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John Hampton


Born **about 1 Oct 1643** in **Scotland** 


Son of [Andrew Hampton](#) [uncertain] and [Katherine \(Scherreff\) Hampton](#) [ANCESTORS](#)  [uncertain]


Brother of [Andrew Hampton](#)

Husband of [Katherine \(Cloudsley\) Hampton](#) — married 7 Dec 1675 (to about 1687) in Drumbouy, East Lothian, Scotland 

Husband of [Martha \(Brown\) Hampton](#) — married 3 Jan 1687 in Shrewsbury, Monmouth County, New Jersey 

Husband of [Jane \(Curtis\) Sharp](#) — married 1698 in Quaker MM, Burlington Co., New Jersey 

Father of [Janet \(Hampton\) Rhea](#), [Elizabeth \(Hampton\) Combs](#), [Lydia \(Hampton\) Gordon](#), [John Hampton](#), [David Hampton](#), [Andrew Hampton](#), [Jonathan Hampton](#), [Noah Hampton](#) and [Joseph Hampton](#) [DESCENDANTS](#) 

Died **about 23 Jan 1702** at about age 58 in **Freehold, Monmouth, New Jersey** 

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Biography

We don't conclusively know when John Hampton was born, but research suggests he was possibly **born 1643 or 1658** - and those are the dates frequently cited. We do know with certainty that a John Hampton immigrated to NJ from Scotland in 1683. ^[1]

A "**Jhone Hamptone**" was christened **1 October 1643**, in the parish of **Kineff** south of Aberdeen, Scotland. Jhone was the son of "Andro or Andre Hamptone" and "Ketterine Scherreff." While we do not have conclusive proof that this was the immigrant John Hampton, it was an appropriate birth date. This Andro Hampton does not show with a record for a son named Andrew, but it is not hard to imagine he might name a son after himself? ^[2]

A **James Hampton** is found in Scottish records in 1658 that is a possible father to **John and Andrew Hampton**. This James Hampton, of **Arbuthnot** (according to Scots birth


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1659. [3]

Some researchers have proposed that this James Hampton is our ancestor (the father of John Hampton that immigrated to NJ in 1683). One argument against that proposal is that John Hampton (NJ immigrant 1683) is reported to have a daughter Janet. **Janet has been reported to have been born about 1668** (when she died in NJ in the year 1761, her age was stated as 92 or 93, which would give her a birth year of about 1668). That date is earlier than the December 7, 1675 **first known and documented marriage of John Hampton** to Katherine Cloudsley in Scotland. However, we know from Scottish Quaker Records that there is no record of a daughter Janet, nor a record of a previous wife? Scottish Quaker Records show JOHN HAMPTON (Hantoun) with a marriage on 7 December 1675 in the home of Alexander HAMILTON of Drumbouy to KATHERINE CLOUDSLEY. The same "Friends" records also show a daughter Elizabeth b. Oct 11, 1676; and Lydia b. May 14, 1678; and a son John b. Sept 6, 1681; but there is NO record of a daughter Janet at all in the Scots records? This would seem highly unlikely given the meticulous Friends record keeping and the fact that all the other children are recorded. There is also a large gap in birthdate of 1668 for Janet to 1676 for the birth of daughter Elisabeth. [4]

Unfortunately, John could also be one of the unregistered and/or unbaptized births in Scotland circa 1650?

"Hampton is originally an English name and can be found in England dating back to 1273, but by John's era, there were Hamptones, Hamptons, Hamptens or Hamtons in several Scottish locales. The Hampton name is surprisingly common in Scotland, especially in the Northern part."

Quakers & Life

John Hampton shows in the **Scottish Quaker 'Record Book of Friends Att Urie'**, page 93 as having affiliated with the Quaker movement in Scotland in January **1669**. The same page shows that Robert Barclay was married, in the home of his wife's father. Barclay was the first governor of East Jersey in 1682, in absentia.

Quakers are people who belong to the **Religious Society of Friends**, a historically Protestant Christian set of denominations. Members refer to each other as Friends after John 15:14 in the Bible, and originally, others referred to them as Quakers as the founder of the movement, George Fox, told a judge to quake "before the authority of God".

"In Scotland - Quaker Records, show John Hampton's **marriage - 7 December 1675** in the home of Alexander Hamilton of Drumbouy to **Katherine Cloudsley** (Cludsley). [5] The same records shows daughter **Elizabeth born Oct 11, 1676; Lydia b. May 14, 1678; son John b. Sept 6, 1681**. There is no record in Scots Quaker records of a daughter Janet - nor of a wife (marriage) prior to Katherine Cloudsley. [6]

NJ Records show that John Hampton arrived in NJ with children Elizabeth, Lydia, John, David and a daughter Janet. David was probably born circa 1683, just prior to departure or en-route to America, on the 3 1/2 month crossing. [7]

The initial passengers sent to America included key personnel such as the **joint overseers John Hampton and John Reid** together with their servants and families. [8]

"On **23 November, 1682**, before his departure from Scotland, John Hampton of Elphinstone, East Lothian, Scotland received a 10 acre lot on Amboy Point in NJ. Agreement was stated for the **Overseers John Reid and John Hampton**, "to have 25 lbs English Yearlie, and for the first year each a share of ten acres in Amboy Point which being accounted at 5 lb a piece with 10 lbs of money they received in Scotland before they went away, completing their first years payment." (Listed John Hanton/HANTONE - sic)

"**John Hampton was a "Gardner.**" This term had a very different meaning in 1683. It would be similar in meaning to a horticulturist or agronomist (an expert in the science of soil management and crop production) today. It was a very respected profession, as was evidenced by the fact that John Hampton and John Reid (also a "Gardner") were appointed overseers of the New Jersey Settlement by the Scottish Proprietors. [9]

"It is well documented that John Hampton came to East New Jersey with children and his

wife, Katherine Cloudsley, in **December 1683**. They traveled aboard **the ship EXCHANGE of Stockton**. "Also immigrating to America at this time (on the Ship EXCHANGE) was one **Andrew Hampton**.^[10] John Hampton's signature is on the Quaker marriage record of Andrew Hampton, a tailor, and Margaret Cumming in Edinburgh, 'the seventh day of the fourth month' 1683.^[11] Andrew is believed by most researchers to be the brother of John Hampton. The relationship between John and Andrew has not been conclusively proven. Some cite evidence that suggests that they may have been cousins, rather than brothers. While not conclusively proven either way, most researchers believe that John and Andrew were brothers.

"An accounting done for the absentee proprietors a few months after the arrival in **1683 showed John Hampton** with 9 cows, 6 oxen, 2 horses and 1 mare, 2 breeding sows, 144.6.11 pounds in provisions, utensils, and necessaries. John Marsh had in hand 35.10.9 pounds for building John Hampton's house. John Reid had a similar distribution of stock and considerations.^[12]

HAMPTON, JOHN, a gardener in Elphinstone, granted 10 acres on **Amboy Point, East New Jersey**, 23.11.1682; married (1) Katherine Cloudsley, (2) Martha Brown, (3) Jane Curtis, emigrated to East New Jersey with his children Janet, Elizabeth, Lideah, John and David 1683, **landed on Staten Island 19.3.1683**, settled in Perth Amboy 11.1683, and later in Freehold, (EJ Deeds, Liber A, fo.434); patent on the Neversink River, near Cheesequake, East New Jersey, 8.1.1686, [EJDeeds, Liber A, fo.256/280]; died 1.1703. [MNJ], probate 26.2.1702 New Jersey.^[13]

"By 8 January 1685/6, John Hampton shows with patent for 164 acres from William Haige, Surveyor General. The land was on **Navesink River, Cheesquakes** - today the site of a state park. Haig had been registered in East Jersey as a new immigrant at the same time as was John Hampton.^[14]

"In 1687 John Hampton **married Martha Brown** at Shrewsbury, New Jersey, '**at the publicke meeting house of Friends**.' Sons Andrew, Johathan and Noah were born to this union with Martha Brown. One witness to the 1687 wedding at Shrewsbury was George Keith (1638-1716), who had studied to be a Presbyterian minister in Aberdeen, Scotland, but became a Quaker in 1662.^[15] "1686/7, 3rd of 1st month, John Hampton of Middleton, md. to Martha Brown, of Shres., 'at the publicke meeting of house of friends,' the first day of the week - No Hamptons as witnesses. Witnesses: Abraham Brown, John Hamton, Peter Tilton, Martha Hamton, George Keith, Remembrance Lippincott, Jedidah Allen, Nathaniel Cammack, John Toocker, John Harvey, Samuell Spicer, Cattron Brown, John Hance, Sarah Shreeve (Sherife?), John Chambers, Audrey West, Judah Allen, Abigail Lippincott, Ephraim Allen, Jane Borden, Caleb Shreeve (Sherife?), Jerusha Eaton, Henry Chamberlin, Elizabeth Hance, John Cheshire, Hester Vicars, Thomas Vickers, Mary Thorpp, John Lippincott, Thomas Eaton.

The marriage to Martha Brown provokes the conclusion that **Catherine Cloudsley (John's second wife) died before 1686/87**, although I have not yet found a record of her death date.

"9 Dec 1687, John Hampton purchased 100 acres from Thomas Huet.

Church Elder - John HAMPTON was in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on September 5, 1688 for the "Friends yearly meeting" along with George Keith.^[16]

Quaker Meeting Records Show: "1689 Jan 9 - '9th of 11th month (in margin 10th of 2d mo. 1690) - **Robert Ray married Jenett Hamton**, both of Shrews at home of John Hamton.' Witnesses include John Hamton & Martha Hamton, Jacob Lippincott, at the house of John Hamton.^[17]

The following, while abbreviated may help explain the lapse in record keeping at this point in time, Preface and research done by: Charles Carroll Gardner - ".....This meeting was first set up in Perth Amboy in 1686, and three years later it met at Woodbridge. From 1689 until 1704 no meeting was held, by reason of **George Keith's Separation**. In 1704 it was re-established at Woodbridge as a preparative meeting, and in 1706 as a monthly meeting, which continued "George Keith's departure is an important event in early Quaker History and is referred to as the Keithian Schism. Prior to 1691, Keith began to question some of the Quaker doctrines. In this monumental controversy, which shook the "Society of Friends" in NJ, John Hampton was one of Keith's supporters (in 1691) and voted to support Keith. At the 1692 Annual

Meeting, a gathering of church elders and ministers again heard his case and subsequently denied Keith access to the church.

"On 25 October 1693 John Hampton buys 500 acres in Monmouth Co, NJ from George Keith of Philadelphia, land on the Burlington Path and adjoining land of Robert Barclay, Proprietor. In 1696 John Hampton sold the same 500 acres purchased 3 years earlier from George Keith, to Benjamin Borden of Freehold, Monmouth County. The Hampton and Borden names will again be linked in 1734 in Virginia. ^[18]

"Property records (Warrants for Surveys, Monmouth, Co, NJ) show that John and family probably moved to Freehold, NJ, about 1694/5, for he was **paying quit rents on Dec. 2, 1695 on 544 acres.** ^[19]

"Martha Brown (wife of John Hampton), apparently died circa 1696/7 in New Jersey. "In the period prior to 1698," John Hampton married a fourth time, this time to a widow, **Jean Curtis Ogborne**. She was born in England circa 1661. One son, **Joseph Hampton**, was born (about 1701/2) to this union. Jean Curtis Ogborne, was the widow of Samuel Ogborne of NJ. On May 12, 1698, John Hampton, of Freehold, and wife Jane Curtis (Ogborne), sold a house, in Burlington, late in the tenure of Samuel Ogborne - former husband of Jane Hampton, to John Borradaill, of Burlington. We do not know the marriage date for Jane and John Hampton, but it was obviously before 1698, May 12 because on that date, "JOHN HAMPTON, of Freehold, NJ, and wife Jane to John Borradaill, of Burlington." It has been reported as a house in Burlington, but is recorded as "35 feet 10 in. front on High Street and rear, as deep as other lots, late the property of Samuel Ogborne, former husband of said Jane, to whom it was sold by Wm ffryley, (sic) Aug 9, 1693." ^[20]

John Hampton died in Freehold, County Monmouth, NJ. John Hampton left a will in Freehold, NJ, in which he names his wife Jean and children. John wrote his Will on **January 23, 1702**, indicating death was after that date. John Hampton's Will was **probated February 26, 1702/3.**

All we can conclusively say is that **he died after January 23 and before February 26, 1702/3.** The 1702/3 will for John Hampton mentioned the wife Jean; and children Elizabeth, Lydia, John, David, Andrew, Jonathan, Noah, Joseph and Jannet Ray/Rhea. ^[21]

Will

"In the name of God Amen the **twentieth and third day of January one thousand seven hundred and two years** According to the computation of the church of England, I John Hampton of Freehold in the County of Monmouth and province of East New Jersey planter being of perfect memorie and Remembrance praised be God do make and ordaine this my last will and testament in Manner and form following Viz Imp. I bequeath my soul into the hands of almighty God my maker hoping that through the meritorious death and passion of Jesus Christ my only Saviour and redeemer to receive free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and as for my body to be buried in Christian burial at the discretion of my Executor hereafter nominated.

"Item I give unto my son John Hampton the north east Lot of my land lying next to the dutch mans brook being part of that land which was formerly James Miller's. Item I give unto my son David Hampton the mid Lot of the said land joyning to that I have given John my son. Item I give unto my son Joseph the south west lot of the said land lying next to James Reid's Land as also I give unto them my ditched meadow adjoining to James Reid's Land after my widow Jean Hampton her marriage or decease and I likewise will that if one or more of my said sons shall die without heirs Lawfully begotten of their bodies yet then their Estate of Inheritance shall fall to their Surviving Brethren or their lawful heirs and likewise if any of them be minded to sell their above said Inheritance they prefer it first to their brethren or Lawful heirs.

"Item I give unto my son Andrew Hampton one hundred acres of Land I purchased from John Butler when he comes to be twenty one years of age. Item I give unto my son Jonathan Hampton one hundred Acres of Land upon which my house stands after my widow's marriage or death when he is of age twenty one years. Item I give unto my son Noah Hampton the middle hundred acres lying twixt that I have given to my sons Andrew and Johathan Hampton after my widow marriage or decease when he comes to the age of twenty one years and I will that my sons David, Jonathan and Noah Hampton

she see cause to keep them.)

"Item I give unto my wife Jean and her son Joseph Hampton four cows, two big steers, a year old bull, two year old heifers, and a year old steer of her choosing. Item in token of my love to Sarah and Mary Ogburns I give each of them a year old heifer. Item I give unto my daughters Elizabeth and Lydia each of them a cow. Item I give unto my sons John, David, Jonathan, Andrew and Noah Hampton all the rest of my estate to be Equally divided among them by my Executor. Item I give unto my wife Jean and her son Joseph Hampton my horses called Buck Jack and the young horse that runs in the woods. Item to my sons John and David Hampton my two old mares that run in the woods and the horse called Cupid and will that they give to my sons Jonathan and Noah two mare Colts when the mares breed them. Item I give my son Andrew Hampton my young mare in the woods. Item to Jean my wife and my son Joseph twelve of my sheep of her choosing. Item to Sarah and Mary Ogburns two Ewes. Item to Jannet Rayes and her children three Ewes. Item to my four Grand Children four Ewes and all the rest of my sheep to my sons John, David, Andrew, Jonathan, and Noah Hampton. Item I give my daughters Elizabeth and Lydia two bedds and Bolsters which were their mothers with what other cloths my Executor finds can be sparred. Item to Jean my wife my great bible and after her decease to my son Joseph. Item to Jannet Ray my little bible. Item to my wife Jean and her Children all that belongs to her and her Children before our marriage and the Equal half of all my pewter and other half to my daughters Elizabeth and Lydia. Item to my sons John and David Hampton I give each of them an Iron pot. Item to Jean my wife and my son Joseph a case with knives and a case with bottles with all my provisions of meat and drink for the use of my house and I desire my Executor may make use of my wheat in the house and in the barn for paying all my debts and what is over paying my debts I give to my wife Jean and my son Joseph. Item to Jean my wife and my son Joseph the half of my crop of wheat on the ground and the other half thereof to my sons John and David Hampton on the condition that they cut down the same and take it up again carry it to my barn and then secure it thresh clean and transport it to the market. Item I give to Jean my wife and son Joseph my Cart & Cows, harrows, ax, aze, howes, siths and other tools and utensils upon my plantation with all the remaining vessels, tables, chairs, beds, bedsteads, chests and trunks together with two sows and their pigs and three hives of bees. Item all the rest of my Goods, Money, debts I give unto my wife Jean and my son Joseph Hampton upon Condition they pay all my debts and Legats and make Robert Ray of Freehold and Jean my wife Executors of this my last will and testament revoking all other wills and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal day and year above written in presence of:

"Andrew Burnet, John Trot, William Laing - John Hampton (seal). William Laing and Andrew Burnet two of the hereunto Subscribing witnesses came before me and underwritten Commission for taking the probate of all last wills and Testaments within the province of East New Jersey and did solemnly depose that they saw the above named John Hampton sign seal publish and declare the above written Instrument to be his last will and testament and yet at the same time he was of sound mind and perfect memorie to the best of their understanding - Jurat vicesimo Sexto Die Feb Anno Domi 1702 Coram me.

"12 Feb 1702-3 Inventory of the personal estate, £202.19.10 1/2, included a large and a small Bible £2; made by Walter Ker, Andrew Burnett and Wm. Laing."

John Hampton wrote his will on Jan. 23, 1702, and it was proved in Monmouth County, New Jersey, on Feb. 26, 1702. He died in Freehold, NJ, in February 1702. His 4th wife, [Jane \(Curtis, Ogborne\) Hampton](#), survived his passing. She remarried to [Nathaniel Fitz-Randolph](#) on April 12, 1707 in Haddonfield, NJ. She died in 1729 (or 1731) in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. ^[22]

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Karl Hampton

Husband of Janet (Riggs) Hampton — married 1667 (to 1675) in Elphingstoun, East Lothian, Scotland

Does anyone have any source or basis for this alleged marriage? Janet (Riggs) Hampton

It also says:

Marriages John Hampton was a member of the Society of Friends (Quakers) in Great Britain. He was widowed 3 times and had 4 wives, as follows:[4] 1. Margaret Wade - married ca. 1665 in Scotland. They had a daughter: Jenet (Jannet) Hampton in 1668. She married Robert Rhea in 1689 in New Jersey. Margaret Wade died before 1675 in Great Britain (Scotland or England)

Does anyone have a source or basis for this other alleged marriage? Margaret Wade - married ca. 1665

Thank you

posted 3 months ago by [Karl Hampton](#)

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 **Rick Gardiner**

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posted Jan 05, 2021 by [Rick Gardiner](#)

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 **Maggie N.**

I merged the two duplicate profiles of John Hampton as they are obviously the same person (with four wives). The parentage of John Hampton is not proven so left it with the one with most reliable source (his father possibly being Andrew Hampton).

posted May 14, 2017 by [Maggie N.](#)

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