

Descendants of David Herriott

(First Three Generations)

Generation No. 1

1. **David¹ 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.

Earlier researchers had concluded that perhaps Helen Campbell was the granddaughter of Lord Neil Campbell. However, thorough research by members of the Clan Campbell Society shows that Lord Neil Campbell had only four sons and five daughters, and none of them were named David or married to a David Campbell. We therefore no longer believe that Helen was the granddaughter of Lord Neil Campbell although they could have been related. No evidence has been found.

David Herriott left the above property, in addition to six acres of his farm in Woodbridge, New Jersey, to his eldest son John upon his death. Son David also inherited six acres of the farm. The rest of the farm, together with some personal property, was inherited by son Andrew. Daughter Sarah inherited a "heifer" and other personal property. The sons shared equally in the balance of the estate. His will refers to him as a "yoeman," (i.e. a freeholder who works a small estate, or a rank below that of a gentleman). (Will dated August 10, 1725, proven March 15, 1726; NJ Archives 1st Series, Vol 23, p224)

Children of David Herriott and Hellen Campbell are:

- + 2 i. John² Harriot, born Bef. 1690.
- + 3 ii. David Harriot, born Abt. 1690; died 1756 in Bedminster, Somerset County, New Jersey.
- + 4 iii. Andrew Herriott, born Abt. 1700; died Bef. October 31, 1764.
- 5 iv. Sarah Harriot.

Sarah was the fourth child of David and Helen (Campbell) Herriott. We have no record of her marriage, if any, or death.

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In the Name of God Amen The tenth Day of August in ye
 year of our Lord one thousand, seven hundred & twenty five, and
 In ye twelveth year, of our Sovereign Lord George of Great Britain
 our King, I David Herriot of Woodbridge in Middlesex County
 in ye Province of New-Jersey yeoman, being weak in Body but
 of perfect mind & memory, thanks be given unto God therefor,
 doe make & ordain this my Last Will & Testament in manner
 & forme following, that is to say, first & principally I give my
 Soule unto ye hands of God who guide it me, and my Body I
 recommend to ye Earth to be buried in a Christian like &
 decent manner, nothing doubting, but At ye generall Resurrexion
 I shall receive ye same again, by ye mightie Power of God,
 and what worldly Estab God has been pleased to bestow on me
 I dispose ye same in manner & forme following, First I
 will, Devise & bequeath unto my Eldest Son John Herriot
 to him his Heirs & Assigns forever (whom I constitute &
 Appoynt to be ye Executor of this my Last Will & Testament)
 my House & Lott in North-Amboy & six Acres of my Land in
 Woodbridge, bounded Southerly by ye Line of North-Amboy,
 Westerly by ye High way, Easterly by Coll. Parkers Land and
 Northerly by ye rest of my Land, Item I will, Devise & bequeath
 unto my second Son David Herriot to him his Heirs & Assigns forever
 also six Acres of my Land Aforesd, bounded Northerly by Obadias
 Gries, Item I will, Devise & bequeath unto my youngest Son Andrew
 Herriot to him his Heirs & Assigns forever All ye remaining part of my
 Land Aforesd & All ye buildings thereon, together with my Plow,
 Carts & other Husbandry utenilly & Also All my working tools of
 what kind soever, Item I give to my daughter Sarah one heifer
 And All ye rest of my moveable Estab wheresoever & of what kind
 soever (After ye payment of my funeral charges, ye proving of my
 will & Just Debt) I will, Devise & bequeath unto my three Sons
 Above mentioned to be Equally divided amongst them, Each of them
 or their Heirs a third share thereof In Testimonie Whereof
 I have hereunto put my hand & Seale ye Day & year Above written

and sealed, published & declared
 by ye sd David Herriot to be his
 Last will & Testament
 in ye presence of us

David Herriot



Samuell Stone

 Wm Colwell
 John Barclay

WILL OF DAVID HERRIOTT

In the Name of God Amen, The tenth day of August In ye - Year of our Lord one thousand, seven Hundred & twenty five, and - in ye twelveth year of Our Sovereign Lord George of Great Brittain Her (1) King, I David Herriot of Woodebridge In Midlesex County - In ye Province of New Jersey yeoman, being weak In Body, but of perfect mind & memory, thanks be given unto God therefore, Doe make & ordain this my Last Will & Testament In manner & forms following, that is to say, first & principally I give my Souls unto ye hands of God who gave it me, and my Body I Recommend to ye Earth to be buried In a Christian like & decent manner, nothing doubting, but At ye General Resurrection I shall receive ye same again by ye mightie Power of God, - and what worldly Estate God has been pleased to bestow on me, I dispose of ye same in manner & forms followeing, First I - Will, devise & bequeath unto my Eldest Son John Herriot to him His Heirs & Assigns forever (whom I constitute & Appoint to be ye Executor of this my Last Will & Testament) my House ~ Lott in Perth-Amboy & six acres of my Land in Woodebridge, bounded Southerly by ye Highway, Easterly by - Parkers Land and Northerly by ye rest of my Land, Then I Will, devise & bequeath unto my second Son David Herriot to him His Heirs & Assigns forever Also six Acres of my Land Aforesd bounded Northerly by Obadiah Ayers, Then I will, Devise, & bequeath unto my youngest Son Andrew Herriot to him His Heirs & Assigns forever All ye remaining part of my Land Aforesd & all ye buildings thereon, together with my Plows, Carts & other Husbandry utensills & also all my working tooles of what kind soever, Then I Give to my daughter Sarah one heiffer and all ye rest or my moveable Estate wheresover & of what kind soever (After ye payment of my funerall charge, ye proving of my Will & Just Debts) I will, devise & bequeath unto my three sons above mentioned to be Equally devided amongst them, Each of them or their Heirs a third share thereof - In Testimonie Whereof I have hereunto put my hand & seale ye day & year Above written. Signed David Herriot. Witnesses: Samuel Stone, Mary Colwell, John Barclay. Proved March 15, 1725/6.

Generation No. 2

2. **John² Harriot** (David¹ Herriott) was born Bef. 1690. He married **Margaret** ____.

John was the eldest son of David and Helen (Campbell) Herriott. He was raised in Woodbridge Township, Middlesex County, Province of New Jersey.

John inherited his father's land in Perth Amboy. From abstracts we know he served as one of three constables in Perth Amboy in 1718. A petition he signed in 1731 addressed to the "Eastern Proprietors" states that he was an inhabitant of Perth Amboy.

There is a possibility that Margaret's last name is Anderson. John's brother David married Ursula Foreman, the sister of Jennet Foreman who married John Pike. The Pike and Herriott families were very close. Jennet Foreman indicates that she (and presumably her sister) came to New Jersey from Scotland aboard the ship Caledonia. She mentions that her best friend on the voyage was Margaret Anderson. Notes indicate that Margaret later married a Harriot. No further proof has been found, but Anderson does appear as a middle name in a few early Herriott/Harriot lines.

The place of burial for either John or Margaret is unknown.

Child of John Harriot and Margaret ____ is:

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 - i. John³ Harriot, born April 02, 1722; died July 03, 1798 in New York City, New York. He married Mary Alfred; born August 24, 1728; died April 06, 1791.

John Harriot Jr. is the only confirmed son of John and Margaret Harriot. He is referenced in Johnston's Journal as living in or near Bedminster. The primary evidence however is recorded in the Vanderhoef Bible (New Jersey Geanealogical Society) which lists him and his parents John and Margaret. John Harriot seems to have relocated with his family first to Monmouth County, New Jersey and then to New York City. He is buried in the Presbyterian Churchyard in Cranbury, New Jersey where his tombstone is inscribed "John Harriot of New York."

(Editor's Note: Previous editions of the Blue Book had listed one or two other children, namely Thomas and Elizabeth. This was based on entries in Thomas' will. It has subsequently been proven that Thomas was **NOT** a descendent of our immigrant ancestor, having arrived in New York from Bermuda with his roots being traced to England.)

3. **David² Harriot** (David¹ Herriott) was born Abt. 1690, and died 1756 in Bedminster, Somerset County, New Jersey. He married **Ursula For(e)man**, daughter of John Foreman and Margaret _____. She was born September 25, 1700 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey, and died Aft. 1769.

Session records, 1713, shows that David Herriott had a "bastard child" born of Hannah Heddie. Both he and the mother were fined by the county for the upbringing of the child.

David married Ursula Forman, daughter of John and Margaret Forman. She had a sister Jennet, wife of Zebulon Pike (born 1693). Jennet and Zebulon had a son James (born 1721) who married Mary Harriot, David's daughter.

They removed from Woodbridge in Middlesex County, New Jersey to Bedminster in Somerset County, New Jersey sometime prior to 1743. We know of him in Bedminster from the Johnston Journal whose first entry is April 20, 1743, and names David as a tenant on Axtell's Farm "Peapack Patent." Johnston frequently mentions staying at the Herriott home and also mentions business dealings with Herriott.

David's will, dated April 20, 1756, was proven on June 1, 1756. In it he states, in part, "My right in the commons at Woodbridge shall be for the benefit of my two youngest sons, Andrew and John Forman Herriott." His will does not name all of his children, although daughters are referred to. We have since positively concluded that Mary and Jennet were his daughters.

Children of David Harriot and Ursula For(e)man are:

- 7 i. David³ Harriot, Jr., born 1717 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey; died November 05, 1792 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey. He married Sarah Alford September 09, 1741 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey; born Bet. 1719 - 1725 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey; died November 05, 1798 in Bedminster, Somerset County, New Jersey.

David evidently lived in Woodbridge, New Jersey (on tax rolls 1778-1787). He was an early elder (1786) of the First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge where he is buried. Most of his children settled in Middlesex and Somerset Counties for several generations before migrating elsewhere. Spelling of their names was predominantly HARRIOTT.

- 8 ii. George Harriot, born March 13, 1719/20 in New Jersey; died March 24, 1802 in Middlesex County, New Jersey. He married Mary Ayers December 24, 1750 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey; born April 13, 1729; died February 03, 1794 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

George Harriot apparently lived in Woodbridge, New Jersey and later removed to Perth Amboy, New Jersey. He served as a Captain in the New Jersey Militia during the Revolutionary War and was an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge (1788). He was a cooper by trade. Descendants of George spelled their names predominantly HARRIOT and lived in the New Jersey/New York area for many generations. Several descendants still live in northern New Jersey today.

- 9 iii. Mary Harriot, born Abt. March 1723/24 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey; died February 18, 1757 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey. She married James Pike March 17, 1746/47 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey; born March 1725/26 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey; died May 15, 1761 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Mary Herriot lived in Woodbridge, New Jersey until her death at a very young age. She is buried in the First Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Woodbridge, New Jersey. She was the grandmother of General Zebulon Montgomery Pike who discovered Pike's Peak and was killed in the War of 1812. Descendants moved to Indiana within a few generations. Her name can also be found spelled HARRIOT.

- 10 iv. Jennet Harriot, born Abt. 1728 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey. She married Gershom Vanderberck February 04, 1749/50 in New Jersey; died November 26, 1811 in Brookfield, Trumbull County, Ohio.

Gershom Vanderberg is referenced in the Johnston Journal as being a close neighbor to David Herriott. He lived for a time in Hunterdon County, New Jersey before relocating to Crawford/Mercer County in Pennsylvania and then Ohio. References in his will and subsequent depositions confirm that Jennet is a daughter of David Herriott.

- 11 v. Asher Harriot, born September 11, 1731 in Somerset County, New Jersey; died January 28, 1796 in Sussex County, New Jersey. He married (1) Catherine Lafferty January 06, 1755 in Somerset County, NJ; born January 06, 1735/36; died June 26, 1759. He married (2) Mary Berry October 24, 1763 in Somerset County, New Jersey; born November 25, 1731 in Somerset or Monmouth County, New Jersey; died August 12, 1794 in Sussex County, New Jersey.

Asher is referenced in Johnston's Journal as a son of David. His two marriages are recorded in the New Jersey Archives. Asher served in the Revolutionary War in the Sussex County New Jersey Militia. He lived in Sussex County from at least 1774 (tax records) till his death. His two sons migrated to Pennsylvania shortly after his death. Their names can be found spelled both HARRIOTT and HERRIOTT, with the latter being predominant in the later years.

- 12 vi. Ephraim Herriott, born 1735 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey; died May 01, 1800 in Hampshire County, VA (now WV). He married Jane Allen December 11, 1756 in Bedminster, Somerset County, New Jersey; born May 17, 1736 in Bedminster, Somerset County, New Jersey; died Bef. 1800 in Hampshire County, VA (now WV).

Ephraim is referenced as a son of David in Johnston's Journal. Relocated to Loudan County, Virginia about 1762...and then to Hampshire County, Virginia by 1782. Descendants of the family remain in the same general area today. The spelling of the name has always been exclusively HERRIOTT.

- 13 vii. Andrew Herriott, born Abt. 1742 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey; died Abt. 1806 in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. He married Hester Walker Abt. 1762 in Baltimore, Maryland.

Andrew is referenced in his father's will. He left New Jersey at approximately the same time as his brother, Ephraim, and settled near Baltimore, Maryland where he served in the Revolutionary War. Sometime in the 1780's he relocated to Allegheny County in Pennsylvania where several generations of his ancestors remained. The spelling of his descendants has always been predominantly HERRIOTT.

- 14 viii. John Forman Harriot, born 1745; died March 05, 1801. He married Mary ____; born 1744; died September 18, 1820.

John is the youngest son of David and was referenced in his will. He is listed as living in Woodbridge, New Jersey (tax assessments) from 1778-1787). His descendants lived in Woodbridge, New York City, and Pennsylvania. They have spelled their name a variety of different ways with present day descendants spelling it both HARRIOTT and HERRIOTT.

- 4. Andrew² Herriott** (David¹) was born Abt. 1700, and died Bef. October 31, 1764. He married **Mary** ____ Bef. 1734.

Andrew was the third and youngest son of David and Helen (Campbell) Herriott. He was very likely born and raised in Woodbridge Township in Middlesex County, Province of New Jersey. The last name of his wife is not known.

His will provided that "his lands be sold, and the money be used to bring up my children." Personal property left to wife Mary. An interesting statement in his will, drawn in 1734, says "very much disordered of body but master of my understanding," and his decease was not until 1764. Was he just planning ahead or had he felt that his death was near at hand in 1734? Will dated July 26, 1734 and proven October 31, 1764. (New Jersey Colonial Documents, Volume 33, p189, Calendar of Wills, 1761-1770)

Son Andrew contested the will but on April 4, 1770 did agree to share the estate with his four sisters.

A newspaper extract (The Pennsylvania Journal - No 1413, dated January 4, 1770) indicates that an Andrew Herriot had "fallen on hard times," was in jail for his debts and was asking for his estate (probably referring to his assets) to be distributed to his creditors so he could get out of jail.

We have no record of the burial place of either Andrew or his wife Mary.

We have strong indications that Andrew's children, with the exception of Mary, relocated to Pennsylvania (newspaper article, plus Revolutionary War records) and then to New York state. Mary relocated to Monmouth County, New Jersey to be near her husband's relatives.

Children of Andrew Herriott and Mary ____ are:

- 15 i. Jane³ Harriot, born 1730; died 1810. She married Thomas Berry February 08, 1758 in Somerset County, New Jersey; born Abt. November 04, 1733 in New Jersey; died 1802.
- 16 ii. Andrew Harriot, born Abt. 1732. He married Mary ____ Bef. 1771.
- 17 iii. Sarah Harriot, born 1736; died 1820 in New York. She married Thomas Carryl Bef. 1771.
- 18 iv. Mary Herriot, born 1737 in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey; died Aft. October 25, 1770 in Monmouth County, New Jersey. She married Reuben Fitz Randolph February 08, 1757 in Piscataway, Middlesex County, New Jersey; born 1734 in Piscataway, Middlesex County, New Jersey; died 1807 in Manahawkin, Monmouth County (now Ocean County), New Jersey.
- 19 v. Rachel Harriot, born 1749; died 1828 in New York.