributor or stock holder was granted a lot upon which to build his house, with a small quantity of land, twenty to forty acres of land to till for his household wants; the rest of the land was held in common for the use of pasturage for cattle and for a supply of fuel. Each owner had a right to the common land in proportion to his original was payment to the association with the right to pasture a proportionate number of cattle. The settlers erected their houses near coachmen's and others for safety against the attacks of the Indians and to be in covenant with the church, school and local governing authority. This system system checked the home growth of the population, as sons must inherit the homestead, buy out a neighbour or move away.

Source, The Burlington Court Book of West New Jersey 1680-1709
 May 8, 1697 Went in front of the grand jury Nathaniel, Moses Pettit & Mordecai Andrews for selling strong liquors without a licence and keeping disorder in their house for which crimes the bench fine twenty schillings

1698/1699 Nathaniel Pettit and Mary his wife having been in sight and presence of Joshua Ely Justice convicted of Keeping bad order in their orderly as keeping persons drunk and breaking sabbath and other misdemeanors is presented to this court where upon a judgement the court ordered his licence shall be taken from him.

The researchers of the book "Rev. John Moore of Newtown" have claimed that Mary Watkinson was the daughter of Nathaniel & Mary Pettit" The last will and testament of Nathaniel Pettit does not mention a daughter Mary, but mentions a grand- daughter Mary Ely. (American Genealogist, Vol, 13 1936; 31 March 1692 Flat Bush (Kings County) Mary Pettit married John Moore the son of John Moore & Hannah... Thomas Pettit II divorced Sarah Perry 1672 and married Hannah Jessup the widow of John Moore II who had three children John Thomas & Hannah Moore.(records found in minutes of Newtown)


Mary Pettit was most likely the daughter of Thomas Pettit & Sarah Perry. Thomas Pettit divorced his wife because she was spent to much time at her stepfathers Thomas Case home a Quaker Minister, several of his followers purchased land in Flat Bush in Kings county.. John Pettit wrote his 1726 Will in Kings County and was most likely her brother. Mary Watkinson mentioned Nathaniel Pettit in her Will, this is most likely the same Nathaniel who had a daughter Christian that George Flv was warned about in his fathers Will not

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Parents

-  Thomas Pettit
1608–1668
-  Christian *Mellows* Pettit
1611–1665







Spouse

-  Mary *Bayley* Pettit
1647–1720 (m, 1665)

Siblings

-  Thomas Pettit
1636–1699
-  Mary *Pettit* Edes
1638–1700
-  John Pettit
1641–1699
-  Hannah *Pettit* Morrell
1647–1711
-  Sarah *Pettit* Skillman
1648–1704

Children

-  Moses Pettit
1665–1718
-  Elias Pettit
1666–1695
-  Judith Pettit
1669–1753
-  Christian Pettit
1671 – unknown
-  Nathaniel Pettit
1676–1768
-  Jane *Pettit* Ely
1678–1750

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