

FIRST THREE GENERATIONS HERRIOTT HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

Descendants of David Herriott
(First Three Generations)

Generation No. 1

1. David Herriott was born about 1661 in Scotland, and died 1725. He married **Hellen Campbell** Bef. August 1687, daughter of David Campbell.

David Herriott is the progenitor of the Herriott/Harriot line in America. He arrived in the Province of East Jersey from Scotland in 1685 as one of Lord Neil Campbell's indentured servants aboard the Henry and Francis, Caledonia, or other such ship. No conclusive evidence has been found. See the Chapters on early Scottish and American history for more information.

David and Helen inherited a house and lot in Perth Amboy, New Jersey from Helen's father upon his death. In his will, signed August 10, 1687, proven April 24, 1693, Campbell bequeaths...

"all my temporal effects in this world both personal and real belonging unto me in Amboy Perth aforesaid and elsewhere unto my well beloved Daughter Helen Campbel and David Hereot now her husband..." (NJ Archives, Vol 21, p217; Vol 23, p80)
Abstracts show that David Herriott was a

bondsman, witness to several wills, member to the New

Jersey General Assembly (1693), and constable in Perth Amboy (1709-1710).

New Jersey Colonial Civil List (1667 - July 4, 1776) by Nelson 1985: David Harriot, Judge of Local

Court, Perth Amboy February 12, 1699-1700. C319 Liber C.

We don't have any record to indicate when Helen came to America or when and where David and Helen were married. Their place of burial is also unknown though it is suspected that they were buried in

the old "burial place" in Perth Amboy. The map of Perth Amboy found in the history section

shows a

"burial place" located where Market Street and Back Street intersect. This was a short distance from

the property owned first by David Campbell and later by David and Helen Herriott. John, son of David

and Helen, next inherited the property following David's death in 1725-26. A record shows that in 1731 a petition was submitted to the "Eastern Proprietors" by some of the inhabitants of Perth Amboy

which reads in part "...Whereas several of your petitioners have in the old Burial Place so called, our

parents, wives and children interred,..." This suggests the burial place had already existed

for some time.

John Herriott, son of David and Helen, was one of the petitioners. If the language used reflected his situation, it strongly suggests that perhaps David Campbell, David and Helen Herriott all may have been buried there.

When the site was visited in 1992, it was occupied by a public school. When the "Burial Place" was abandoned, many of the graves were moved to the St. Peters Episcopal Church graveyard located a few blocks southeast. We haven't found any record of which graves may have been moved.