



# Combs &c. Families of Monmouth Co, NJ

1683-1799

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**M**onmouth County was established in 1683 from the Province of East Jersey. Numerous changes in county boundaries have occurred up to and including as recently as 1928. In 1850, Ocean County was established from Monmouth.

**Freehold vs. Upper Freehold:** Early Combs Families are found in both Freehold and Upper Freehold Townships. Most of the Combs of Freehold Twp. were associated with the Old Tenneset (Scots-Presbyterian) Church whereas the Combs of Upper Freehold were Quakers who attended meeting at Chesterfield Monthly Meeting in Burlington Co. Freehold and Upper Freehold are at least a half-hours (present-day) drive apart. Upper Freehold Township is actually a large area encompassing several towns, including both Cream Ridge and Allentown.

(Combs Researcher Kathy Karn)

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26 Jan 1884, Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada; Newspaper: *The Daily Sun*

The language of the text is the original used in the newspaper entry and as transcribed by Daniel F. Johnson. Records acquired by the [Provincial Archives](#) are not translated from the language in which they originate.

A tradition among the COMBS family of New Jersey says that their ancestor was one of the Scotch Presbyterians so bitterly persecuted in their native land by both Papal and Episcopal authorities and that the first Combs came over in the ship "Caledonia". A ship of the name is mentioned as early as 1699 as making voyages between Scotland and America; and she carried passengers as late as 1715; she was finally wrecked near Amboy and in late years, says Mr. WHITEHEAD in his *History of Perth Amboy*, her remains were seen lying in shoal water near that place. The first of the family named in Monmouth records was Richard COMBS mentioned in 1707. Some of the family located in the adjoining county of Middlesex. (Ancestry of the First Families of St. John, N.B. by Edwin Salter, Washington, D.C.)

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The earliest known Combs in the records of New Jersey was in 1707 for **Richard COMBS**, a property owner in Freehold, Monmouth by 1700, but probably earlier from [Hempstead](#), Queens Co, NY, and Richard II, s/o [Richard COMBS I of](#)

[Hempstead](#). Richard II was probable brother to **Thomas COMBS I** who d 1724, Freehold Twp, naming wife, Elizabeth, sons **Robert, Thomas, Joseph, Jonathan and John**, and daughters, **Rachel and Elizabeth**. A second **Thomas COMBS** d testate (will dated 1757), but was of Upper Freehold Twp. This 2nd Thomas COMBS is thought to have been the Quaker earlier in the Hopewell (then [Middlesex Co](#)) area, and believed to have m (1) 1723 Mary SHIPPEY by whom he had sons **John**, b 26 Nov 1732, d. about June 1803, m. Rebecca FITZRANDOLPH; and **James**, b about 1734, d 1813.; and (2) Keziah LEMMING (aka LIMING) by whom he had two daughters, **Lydia**, b unk, d. aft Sep 1819, m. Joshua NORTON; and **Dinah**, b unk, m 1771, Monmouth, Benjamin HUTCHISON.

N. B. Sources still needed for birth and marriage of John (1732) and marriage of Lydia to Joshua NORTON.

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## Chronology of Monmouth Records (1683-????)

22 Sep 1700 - 1711 Deed. **Richard COMES** of the township of [Hempstead](#) in **Queens County** Island of Nassau and Province of New Yorke, dated 1711, to **Thomas COMBS** of the township of Freehold in the County of Monmouth and Province of New Jersey, lands and meadows which were granted to Richard by Captain Samuel LEONARD by a deed dated Sept 22, 1700 and land deeded to Richard by Captaine John BROWN [BOWNE?] dated 1704.

(Abstracted from Library of Deeds, folio 454, at the Trenton, NJ Archives by Combs Researcher Kate C. DiBlassio)

22 Sep 1700-14 May 1711. Trenton, NJ, Deeds, 1:454. **Richard COMBES** of Hempstead [Queens Co, NY], conveyed to **Thomas COMBES** of Freehold [Monmouth Co, NJ], three parcels of land there, the first being of 75 acres which was purchased of Capt. Samuel LEONARD on 22 Sept. 1700; the second, a like amount, bought of Capt. John BOWNE [sic] on 10 Sept. 1704 and the third, in two pieces, acquired of Hugh TANCRELT [TANCRED?] on 12 Mar. 1701, all this for £250, in NY money.

(George D.A. Combes' [1925 Manuscript](#), hereinafter GDAC, 1925)

**N**otes: GDAC "tended" to change surname spelling to COMBES even when the

record listed different spelling. Thomas COMBS, d 1724 in Freehold, was the s/o Richard & Elizabeth COMBS I of Hempstead, Queens Co, NY (See 11 Mar 1706 below), and the above Richard is believed to have been his brother, Richard II.

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11 Mar 1706 Hempstead, Queens Co, NY Records 2:300. “.... I **Thomas COMES of freehold in ye County of monmath and provinc of new Jersey** for .... fifty pounds in mony and land ... paid by **John COMES of Madnans Neck one long island of nassaw [Hempstead, Queens Co, NY]** .... do ... aquit and discharg the sd John COMES his hairs and assigns all that ... land .... being one madnans neck one nasaw in ye bounds of hemsted in queens County lying one hundred and eighty rod in length by estimation and nintene rod in bredth bounded southward by Richard THORN and norward by John HUBS containing one and twenty acors and a half more or les together with all .... priviledgs bee longing to ye same John COOMES his hairs or assigns and i the said Thomas COAMS.... do .... agree to and with the sd John COMES his hairs and assigns for ye aforesd bargained premises excepting the thirds of ye farm for the which is **my mothers Elizabeth COMESSES** har lif time...” s/ **Thomas COMES**. Wit: Job THROCKMORTON and the mark of Richard CHEASMAN; no dates of ack. or recd.

(GDAC, 1925)

SW: CHEESMAN

**N**otes: It is not known which calendar was used in the above record; i.e., whether this was 1705/1706 or 1706/1707. In the 1698 Hempstead, [Queens Co, NY](#) Census, Elizabeth COMES was head of household, others of whose members were **John**, Robert and Mercy COMES. Thomas COMBS and his putative brother, Richard II, were both missing from the 1698 Hempstead, Queens Co, NY census, and likely already in Freehold, Monmouth Co, NJ by that time. It has been presumed by some researchers that Richard was deceased by 1698 (rather than out of the county); even if not, the above record fully documents that he had died by the date of this record.

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1707 (Monmouth NJ Liber 12 Folio 213) OLD TIMES IN OLD MONMOUTH.  
Superscription: “For Her Majesties Service”,  
“To Capt. John BOWNE,  
Capt. Richard SALTER,  
Obadiah BROWN,  
Anthony WOODWARD,  
Jeremiah STILLWELL,  
Justices of ye Peace for ye County of Monmouth.

'Record of God's judgement on **Richard COMBS**, at Shrewsbury, in a Court of Sessions, Anno Dom. 1707.

“**Richard COMBES**, being on his examination before the Court, on charge of stealing Edward TAYLOR'S hogs; he was bold in declaring his innocency, and

was told by the Justices to take care, how he did persist to deny, that which all men did believe him guilty of. He then again called upon God, and said that God knew his innocency," and that he was clear of the charge of stealing hogs. One or two of the Justices looking full in his face, prayed him to forbear appealing to the Great Being, who would one day meet with him for it, if he was guilty of the crime charged. He again began to call on God, saying that God knew he was clear, and suddenly fell down, like one struck dead. He was helped up, just opened his eyes, and fell down again, recover in a considerable time to be sensible. His tongue hung out of his mouth, and he did not wholly come to himself in some weeks.

By order of the Court,  
James BOLLEN, Clerk.

(Extracted from *Old Times in Old Monmouth*, Historical Reminiscences, Old Monmouth County, New Jersey, Being a Series of Historical Sketches relating to Old Monmouth County, (now Monmouth and Ocean). By Edwin Salter and George C. Beekman. The Battle of Monmouth, Originally published in Monmouth Democrat, Freehold, N.J.1887, Published by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 1980, library of Congress Catalogue Card Number 80-67938, International Standard Book Number 0-8063-0901-6, Made in the United States of America and Reprinted from a volume in the Library of the Monmouth County Historical Association, Page 268)

Author's Footnote:

"There seems to have been no proof of his guilt before the Court, as they were then examining the case, yet the Court assumes his guilt. Accordingly this accusation was enough to excite a person conscious of his innocence.

"A charge of this kind, perhaps, maliciously preferred by some sly and crafty person, was sufficient to set him in a fever of excitement, and when in spite of his solemn protestations of his innocence, the very tribunal of men, which should have waited until all the facts were before it, persisted in the assumption of his guilt. and that under such excitement, there should have been a rush of blood to the brain, and a fit, is not very surprising. This record is proof that the Dogberries of the bench were unfit for their positions, but no proof of the defendant's guilt."

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29 Nov 1708 [Hempstead](#) Town Records 2:345, Queens Co, NY. Affidavit of Mary BRIANT Wood. ffreehold [Freehold] November the 29 day 1708. Then appeared before me Georg ALLIN one of har majesties Justises of ye peace for ye County of Monmouth (NJ) Mary WOOD Aged 41 years whose maiden nam was mary BRIANT sworn on ye holy avangles and did declare upon oath that shee never did sign as avdence to any ded or righting from **Thomas COAMS to Richard COAMS** or saw any righting pas from one to another whatsoever from ye begening of the world unto ye dat here of Tacken and acknowledged before me the date above righten George ALLIN Justis of qurom  
These are to sartifie all parsons to whome these may Com or Consarn yt I have lived in ye County of mounmounth 19 yearer & som months & I never saw or

heard of any parson yt was Caold by ye name of Mary BRYANT but this one parson whose nam is now Mary WOOD as witness my hand in shrowsbury (Shrewsbury) this 30 day of November anno 1708 George ALLIN.  
This aboves evedenc is a true Copy of ye original entered by mee Tho GILDERSLEEVE Clarck (clerk)."

(GDAC, 1925)

**N**otes: The above-referenced deed from Thomas to Richard may be the reason for the 1711 deed that references 1700 property holdings. See also 20 Dec 1732 Will of William BRYANT of Hopewell [[Middlesex Co, NJ](#)]. Witnesses included Robert COMBS [sp.?], who with others made the inventory, 2 Feb 1732-33. (GDAC, 1925, Ref: NJ Wills: 2:454, 456)

22 of April, 1714 - 13 May 1720 (Freehold, Monmouth Co NJ Deeds, Book E., page 361) Deed between **Thomas COMBES** of Freehold Township in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey and John REID, land granted to **Thomas** by John HAMPTON and his wife Christian in a deed dated August 17, 1711. At the end it states "and **Elizabeth the wife of the said Thomas** doth fully and freely give and yield up unto the said John REID all her right and title of Dower and Intrest."

A memorandum to this deed dated the 13th of May 1720 states that "**Thomas COMBS** above named--- Acknowledged this instrument to be his act & deed before me, John REID." (Abstracted by Combs Researcher Kate C. DiBlassio)

**N**otes: See also the later John REED Sr. of Freehold, father of Elizabeth who m Jonathan COMBS of Perth Amboy (license 3 Jun 1741).

2 Mar 1714 **John COMBS (& wife Elizabeth)** [of Freehold?] to Samuel LAYTON, a small piece of meadow, borders Samuel LAYTON'S meadow [which is also noted in the landmarks used to mark the boundaries of the land John COMBS later sold to John EMANS (EMMONS)]. Witnesses? 2 Mar 1714 Memorandum proving deed by Thos. WILLIAMS' testimony.

(Combs Researcher Kate C. DiBlassio)

1715 (Freehold, Monmouth Co NJ Deeds E:1753 [175]) Deed. **Thomas COMBS** of the Township of Freehold in the County of Monmouth in the Eastern Division of the Province of New Jersey "by and with the consent Approbation & good liking of **Elizabeth** his wife" to Ambrose STEELE dated 1715.

(ibid.)

14 Oct 1715. Estate of Peter WILSON Jr., of Middleton [Monmouth Co, NJ].

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Debtors included a **Thomas COMBS**

(GDAC, 1925, Ref: NJ Wills, Vol. 1)

**N**otes: See also 10 Aug 1736 [Hunterdon Co, NJ](#) record which states that one Samuel HOOFMIER of Middletown [Monmouth Co] had on 29 Jan 1707/8, conveyed conveyed to **Peter WILLSON of freehold Deceased** land in Amwell, Hunterdon Co, NJ, which was adjacent to that of **Robert COOMBS**.

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4 May 1716 Monmouth Co, NJ Deeds. John EMMONS to **John COMBS**, both of Freehold Twp, NJ, 96 acres of land, formerly patented to Geo. HULIT of Freehold Twp. Borders: N & S by William WOOD'S land, West by Bartlet's Brook and SE by Long Brook.

10 May 1716 **John COMBS** (and wife Elizabeth) to John EMMONS, for L80, 96 acres purchased from Abel PRESTON of Philadelphia prior to 2 Mar 1714. Border: 1/2 East by Bartlet's Brook, West by Thomas COPPER'S land, South by Samuel DENNIS and North by Wm. SCOT's land... mentions quit rents. Witnesses: John CAMPBELL, Jonathan FORMAN, Aub STELLE.\*

\*Could this be Ambrose STEELE? (See 1715 deed of Thomas COMBS)

31 Jul 1716 **John COMBS** (and wife Elizabeth) of Freehold to Richard SLLIFON (SLLISON, ELLISON) of [Hempstead](#) Twp, [then Queens, now-] Nassau County, Long Island for L50, 96 acres land purchased from John EMMONS on 4 May 1716, originally owned by Nathaniel SLOCUM. Witnesses: John REID & Wm. MADOCK. Memorandum attached verifies (proves) the deed dated Jan 23, 1732, Wm. MADOCK's testimony.

**N**otes: The above are partial abstractions by Combs Researcher Kate C. DiBlassio who will be completing in the future. See also 1740 Hempstead, Queens Co, NY record for John COMBS, wit. deed for Richard ELLISON, Sr. and 1769 Hempstead record of Richard ELLISON with possible d/o John COMBS, in which Richard ELLISON is identified as a Quaker.

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9 Apr 1716. Estate of John BOUNE of Mattawan, Middleton, Middlesex [Monmouth Co], NJ. Debtors included **Thomas and John COMBES** (GDAC, 1925. Ref: NJ Wills, Vol. 1) Combs &c.

Note: \*Matawan, Middleton Twp. is in Monmouth Co, NJ, not Middlesex.

[SW: BOWNE]

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27 May 1719. Inventory of estate of Robert RHE (or RAY) of Freehold [Monmouth Co, NJ], was apprized [appraised?] by **Thomas COMBS** et als.

(GDAC, 1925, Ref: NJ Wills, Vol. 1)

**Notes:** See also Thomas COMBES who made inventory on 8 Oct 1777 of the estate of Robert RHEA [sic], d intestate, of Allentown, Monmouth Co, NJ.

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27 Feb 1722 Monmouth Co, NJ Civil & Criminal Court Records "The Grand Jury came into court and brought in an indictment against **Robert COMBS** for Fornication."

(Combs Researcher Kate C. DiBlassio)

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Jan. 26, 1723 Monmouth Co, NJ Civil & Criminal Court Records "**Robert COMBS** gave Bond to Secure the Town of Freehold harmless from a Bastard Child Born of the Body of Anne COOK." "Ordered that the Said **Robert COMBS** Do Pay to the Said Anne COOK One Shilling and Six pence a Week for Six Months from this Time towards the Maintenance of the sd Child and that she Gives Security to Maintain the Child on Payment of that Money."

(ibid.)

**Notes:** According to the 12 Oct 1723 will of Robert's father, Thomas, Robert's shop was adjacent to land formerly adjoining a Benjamin COOK whose relationship to Anne, if any, is not yet known. Nor has the child been identified as yet.

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Three Transcriptions - see below re conflicts:

TRANSCRIPTION 1:

12 Oct 1723 (Monmouth Co NJ, Recorded Copy: Vol A, p.298) Will of **Thomas COMBS of Freehold**.

In the name of God, Amen, the twelfth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred twenty and three, I **Thomas COMBS of Freehold** [carpenter](#) being now sick in body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be unto God. Therefore, calling into mind the mortality of my body and know that it is appointed for all men once to dye--do make and ordain this, my last will and testament. That is to say, principally and full of faith, I give unto God my soul who gave it and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in Christian and devout manner at the discretion of my Executor and Executrix--nothing doubted but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and at touching such worldly estates as it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Imprimis--I will and ordain that all my just debts be paid by my executor and executrix.

Item--I give and bequeath unto my son, **Robert COMBS**, twelve acres

of land joining to land formerly Benjamin COOK'S land where the aforesaid **Robert's** shop stands also to him, the said **Robert COMBS**, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item--I will and bequeath unto **Rachel COMBS**, my daughter, twenty-five acres of land to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item--I give and bequeath unto **Thomas COMBS**, my son, twenty-five acres of land to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item--I give and bequeath unto **Jonathan COMBS**, my son, twenty-five acres of land to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to **John COMBS**, my son, the remaining part of the said land all which I now possess and enjoy and that the land the said John COMBS his share of portion (thatbe) and take in the house and orchard that I now live in, possess and enjoy.

Item--I give and bequeath unto **Elizabeth COMBS**, my daughter, thirty pounds, money at eight shillings per ounce, which is to be paid the said Elizabeth, her heirs or assigns by my aforesaid sons (viz) **Thomas COMBS, Robert COMBS, Jonathan COMBS and John COMBS**. Each of them share equal proportion of said thirty pounds when any and every of them shall arrive and be at the age of twenty two years, that is, first **Thomas COMBS** and soon successively. If any should be at that age aforesaid and upon denial or neglect of any of the aforesaid legacy, that then his or some part of aforesaid land may be sold to pay the same by **my now wife, Elizabeth COMBS**, and that her deed shall be as good and authoritative as if I myself were alive and could assign it to any person whatsoever.

Item--I give and bequeath unto **Elizabeth COMBS**, my beloved wife, all and singular my movable estate to be by her and her assigns peaceably enjoyed with my farm during her life time or to be divided at her discretion for the paying of my debts as aforesaid.

Item--I constitute together with Jonathan HAMPTON of Freehold Cordwainer executrix and executor and I do hereby lastly disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other prior testaments, wills, legacies, bequests and executes by me in any while before this time willed and bequested, redefining and confirming this and no other, to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and year above written.

Signed, sealed, pronounced and declared to be **Thomas S. COMBS** the last will and testament, in the presence of: George WALKER, John TRENTON, John CAMPBELL

(Transcribed by Combs Researcher Jeannette Combs Lehman)

## TRANSCRIPTION 2:

12 Oct 1723 Will of **Thomas COMBS, of ffreehold** [Freehold], Carpenter, "being now Sick in body." Dated Oct. 12, 1723. Bequeaths: "unto **Robert COMBS** my Son twelve aceres of Land Joyning to Land formerly Benjamine COOKS Land where "the aforsd Roberts shop standeth to him... his



heirs...";

"unto **Rachel COMBS** my Daughter, twenty "five acres of Land to her her heirs...";

"unto **Thomas COMBS** my son twenty five acres of Land to him his heirs...";

"unto **Joseph COMBS** my son twenty-five acres of Land to him his heirs...";

"unto **Jonathan COMBS** my son twenty-five acres of Land to him his heirs...";

"unto **John COMBS** my son the "Remaining part of the sd Land all which I now possess... and that the sd John COMBES his share... "shall be and take in ye house and oarchard that I now live in...";

"unto **Elizabeth COMBS** my Daughter therty "pounds moneys at eight shill pr ounce which is to [be] paid to ye sd Elizabeth her heirs ... by my aforefd Sons "viz, **Thomas COMBS, Joseph COMBS Jonathan COMBS and John COMBS**, each of them their equal proportion of sd therty "pounds when any and evry of them shall arive... at the age of twenty two years that is first **Thomas COMBS**, "and so on successifly as they shall be at that age... And upon... neglect by any of... "Legatees that then his or their part... shall... be sold to pay the same by my now wife Elizabeth " COMBS and that her Deed shall be as good... as if I... were alike [alive?].";

"unto **Elizabeth " COMBS** my beloved wife all... my movable Estat to be by her... Enjoyed with my ffarm During "her lifetime or to be Devided at her Discretion she paying all my Debts... whom I Constitute together with "Jonathan HAMPTON of ffreehold Cordweir [Cordwainer] my Executrix and Excr..." **Thomas COMBS**. Wits.: George WALKER, John FENTON, John CAMPBELL. Oath of Executors, **Elizabeth COMBS** and Jonathan HAMPTON; before Michl KEARNY, Surrogate, ffreehold, May 27, 1724.

Proved by dep. of John CAMBELL and John FENTON, two of ye evidences, who were present when the other evidence signed; before Michael KEARNEY, Surrogate, ffreehold, Mon. Co., May 27, 1724. "recorded Liber A., [p.] 298."

(Extracted by COMBS Resarcher Debi Houser from the book *Unrecorded Wills and Inventories Monmouth County New Jersey*, Page 117)

27 May 1724 Monmouth Co, NJ. Liber A., [p.] 298. Will of **Thomas COMBS, of ffreehold, Carpenter**, dated Oct. 12, 1723. Proved by dep. of John CAMBELL and John FENTON, two of ye evidences, who were present when the other evidence signed; before Michael KEARNY, Surrogate, ffreehold, Mon. Co., May 27, 1724. Oath of Executors, **Elizabeth COMBS** and Jonathan HAMPTON; before Michl KEARNY, Surrogate, ffreehold, May 27, 1724.

(Extracted by Combs Researcher Debi Kendrick from *Unrecorded Wills and Inventories Monmouth County New Jersey*, Family Treemaker re-print, p. 117)

TRANSCRIPTION 3:

12 Oct 1723 - 27 May 1725. Will of Thomas COMBS, carpenter, of Freehold, NJ; named his wife Elizabeth; children: Robert, Rachel, Thomas, Joseph, Jonathan, John and Elizabeth, all minors [sic]; disposed of real and personal property; executors: said wife and Jonathan HAMPTON, of Freehold, cordwainer; witnessed by George WALKER, John FENTON and John CAMPBELL.

(GDAC, 1925. Ref: NJ Wills, 1:103)

### Conflicts:

1. Son, Joseph is omitted from first transcription; and
2. son, Robert is not included as one of the sons who is required to pay Elizabeth in the second transcription.
3. The third transcription states that all children were minors, which is not borne out by the first two records. It appears that son Robert, and probably Rachel, were apparently of age. Moreover, it appears likely that both were born to Thomas by an earlier wife (or wives) given his use of the term, "my now wife" in re Elizabeth (thought by some to have been a SEAMAN (SEAMON), by others to have possibly been a HAMPTON. The second transcription appears to be more accurate as it implies that Robert was of age (born pre-1703) or close to, whereas Thomas, Joseph, Jonathan and John clearly were not, and moreover, are apparently listed in age order.

**Question:** Does the "S" indicate Thomas' middle initial or that he signed (or affixed his seal)?

**Notes:** Although Thomas was married to an Elizabeth by 1714 (Monmouth Records), it is not known if she was the same Elizabeth as at the time of his death. One undocumented source lists her as nee SEAMON, but Thomas *appears* to have been married more than once given his use of the phrase "my now wife" in his will. Two Elizabeths? Or a first wife who d pre-1714? Were eldest son, Robert, and daughter, Rachel, by an earlier wife? Was Rachel single or married to a Combs? (If the latter, which?)

Oct. 22, 1723 Monmouth Co, NJ Civil & Criminal Court Records **Thomas COMBS** is Sworn in as a Grand Jury member and "**Robert COMBS** appearing his Indictment was read to him to Which He Pleaded Guilty." -held at Freehold

(Combs Researcher Kate C. DiBlassio)

Oct. 23, 1723 Monmouth Co, NJ Civil & Criminal Court Records "**Robert COMBS** Called & Appeared, Upon Motion of Mr. GRANDIN for the King, The Court Gave Judgement against **Robert COMBS** According to the Act of Assembly & that he Stand Committed till he Pat his Find & Fees & Give Security (to Bear the Town Harmless) for the Maintenance of the Child."

(Combs Researcher Kate C. DiBlassio who adds that 25 Oct 1723 minutes include several mentions of EMANS brothers)

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March 7, 1725 Monmouth Co, NJ Civil & Criminal Court Records "**Robert COMBS**" "Called on their Recognisance & Appeared". "...**Thomas COMBS** ... Sworn & Sent to give Evidence to the Grand Jury".

(Combs Researcher Kate C. DiBlassio)

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March 7, 1726 Monmouth Co, NJ Civil & Criminal Court Records "The Court Ordered that **Robert COMBS** pay to Mary SOLTAR Weekly Two Shillings per Week towards the Maintenance of His Child, Which the said Child is likely to be Chargeable to the Town & give Security for the Payment of the Same."

(ibid.)

**N**otes: Robert, s/o Thomas d 1724? name of child? Identity of Mary SOLTAR? Probably Robert COMBS, the "fornicator" of 1722 and father of a child by Anne COOK per 1723 records.

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June 14, 1726 Monmouth Co, NJ Civil & Criminal Court Records "The Grand Jury Came into Court and brought in the following Indictments Viz." "One agst **Robert COMBS** & Joseph EMANS for an Affray and then were dismissed."

(Combs Researcher Kate C. DiBlassio who notes that in 1716, John (who is most likely Robert's uncle, sells a tract of land to John EMANS of Freehold.)

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June 14, 1727 Monmouth Co, NJ Civil & Criminal Court Records Gerard EDGE brought a case against **Robert COMBS** for a debt of 30 pounds.

(Combs Researcher Kate C. DiBlassio)

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3 Oct 1727 Monmouth County Court records refer to **John COMBS** [sp.?] as a cordwinder [[cordwainer](#)] from Long Island [presumably Hempstead, Queens Co, Long Island, NY

(Combs Researcher Kate C. DiBlassio who adds that John is also found in 1730 Monmouth records)

**Question:** Was John residing in Monmouth or Hempstead at this time?

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April 22, 1729 Monmouth Co, NJ Civil & Criminal Court Records **Thomas**

**COMBS** in Clerk's Court; Thomas was called upon his recognisance and appeared and two days later. The "Grand Jury Came into Court and brought in an Indictment against **Robert COMBS** for an assault."

(Combs Researcher Kate C. DiBlassio who adds: I found no case involving Thomas (who in this case was probably Robert's brother since the father died in 1724) which leads me to believe that Thomas was posting bail or standing surity for Robert. Either that or Thomas got into trouble, too! I stopped at the records of 1732)

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1731 Book H, p. 37. **Robert COMBS** to George WALKER [land inherited from his father, Thomas, in 1724] (Combs Researcher Kate C. Diblassio)

Date? Book H, pg 304; NJSA, Trenton, NJ. **Jonathan COMBS** to George WALKER land left him by his father, Thomas COMBS (1724 will)

(Combs Researcher Kate C. Diblassio)

Notes: Did either of these deeds indicate whether either Robert or Jonathan were married?

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ca 1733 Born: **Martha COMBS, d/o Robert COMBS** (d 1781 [Shenandoah Co, VA](#)).

**N**otes: Robert *is said to have been* the same who was s/o Thomas COMBS d 1723, Monmouth, and h/o a Mary ROBERTS who m 1st Thomas MORRELL, d 1733. Martha COMBS (d/o Robert), b ca 1733, m Thomas COMBS, ancestry unknown. Seeking marriage sources.

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3 Jun 1741 New Jersey Marriage Bond # 14 **Jonathan COMBS of Perth Amboy [Middlesex]**, and John JOLLY of the same place... [bound to]... Lewis MORRIS... Governor... 500 pounds... 3 June 1741. ... **Jonathan COMBS**... obtained license of marriage for himself and for Elizabeth REED of Freehold [**Monmouth Co**], spinster... [w] Tho's BARTOW Sec'y

1. *Early New Jersey Marriages - Extracts*, by Patricia M. Bergener, 1999, NJGenWeb, <ftp://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/nj/marriage/njmarc1.txt>; and
2. Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New Jersey: Vol. XXII, Marriage Records 1665-1800, William Nelson, Patterson, NJ: Press Printing and Publishing, 1900, p. 72)

**N**otes: Is this Jonathan s/o Thomas d 1724? See also Combs-Jolly Families of the [Tonoloways Settlement](#) (MD-PA).

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11 Jun 1742 Old Tennent Church, Monmouth Co, NJ. Baptised: **William s/o Jonathan COMBS** ([Births, Baptisms and Burials of Monmouth Co, NJ](#)).

**Note:** This is apparently the earliest record of a Combs in Old Tennant (Scots-Irish Presbyterian) Church Records. The same Jonathan who m 1741 Elizabeth REED?

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9 Jun 1743 New Jersey Marriage Bond # 24. **John COMBS and Jonathan COMBS**, both of Perth Amboy [**Middlesex Co, NJ**]... [bound to]... Lewis MORRIS... Governor... 500 pounds... 9 June 1743. ... **John COMBS**... obtained license of marriage for himself and for Sarah TILTON of **Monmouth County**, spinster... [w] Tho's BARTOW Sec'y. [affidavit of] **John COMBS**... asked the consent of the parents of the said Sarah TILTON... they gave their consent [the parents are not named]

(*Early New Jersey Marriages - Extracts*, by Patricia M. Bergener, 1999, NJGenWeb, <ftp://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/nj/marriage/njmarc1.txt>)

**Note:** The source, "Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New Jersey: Vol. XXII, Marriage Records 1665-1800, William Nelson, Patterson, NJ: Press Printing and Publishing, 1900, p. 72," lists Jonathan [sic] COMBS as having married Sarah TILTON. Not yet known which is correct?

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28 Aug 1743 Old Tennent Church, Monmouth Co, NJ. Baptised: **Joseph s/o Thomas COMBS**

([Births, Baptisms and Burials of Monmouth Co, NJ](#)).

**Note:** Thomas II, s/o Thomas I of Freehold?

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24 Apr 1744 Old Tennent Church, Monmouth Co, NJ. Baptised: **Robert s/o Jonathan COMBS**

(ibid.)

**Note:** Jonathan and Sarah TILTON Combs?

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1 Jun 1746 Old Tennent Church, Monmouth Co, NJ. Baptised: **John s/o Jonathan COMBS**

(ibid.)

**Note:** Jonathan and Sarah TILTON Combs?

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1752 Monmouth Co, NJ. Estate Records (Index) **Francis COMBS of Upper Freehold**

(Combs Researcher Kate C. DiBlassio who adds that Francis d intestate and appears

to have been young)

**N**otes: Son or brother of Thomas d 1757?

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26 Nov. 1752 Christ Church Parish Registry, Shrewsbury, Monmouth Co, NJ.  
Baptised: **Phebe, daughter of Joseph COMBS** Freehold, Public

([Births, Baptisms and Burials of Monmouth Co, NJ](#)).

**Notes:** Joseph s/o Thomas d 1724?

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Mar 1755 Session. NJ Supreme Court Records. Land Dispute. ALEXANDER vs. CLAYTON. Land bordered by **Thomas COMBS... in Upper Freehold** adj. Assanpink River

(Combs Researcher Kate C. DiBlassio).

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07 Jun 1757 Upper Freehold, Monmouth Co, NJ. Will of **Thomas COMBS**.  
Know all men by these Presents that I **Thomas COMBS of the township of Upper Freehold** in the County of Monmouth and Province of New Yersey Yeoman [Farmer] Calling to Mind the Mortality of this Body and Knowing that all men must Dye Do make this my last will and Testament in the Manner following. I Recommend my Soul to God that Gave it and my Body to the Earth to be Buryed in a Decent Manner by my Executors hereafter Named.

First I Will Bequeath and Give to my Son **John COMES** and to his Heirs and Assignes forever all that Piece of Meadow within Ditch Lying north of my House and Adjoyning the Land I Gave my Son **John** a Deed for in full of his Portion.

Secondly I will Bequeath and Give to my Son **James COMES** and to his Heirs and Assignes Forever all the Plantation whereon I now live Excepting that part which I have by Deed and this will Given my Son **John**.

Thirdly I will and Give my Daughter **Lydia** Twenty Pounds for her Portion to be paid to her when She is Eighteen Years of Age.

Fourthly I Will and Give my Daughter **Dinah** Fifteen Pounds to be paid her when She is Eighteen years of Age for her Portion.

Fifthly I will and Give my Beloved Wife **Kesiah** all and Singular my Moveable Estate Whatsoever or Wheresoever Provided Always she Doth fully pay and discharge my Debts which I Justly Owe, and Legacys herein Given. To be in full of her Dower And I Do hereby Nominate Constitute and Make my Beloved wife **Kesiah COMES** and my Son **John COMES** the Executors of this

my last will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seall the Seventh Day of June in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Seven.

Signed Sealled Published and **Thomas COMBS** (seal)

Declared To be the Testators last will & Testament In the Presence of Wm.

LIMINS(G?) Joseph ROBINS Wm. LAWRENCE

(Transcribed by Combs Researcher Kate DiBlassio)

**KB Notes:** Thomas COMBS died between June and October of 1757 in Upper Freehold. His wife, Keziah, was Thomas COMBS' second marriage, he having (probably) married Mary SHIPPEY in 1723, and may have married Sarah TINDALE in 1747 as well. Kezia LIMING had m Thomas COMBS by (probably) 1748. She was the daughter of John LIMING and his wife Dinah. Keziah LIMING Combs and her daughter, Lydia COMBS, were named in John LIMING'S will of June 1757 [Dinah also named? Twp./County of John? Abstract still needed]. Keziah LIMING Combs married a second time to John LIMING on Oct 31, 1757 in Upper Freehold (See below). According to Combs Researcher Birdie McNutt, the original source for will of Thomas COMBS of Township of Upper Freehold, County of Monmouth, New Jersey, Yeomen, is Liber 9, Page 166, signed 7 June 1757, proved 22 December 1757.

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28 Aug 1757 Christ Church Parish Registry, Shrewsbury, Monmouth Co, NJ.  
Baptised: **Ann, Daughter of John and Sarah COMBS**, Freehold, Public

([Births, Baptisms and Burials of Monmouth Co, NJ](#)).

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31 Oct 1757 Marriage License. **COMBS, Keziah** [no residence given], and John LANNING, Monmouth

(Extracted by Combs Researcher Debi Kendrick from Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New Jersey: Vol. XXII, Marriage Records 1665-1800, William Nelson, Patterson, NJ: Press Printing and Publishing, 1900, p. 92)

**Notes:** Combs Researcher Kate DiBlassio adds that NJ Colonial Marriage Bonds list Kezia COOMBS & John LIMING, Marriage Lib. L, pg. 104.

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9 Apr 1758 Old Tennent Church, Monmouth Co, NJ. Baptised: **Solomon s/o Thomas COMBS**

([Births, Baptisms and Burials of Monmouth Co, NJ](#)).

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05 Nov 1759 Freehold, Monmouth Co, NJ. Born: **Gilbert COMBS** (s/o **Thomas & Martha COMBS Combs** and maternal gs/o **Robert COMBS**, d 1781, [Shenandoah Co VA](#) (RW Pension File of Gilbert Combs)

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25 Apr 1761 New Jersey Marriage Bond #286 Joseph CLAYTON of Freehold\* in the **County of Monmouth**, and Daniel HAYS of the same town and county, yeomans... [bound to]... Thomas BOONE, Governor... 500 pounds... 25 April 1761. ... Joseph CLAYTON... obtained license of marriage for himself and for **Sarah COMBS of the County of Midelsex\* [Middlesex]**... [w] Sam LEONARD

(Extracted from

1. Early New Jersey Marriages by Patricia Bergener, 1999, NJGenWeb, ftp://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/nj/marriage/njmarc6.txt; and
2. Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New Jersey: Vol. XXII, Marriage Records 1665-1800, William Nelson, Patterson, NJ: Press Printing and Publishing, 1900, p. 92)

**N**otes: See also 1755 Upper Freehold, Monmouth Combs-Clayton record.

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18 Oct 1761 Old Tennent Church, Monmouth Co, NJ. Baptised: **Rachel d/o Thomas COMBS**

([Births, Baptisms and Burials of Monmouth Co, NJ](#)).

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24 Sep 1762 - 27 Oct 1770 Will of John REED Sr., of Freehold [Monmouth Co, NJ], yeoman, dated 24 Sep 1762, in which he gave his wife, Ann, personal estate and after her death the same to be divided between three daughters and two granddaughters, these last being the daughters of daughter Anna, late of Lamberton deceased, viz: Margaret and Catherine; names of the three daughters being Elizabeth, Isabella and Jane; son John to pay to his sisters and two nieces, viz: Anna's daughters, and to his brother James; son James is to pay to testator's daughters Elizabeth and Isabella, granddaughters, Margaret and Catherine BARTLER, and to daughter Jane; **grandson John COMBS** and grandsons John and Aaron REED (sons of son James), £14. Executors: sons John and James and **son-in-law, Jonathan COMBS**. Witnessed by Peter BOWNE, Zebulon BAIRD and Thomas BULLMAN.

1 Dec 1766, codicil: To three daughters, Elizabeth, Isabella and Jane and granddaughter Catherine BARCKLEY, various items: **grandson Robert COMBS**; same witnesses; will and codicil proved 27 Oct 1770.

(GDAC, 1925. Ref: NJ Wills, 4:346)

**Combs &c. Note:** See 3 Jun 1741 marriage (license) of Jonathan COMBS of Perth Amboy, Middlesex Co, NJ and Elizabeth REED of Freehold, Monmouth Co, NJ. Also note that in another reference to this same will in GDAC, 1925, John REED, the testator, is identified as "of Woodbridge" (Middlesex Co, NJ) and references only grandson, Robert COMBS, with no mention of either grandson, John COMBS, nor



son-in-law, Jonathan COMBS.

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17 Jun 1764 Old Tennent Church, Monmouth Co, NJ. Baptised: **Estherd/o Thomas COMBS**

([Births, Baptisms and Burials of Monmouth Co, NJ](#)).

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22 Jun 1766 Christ Church Parish Registry, Shrewsbury, Monmouth Co, NJ. Baptised: **Hannah COMBS**, an adult Freehold

(ibid.)

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30 May 1771 Marriage License. **Dinah COMBES**, Monmouth, and Benjamin HUTCHINSON, Monmouth

(Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New Jersey: Vol. XXII, Marriage Records 1665-1800, William Nelson, Patterson, NJ: Press Printing and Publishing, 1900, p. 92)

**Notes:** d/o Thomas of Upper Freehold, d 1757.

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25 Aug 1771 Old Tennent Church, Monmouth Co, NJ. Baptised: **John, s/o John COMBS**

([Births, Baptisms and Burials of Monmouth Co, NJ](#)).

**Note:** Could this be a belated baptism for John COMBS, b 8 Jul 1770, NJ, s/o Capt. John COMBS, d 1 Sep 1779?

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27 Jun 1773 Old Tennent Church, Monmouth Co, NJ. Baptised: **David s/o Joseph COMBS**

ibid.

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17 Oct 1773 Old Tennent Church, Monmouth Co, NJ. Baptised: **Jonathan s/o John COMBS**

ibid.

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5 Feb 1775 Old Tennent Church, Monmouth Co, NJ. Baptised: **Elizabeth, d/o Joseph COMBS**

ibid.

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8 Jun 1775 Born: "**Elijah COMBS (son of Thomas & Martha, brother of Gilbert)** Born June 8, 1775"

(From Loose Sheet inside bible of George Washington & Sarah C. BURCHETT Combs, gs/o [Rev. War Soldier Gilbert COMBS](#) - See also Elijah Combs Family in Old Tennent Records ([Births, Baptisms and Burials of Monmouth Co, NJ](#)), and note that Elijah as s/o Thomas & Martha COMBS Combs and brother of Gilbert COMBS has not been documented.)

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1776-1783 Revolutionary War Soldier **Joseph COMBS**, born 24 Sep 1740 (his age "transcribed many years ago from his father's bible into his own"), [Middlesex Co, NJ](#), then relocated to, resided in, and entered service at **Freehold Twp., Monmouth Co, NJ** in June 1776 as a private in the NJ militia; subsequently elected a sergeant in Walton's Co. of Holmes Regmt... Applied for and received Pension #5319 on 6/7/1832

(Extracted by Combs Researcher Bob Combs from Rev. War Pension file #S2461 from the National Archives)

According to Adleberg's 1997 *Roster of the People of Revolutionary Monmouth County*, one or more Joseph COMBS were of Freehold Twp; i.e., a Militia Sergeant; a signer of the Articles of Retaliation in Jun 1779; a seller of produce to the Continental Army in May 1780 and a signer of a Petition Supporting Articles of Retaliation on 17 Sep 1780.

1776-1783 Revolutionary War Soldier **Gilbert COMBS** (s/o Thomas & Martha COMBS Combs), born 5 Nov 1759, Freehold, Monmouth Co, NJ, enlisted in Monmouth Co, NJ, removed to [Shenandoah Co, VA](#), later in [Culpeper](#) and [Botetourt Cos, VA](#), and [Hawkins Co, TN](#) and moved in 1832 to [McNairy Co, TN](#) where he d in 1836.

1 Sep 1779. Died: **Capt. John COMBS** of Monmouth Co, NJ

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18 May 1777 Old Tennent Church, Monmouth Co, NJ. Baptised: **Thomas s/o Joseph COMBS**

([Births, Baptisms and Burials of Monmouth Co, NJ](#)).

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8 Oct 1777 Estate of Robert RHEA of Allentown, Monmouth Co, NJ (d testate). Inventory by **Thomas COMBS** [sp.?)

(GDAC, NJ Wills, 5:420)

**Combs &c. Note:** See also 27 May 1719 inventory of estate of Robert RHE (or RAY) of Freehold, Monmouth Co, NJ, appraised by Thomas COMBS.

ibid.

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1780 Monmouth Co, NJ. Born: **Abner COMBS, s/o James COMBS**

(Extracted from 1848 [Burlington Co, NJ](#) Death Records by Combs Researcher Kathy Combs)

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### 1780 Monmouth Co NJ Tax Lists

FREEHOLD TWP

**Gilbert COOMBS**

(Extracted by Combs Researcher Birdie McNutt from "Colonial Census Index 1607-1789, Family Tree Maker, c Broderbund Software, Inc. Banner Blue Divison)

**N**otes: Probably [RW Gilbert COMBS](#) who had removed to **Shenandoah Co VA** by 05 Apr 1781 when he m there Christianna DENTON. See also next.

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10 Nov 1780 - 14 Jan 1785 Will of Adam BOUCE of Freehold, Monmouth Co, NJ, proved 14 Jan 1785, and drawn 10 Nov 1780, named as co-executor his **friend John COMBS**.

(GDAC, 1925. Ref: NJ Wills, 5:51; 6:55.)

SW: BOICE, BOYCE

**N**otes: See 1774 [Middlesex Co, NJ](#) will of Cornelius BOYCE whose widow, Hannah, was the d/o John COMBS.

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bef 1781 Married: **Phebe COMBS of Upper Freehold** & George ELY

(*A Historical Narrative of the Ely, Revell and Stacye Families* by Reuben Pownall Ely, Copyright, 1910, by Fleming H. REVELL Company)

**N**otes: According to the above source, "George ELY, youngest son of John and Phebe (ALLISON) Ely, born July 26, 1756, sometimes referred to as "Col. George ELY," died at "Burnt House Tavern," [Hunterdon County, New Jersey](#), in 1818. He married, first, **Phebe COOMBS**, daughter of **John and Rebecca COOMBS of Upper Freehold**, and, second, Elizabeth MOUNT, daughter of (???) and Rebecca MOUNT, mentioned in the latter's will dated October 10, 1796. It has been incorrectly stated that his first wife's name was Rebecca COOMBS, but this is a mistake as John COOMBS in his will dated 6 mo. 3, 1797, mentions his son-in-law, George ELY, and

among his living daughters **Rebecca COOMBS**. Issue of **George and Phebe (COOMBS) Ely**: John ELY, married Rebecca CHAMBERLAIN, and was the father of William ELY, of Bordentown, N. J.; Mary HULSE, of Clarksburg, N. J., and George ELY, of Bordentown, N. J. George ELY, born September, 1781, married Mary MOUNT, and in 1804 removed to [Clermont County, Ohio](#), and was the founder of the city of Batavia."

No marriage has been located for George & Phoebe COMBS Ely as yet, nor do we have the 3 Jun 1797 (or 1798? - see below) will for John COMBS of Upper Freehold as yet.

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May 1781 (Augusta VA Circuit Court Judgments - Causes Ended) COMBS vs. COMBS - OS1; NS 1 - "**Robert COMBS** died, May 1781, intestate leaving one son, **Job**; daughter **Martha, wife of Thomas COMBS** (Martha and Thomas lived in **New Jersey**). **Job** qualified Admr. in Shenandoah [Co, VA]. Mary & Thomas had a son, **Gilbert**. Job has removed to Tennessee & Solomon Van METER had effects in his hands."

(Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia, extracted from the original court records of Augusta County, 1745-1800, by Lyman Chalkey, Vol. II, GPC, Baltimore, 1974, p. 57)

October 9, 1781 [Shenandoah Co, VA Records](#). Know all men by these presents that we **Thomas COMBS** and **Martha COMBS** of Township of Freehold County of Monmouth and State of East New Jersey for consideration of our natural love and affection... have appointed **our beloved son Gilbert COMBS** of Powells Fort Shenandoah County and State of Virginia our true and lawful attorney for us and in our names... Wit: Hendrick Van BOUNT Signed: **Thomas COMBS** and **Martha COMBS** Jos. LAWRENCE Recorded: 10/9/1781.

(Combs Researcher Butch Hicks)

**N**otes: This Robert COMBS is *said to have been* the s/o Thomas of Freehold, d 1723, which would place his birth at pre-1703 (Robert, s/o Thomas, appears to have been an adult at the time his father signed his will). It is not yet known when Robert left Monmouth Co, NJ, but he is in the records of [Frederick Co, VA](#) by 1763-1764. He is also said to have married Mary ROBERTS, widow of Thomas MORRELL (still seeking sources). This marriage had taken place by 1733 (the year of his daughter, Martha's birth per Old Tennes Church records, [Births, Baptisms and Burials of Monmouth Co, NJ](#)).

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4 Jul 1784 Old Tennes Church, Monmouth Co, NJ. Baptised: **Hannah, d/o James COMBS**

([Births, Baptisms and Burials of Monmouth Co, NJ](#)).

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24 Jun 1784 (Monmouth Co, NJ?) Ezekiel GORDON (s/o Jonathan R. & Margaret), m **Mary COMBS**, d 7 Jul 1832, had 4 children: Jonathan Rhea GORDON, b. Mch. 1785 d. May 13, 1831; John Earl GORDON, b 26 Sep 1791, m 24 Feb 1823, Lydia HAMPTON, had child George C. who lived at Marlboro. N.J. & had child John Earl; Sarah Combs GORDON, b 24 Nov 1793, d 2 Dec 1793; and Joseph C. GORDON, b 24 Jan 1795, m Mary HAMPTON

(Excerpted from *Genealogy Tidbits: Monmouth Co, NJ*, Surname G, source not stated other than from Monmouth Co, NJGenWeb "look-ups.")

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12 Sep 1784 Old Tennent Church, Monmouth Co, NJ. Baptised: **Robert and Lydia COMBS**

([Births, Baptisms and Burials of Monmouth Co, NJ](#)).

**Note:** The failure to name father may indicate Robert & Lydia were adults.

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7 Jan 1785 Died: **Capt. Thomas COMBS**, RW Service, **New Jersey**, [heris?] received RW Pension for 3 years, commencing 04 Mar 1789 in the amount of \$96.00 for a total of \$864 [9 years]

(United States Senate. Report from the Secretary of War, in Obedience to Resolutions of the Senate of the 5th and 30th of June, 1834, and the 3d of March, 1835, In Relation to the Pension Establishment of the United States. [New Jersey Section], Washington, D.C.: Duff Green, 1835)

**Notes:** This appears to have been Capt. Thomas COMBS, listed in Old Tennent Church, Monmouth Co, NJ records as Capt. Thomas COMBS, Rangers, [Middlesex Co, NJ](#).

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1787 Old Tennent Church, Monmouth Co, NJ. Baptised: **Hannah Smith, d/o Solomon COMBS**

([Births, Baptisms and Burials of Monmouth Co, NJ](#)).

**Note:** See 1804 will of Solomon COMBS of Upper Monmouth, which names daughter, Hannah S. COMBS (not included as one of his underage children, she would have been ca 17-18 years of age at time he signed will, but the two underage children were probably b aft 1797, thus very underage).

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18 Oct 1787 Guardianship Bond of Silvanus BILLS of Monmouth Co [NJ], son of Thomas BILLS late of same decd., the said child's mother, Sarah PARKER, states the child is aged 11 and asks that Thomas PARKER be appointed the guardian; granted. Witnessed by **Jonathan COMBS** [sp.?)

(GDAC, 1925. Ref: NJ Wills, 7:23.)

**GDAC Note:** This note may apply to a Jonathan of Monmouth Co., or to Judge Jonathan<sup>5</sup>.

**Combs &c. Note:** GDAC lists three children for Jonathan<sup>3</sup> COMBES, all baptised at Old Tennent Church in Monmouth Co, NJ, as William<sup>4</sup>, bapt. 11 Jun 1742; m. Leah COVENHAVEN (CONOVER); Robert, bapt. 24 Apr. 1744; and John, bapt. 1 Jun 1746. [No Source for Covenhaven marriage given, and no mention of how/why Covenhaven could be aka Conover.]

26 Jul 1789 Old Tennent Church, Monmouth Co, NJ. Baptised: **Joseph s/o James COMBS**

([Births, Baptisms and Burials of Monmouth Co, NJ](#)).

April 29, 1789 *The Pennsylvania Gazette*. Center House, Market street, Philadelphia, April 27. WAS detained at the subscriber's stable, the 30th day of March last, a large BAY MARE, branded with the letters I.R. Supposed to be stolen by a person who said he came from near **Shrewsbury**, in East Jersey, his name Benijah HARVEY. The owner is desired to come, prove his property, pay charges and take her away. WILLIAM READ.

N.B. The said Benijah HARVEY produced a certificate to a Justice of the Peace in Philadelphia, signed John TOAN, importing that he sold said Mare to said HARVEY, and the certificate was witnessed with the name of **John COMBS**, a Justice of [Middlesex](#), the truth of which being doubted, HARVEY disappeared.

(Combs Researcher Annie Duckenfield)

### 1790 Monmouth Co, NJ Census

Not extant

1790 Old Tennent Church, Monmouth Co, NJ. Baptised: **Anna COMBS**

([Births, Baptisms and Burials of Monmouth Co, NJ](#)).

2 Oct 1790 Old Tennent Church, Monmouth Co, NJ. Baptised: **Jonathan s/o Samuel COMBS**

ibid.

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P. 002

**John COMBS**  
**John COMBS, Jr.**  
**Joseph COMBS**  
**Robert COMBS**  
**Solomon COMBS**  
**Thomas COMBS**  
**William COMBS**

MIDDLETOWN TWP

P. 009

**James COMBS**

(Extracted by Combs Researcher Birdie McNutt from Census CD - original source still needed)

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1793 Monmouth Co, NJFREEHOLD TWPno p. # **Robert COMBS**MIDDLETOWN TWPno p. # **James COMBS**UPPER FREEHOLD TWPno p. # **Benjamin COMBS**

**James COMBS**  
**John COMBS**  
**Robert COMBS**

(Extracted by Combs Researcher Birdie McNutt from Census CD - original source still needed)

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25 Feb 1793 (Monmouth Co?) New Jersey. Married: **John COMBS** & Elizabeth BOWNE ([Clinton Co, IN](#) Biography of Joseph Combs)

**N**otes: According to the Biography of Joseph COMBS, b 15 Nov 1860, [Clinton Co, IN](#), he was the s/o Nathan B. COMBS, b 16 Apr 1831, [Butler Co, OH](#) and Mary Margaret WRIGHT Combs; gs/o John COMBS (b 20 Nov 1798) & Jane BROWN Combs who m 1819 Butler Co, OH; g-gs/o John COMBS, b 8 Jul 1770, NJ, who m 25 Feb 1793, Elizabeth BOWNE; and gg-gs/o John COMBS of **Monmouth Co, NJ**, d 2 Sep 1779. The latter was probably the same as [Capt. John COMBS](#) of NJ who d 1 [sic] Sep 1779.

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## 1794 Monmouth Co NJ Tax Lists

### MIDDLETOWN TWP

P. 016: **James COMBS**

(Extracted by Combs Researcher Birdie McNutt from Census CD - original source still needed)

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1795 Old Tennent Church, Monmouth Co, NJ. Baptised: **Margaret d/o James COMBS**

([Births, Baptisms and Burials of Monmouth Co, NJ](#)).

**Note:** Most Post-1795 Old Tennent Records have not been included in this chronology of records, but can be found in above-noted source.

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## 1795 Monmouth Co NJ Tax Lists

### MIDDLETOWN TWP. - JU-AUG ASSESSMENT

P. 009: **James COMBS**

(Extracted by Combs Researcher Birdie McNutff from Automated Archives, Inc. GRS®(Genealogical Research Systems) CD #151, 1791-1809 US Census Indexes & Tax Lists: Mid-Atl, S., Mid-W.© 1989, Infoware, Inc, 1992 MicroQuix, Inc.,1993 Automated Archives, Inc.)

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4 Nov 1795 Chesterfield (Burlington County) Friends' Monthly Meeting Marriage Records, 1686-1800: **John COMBS, Jr., of Upper Freehold Township, Monmouth county**, and Mary ASHTON, of the same place, at Upper Freehold.....4th 11th mo. 1795. Witnesses - **John Sr., Rebekah, Thos., Isaac, Stephen, Benjamin, Ezekiel, Rebecca, Jr., Abigail, Euphemia and Hannah COMBS**, George CRAFT, Joel CHESHIRE, Joshua WRIGHT, Richard POTTS and others.

(Extracted by Combs Researcher Les Combs from *New Jersey Marriage Records*, Genealogical Publishing Co, Inc, 1982) *Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New Jersey*, page 654)

4th da 11th mo 1795; **John COMBS Jr. of Upper Freehold**, Monmouth Co. to Mary ASHTON of same place; at Upper Freehold.

(*Records of the Chesterfield Monthly Meeting of Quakers* (located in [Burlington Co, New Jersey](#)))

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1796 Monmouth Co, NJ Tax ListsMIDDLETOWN TWPP. 010: **James COMBS**

(Extracted by Combs Researcher Birdie McNutff from Automated Archives, Inc. GRS<sup>®</sup> (Genealogical Research Systems) CD #151, 1791-1809 US Census Indexes & Tax Lists: Mid-Atl, S., Mid-W.© 1989, Infoware, Inc, 1992 MicroQuix, Inc.,1993 Automated Archives, Inc.)

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**COMBS, James**

(ibid.)

10 Nov 1797 Monmouth Co, NJ Monmouth Co, NJ Marriages - 1795-1817 Vol. A **Solomon COMBS** & Catharine CONOVER of Freehold Twp. Nov. 10, 1797 by J. WOODHULL recorded Nov. 21,1797 (page 20)

(Combs Researcher Bob Combs)

21 Nov 1797 Monmouth Co, NJ Marriages - 1795-1817 Vol. A **Elijah COMBS** & Rebecah REED of Freehold Twp. Aug. 16, 1797 by John WOODHULL V.D.M. recorded Nov. 21, 1797 (page 20)

ibid.

Notes: See Elijah Combs Family Records and Old Tennent Church Records

1797 Monmouth Co NJ Tax ListsMIDDLETOWN TWP. - JU-AUG ASSESSMENTP. 010: **James COMBS**

(Extracted by Combs Researcher Birdie McNutt from Census CD - original source still needed)

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1798 Monmouth Co, NJ Tax Lists

None?

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1798 [Burlington Co NJ](#) Tax Lists  
**John COMBS of Monmouth**

(Extracted by Combs Researcher Birdie McNutt from Census CD - original source still needed)

*Note: There are also a number of entries in Burlington Co under Upper Freehold twp of Burlington.*

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3 Jun 1798 Will of John COMBS of Upper Freehold proved 29 Jun 1803  
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(New Jersey Colonial Documents, Calendar of Wills - 1801-1805, page 89)

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1798 [Burlington Co, NJ](#) (Census?) [Monmouth?]

UPPER FREEHOLD [PARTIAL]

**COMBS, John of Monmouth Co.**

(Combs Researcher Birdie McNutt from Census CD's pending transcription)

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12th da 12th mo 1798 Benjamin COMBS of Upper Freehold, son of **John & Rebekah COMBS**, to Charity CRAFT dau of George & Mary CRAFT; at Robbin's Meeting Place.

*(Records of the Chesterfield Monthly Meeting of Quakers (located in Burlington Co., New Jersey))*

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12 Dec 1798 Chesterfield (Burlington County) Friends' Monthly Meeting Marriage Records, 1686-1800: Benjamin COMBS of Upper Freehold, Monmouth county (son of John and Rebekah), and Charity CRAFT, of the same place, dau of George and Mary at Robbins Meeting House... ..12th 12th mo., 1798. Witnesses - John, Rebekah, Thomas, Hannah, John, Jr., Isaac, Euphemia, Stephen, Abigail, Rebekah, Ezekiel, Rachel and Nancy COMBS, George, Mary, Grace and Samuel CRAFT and others.

(Extracted by Combs Researcher Les Combs from *New Jersey Marriage Records*, Genealogical Publishing Co, Inc, 1982)

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c1798 The 1887 [Gloucester Co, NJ](#) Death Certificate of Elizabeth KILLE, age 88+ (b Oct 1798?), born Upper Freehold, Monmouth Co, NJ, d/o **John COMBS** & Mary ASHTON

(Combs Researcher Mayann Ross who adds: Seeking to confirm the marriage of Elizabeth to Isaac KILLE of Gloucester County. Undocumented research states that "Isaac KILLE married Elizabeth COMBS", not date or place given, but circa 1820).

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### 1799 [Burlington Co, NJ](#) (Tax Lists)

**COMBS, John** of Monmouth

*Notes: This was probably John of Upper Freehold, apparently residing in Burlington this year.*

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**Important:** All Records collected for this county may not have been added here as yet. See also the [Combs Research List Archives](#)

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Return to [Monmouth Births, Baptisms, Burials and Family Records](#)  
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