

THE
MERLET, MARLET, MALOTT, MELOTT FAMILY
OF
FRANCE, GERMANY, AND THE UNITED STATES

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DATES

For the most part, many conflicting dates were easily straightened out by simply rechecking the source material or official records. In some cases, however, marriage dates may vary from other published works because the researcher used the date of a marriage bond, or the date a marriage license was issued, instead of the actual marriage date. Even though some of the source material I used did not specify the origin of the marriage date given, I have tried to differentiate the marriage dates as accurately as possible. In a number of cases an approximate date of marriage, using the abbreviation "ca." for circa (about), is shown based upon information provided in various census documents.

Another dating problem involves the recording of marriage banns. A couple's intentions to marry, or banns of marriage, were generally proclaimed in church on three consecutive Sundays, and if no legal impediments precluded the couple from being married, their marriage would be sanctioned after the third proclamation. Unfortunately, the first or second proclamation will often be cited as the marriage date instead of the third. I must admit, however, that this is difficult to avoid in some cases because of missing or damaged records.

Death dates may also vary in that the date of burial, or the date a will was written or submitted for probate, will sometimes be cited by others instead of the actual death date. In those cases where I was unable to verify which of two dates was correct, I generally went with the one that referenced the most credible source material, or simply used the year only.

One of the most common dating conflicts involves the use of the Julian Calendar versus the Gregorian Calendar. On 14 September 1752, the Gregorian Calendar was adopted in both Great Britain and its colonies in North America, and the first day of the year then became January 1. Prior to that date, the Julian Calendar was in effect and the first day of the year was March 25. As a consequence, many dates found in the 1600's and first half of the 1700's for the months of January, February, and March reflect, or should reflect, a double date, such as 15 February 1735/1736. Even though both dates may be perfectly acceptable based upon the calendar that was in use at the time, to be consistent with current dating procedures the second date is most accurate.

LOCATIONS

With respect to the location at which an event took place, there were many cases when it was not possible to find any record giving the exact location that a birth, marriage or death took place. Because I feel quite strongly that dates should always be accompanied by places, if for no other reason than to aid future research, I made a number of assumptions regarding location based upon available information. For instance, if a family is found in the Fayette County, Indiana census records for 1840 and 1850, and they also show up in the deed and tax records of that county for the same period, I did not feel that it was unreasonable to assume that any children they had during this period were probably also born in Fayette County. In some cases, however, my comfort level with assuming a possible location was limited to a state only.

ABBREVIATIONS

NOTE: Abbreviations for all states will be the two digit abbreviations used by the United States Postal Service.

* -----	denotes author's direct-line ancestor (pedigree)
b. -----	born
bur. -----	bur.
ca. -----	circa (about)
calc. -----	calculated (generally the date of a document or the date an event transpired less the stated age)
Can. -----	Canada
Cem. -----	Cemetery
chr. -----	christened/baptized
Co. -----	County
d. -----	died
D.R.C. -----	Dutch Reformed Church
Fr. -----	France
F.R.C. -----	French Reformed Church
Ger. -----	Germany
m. -----	married
MNU -----	maiden name unknown
Neth. -----	the Netherlands
R.C. -----	Reformed Church
Rev. -----	Reverend
Twp. -----	Township

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GENERATION ONE

1. Josias Merlet. *

Although there is no documentary evidence that I am personally aware of that verifies beyond doubt the parentage of our immigrant ancestor, Gideon Merlet, a significant number of other researchers appear to believe that his parents were Josias Merlet (also written Marles and Marlet) and his wife, Jeanne Robb (also written Rabbe and Robbe). According to many of these researchers, Josias Merlet and Jeanne Robb were residents of Roussy in the Champaign Province of France, and were of the appropriate age to have been the parents of Gideon Merlet and his brother, Paulus.

Even though I personally have not been able to verify that Josias Merlet and Jeanne Robb were the parents of Gideon and Paulus Merlet, I have not been able to disprove it either. As a consequence, I have included them in this write-up as being “probable” parents only. Hopefully, additional research will be able to resolve this issue in the future.

In light of the above, and until additional research may prove otherwise, Gideon Merlet remains the earliest known ancestor of our Merlet family to have been verified to date.

“Probable” issue: (Surname Merlet)

- * 2. Gideon ----- b. ca. 1624, “from Roussy”, Champaign Province, Fr. ^{1,2}
- m. 21 August 1644 to Marguerite Martijn in the Leiden Walloon (Protestant) Church, Zuid Holland, Neth. ³
- d. ca. 1683/1684 at Piscataway in the Province of East Jersey. (now within Middlesex Co., NJ.) ^{4,5}

3. Paulus ----- b. in Fr., probably Roussy, Champaign Province, Fr.
m. 20 February 1655 to Elizabeth Moreau in the F.R.C.,
Mannheim, Palatinate, Ger. (now Baden-Wuerttemberg, Ger.) ⁶

GENERATION TWO

NOTE: Only the author's pedigree ancestor and known siblings are covered in this generation.

2. Gideon Merlet. *

Gideon Merlet (also written Marles and Marlet) is thought to have been born in about 1624 at Roussy in the Champaign Province of France.^{1,2} Although it has yet to be proven, he is believed by a number of researchers to be the son of Josias Merlet and Jeanne Robb. As a young man, Gideon fled the religious turmoil and persecution that was taking place in France, apparently settling first at Gouda in the Province of Zuid Holland in the Netherlands, but later going to Leiden, which is also in the Province of Zuid Holland in the Netherlands.³ Gideon was later married in the Walloon Church at Leiden to a woman named Marguerite Martijn on 21 August 1644.³ According to the Leiden church records, "Gedeon Merlette, carpenter, young man from Roussy" had arrived at Leiden from Gouda in the Netherlands during the month of December 1643, while Marguerite had come from the Limburg region in the southeast part of Holland and northeast Belgium.^{2,3}

Gideon and his family eventually left Leiden and moved to the city of Mannheim in the Palatinate of Germany (now the State of Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany), where his brother, Paulus Merlet, also settled.⁶ Although the actual date that Gideon and his family left Leiden is not known for sure, their son, Paulus, was christened in the French Reformed Church there on 14 September 1653.⁶ After residing at Mannheim Germany for approximately eight or nine years, Gideon, along with his wife, Marguerite, four sons aged 15, 8, 6, and 4, Gideon's uncle, Philip Merlet, and his wife's cousin, Jeanne Martijn, decided to emigrate to North America.⁷ They later arrived in the Dutch Colony of New Amsterdam (now New York City, New York) aboard the ship "De Purmerlander Kerck" on 12 October 1662.⁷ Shortly thereafter, on 19 March 1663, Gideon, along with six other Huguenot emigrants, petitioned the Director General and Council of New Netherlands for "grants of land and seed, with provisions for six months."⁸ Gideon and his family subsequently settled on Staten Island, New York.¹

On 20 April 1671, Gideon was appointed Constable of Staten Island by Governor Francis Lovelace.¹ And later, on 14 February 1674, he was appointed a magistrate by acting Governor General Anthony Coive.¹ On 18 October 1675, “about 256 acres of land on the south side of Staten Island” was surveyed for “Gideon Marlett and sons.”⁹ These lands, which the survey indicated contained 243 acres, plus 30 acres of salt meadow at the mouth of Fresh Kill, were “patented to Gideon Marlett and his two sons, Joshua [Josias] and Paulus,” on 1 November 1675.⁹

Several years later, Gideon and Marguerite apparently moved to Piscataway in the Province of East Jersey (now within Middlesex County, New Jersey), where he was listed in 1683 as being a resident.⁴ Gideon appears to have died at Piscataway, New Jersey in 1683, or early 1684.^{4,5} This is predicated upon two pieces of information. One; in 1683, Gideon was listed as an early resident of Piscataway, New Jersey, and two; a petition that was submitted by Gideon’s two eldest sons, Josias and Paulus Merlet, requesting “a survey and division of their inherited land ... “ was subsequently granted on 20 March 1684.^{4,5}

Issue: (Surname Marlet)

4. Josias ----- b. at Leiden, Zuid Holland, Neth.
chr. 17 September 1645 in Leiden Walloon (Protestant) Church,
Zuid Holland, Neth.³
m. (1) Sarah Bowne in NY.¹⁰
m. (2) 4 December 1707 to Rebecca Du Foert in the New York
City, D.R.C., New York Co., NY.¹¹
d. 1710 at Woodbridge, Middlesex Co., NJ.¹²
5. Marie ----- b. at Leiden, Zuid Holland, Neth.
chr. 11 November 1646 in Leiden Walloon (Protestant) Church,
Zuid Holland, Neth.³
d. believed to have died young.⁷
6. Esehias ----- b. at Leiden, Zuid Holland, Neth.
chr. 26 July 1648 in Leiden Walloon (Protestant) Church, Zuid
Holland, Neth.³
d. believed to have died young.⁷
7. Paulus ----- b. at Mannheim, Palatinate, Ger. (now Baden-Wuerttemberg, Ger.)
chr. 14 September 1653 in the F.R.C., Mannheim, Palatinate,
Ger. (now Baden-Wuerttemberg, Ger.)⁶
m. Lijsbeth Bunwijck in NY.^{1,13}

8. Abraham ----- b. 26 January 1656 at Mannheim, Palatinate, Ger. (now Baden-Wuerttemberg, Ger.)⁶
 chr. 3 February 1656 in the F.R.C., Mannheim, Palatinate, Ger. (now Baden-Wuerttemberg, Ger.)⁶
 m. (1) ca. 1677 to Christence Billieu in NY.^{1,13,14}
 m. (2) Elizabeth (MNU).^{1,12,15}
 d. 1716 at Piscataway, Middlesex Co., NJ.¹²
- * 9. Jean ----- b. 18 April 1658 at Mannheim, Palatinate, Ger. (now
 Pierre ----- Baden-Wuerttemberg, Ger.)⁶
 chr. 2 May 1658 in the F.R.C., Mannheim, Palatinate, Ger. (now Baden-Wuerttemberg, Ger.)⁶
 m. (1) Marie Bellemain in NY.^{16,17}
 m. (2) (Mrs.) Mary Jabou, probably in NJ.¹²
 d. 1704 in Middlesex Co., NJ.¹²

3. Paulus Merlet.

Paulus Merlet (also written Marles and Marlet), like his brother Gideon, is thought to have also been born at Roussy in the Champaign Province of France.¹ And, even though it has yet to be proven, he too is believed by a number of researchers to be the son of Josias Merlet and Jeanne Robb. As did his brother, Gideon Merlet, Paulus also fled the religious turmoil and persecution that was taking place in France.

After fleeing France, Paulus later settled at Mannheim in the Palatinate of Germany (now the State of Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany).⁶ Prior to settling at Mannheim, however, Paulus may have resided for a time at Leiden in the Netherlands with his brother, Gideon Merlet, as he was listed as a witness in the christening of Gideon's son, Esechias, on 26 September 1648 at Leiden.³

Paulus was later married on 20 February 1655 in the French Reformed Church at Mannheim, Germany to a woman named Elizabeth Moreau.⁶ No additional information has been found concerning this family.

Issue: (Surname Marlet)

10. Marie ----- b. 9 December 1655 at Mannheim, Palatinate, Ger. (now Baden-Wuerttemberg, Ger.)⁶
 chr. 16 December 1655 at the F.R.C., Mannheim, Palatinate, Ger. (now Baden-Wuerttemberg, Ger.)⁶

11. Gideon ----- b. 18 September 1657 at Mannheim, Palatinate, Ger. (now Baden-Wuerttemberg, Ger.)⁶
chr. 20 September 1657 at the F.R.C., Mannheim, Palatinate, Ger. (now Baden-Wuerttemberg, Ger.)⁶
12. Henry ----- b. 21 February 1659 at Mannheim, Palatinate, Ger. (now Baden-Wuerttemberg, Ger.)⁶
chr. 27 February 1659 at the F.R.C., Mannheim, Palatinate, Ger. (now Baden-Wuerttemberg, Ger.)⁶
13. Elizabeth ----- chr. 20 June 1660 at Leiden Walloon (Protestant) Church, Zuid Holland, Neth.³
14. Noe ----- b. 7 May 1662 at Mannheim, Palatinate, Ger. (now Baden-Wuerttemberg, Ger.)⁶
chr. 11 May 1662 at the F.R.C., Mannheim, Palatinate, Ger. (now Baden-Wuerttemberg, Ger.)⁶
15. Jeanne ----- b. 31 August 1664 at Mannheim, Palatinate, Ger. (now Baden-Wuerttemberg, Ger.)⁶
chr. 4 September 1664 at the F.R.C., Mannheim, Palatinate, Ger. (now Baden-Wuerttemberg, Ger.)⁶

GENERATION THREE

NOTE: Only the author's pedigree ancestor and known siblings, and those other family members (cousins) who have the Merlet / Marlet/ Malott / Melott surname, are covered in this generation.

4. Josias Marlet.

Josias Marlet, who was generally referred to as Joseph Merlet or Marlet in various documents, was the son of Gideon Merlet and Marguerite Martijn.³ He had been born at Leiden in the Province of Zuid Holland, the Netherlands, and was subsequently christened in the Walloon (Protestant) Church at Leiden on 17 September 1645.³ As a young man, Josias (Joseph) emigrated with his parents to the Dutch Colony of New Amsterdam in North America, where they subsequently settled on Staten Island in what is now Richmond County, New York.^{1,7,9} On 1 November 1675, approximately 243 acres of land, plus 30 acres of salt meadow at the mouth of Fresh Kill, were "patented to Gideon Marlett and his two sons, Joshua [Josias] and Paulus."⁹

Josias was apparently married twice during his life. He married first to a woman named Sarah Bowne in New York.¹⁰ Unfortunately, no additional information has been found concerning Sarah or her parentage. Although Josias and Sarah continued to reside on Staten Island after their marriage, available land records indicate that Josias, along with a man named Abraham Luten, purchased property at Woodbridge in Middlesex County, New Jersey from Stephen and Mary Kent on 21 August 1696.¹ Even though Josias purchased land in New Jersey in 1696, he and Sarah appear to have maintained a dual residency between Staten Island and New Jersey for several years afterwards, as the Richmond County, New York records indicate that he was elected Constable of the South Division of Staten Island in 1699.¹⁸

After his first wife passed away, Josias (Joseph) married on 4 December 1707 for a second time to a woman named Rebecca Du Foert (also written Dufort and Denfort) in the New York City Dutch Reformed Church in New York County, New York.¹¹ After their marriage, Joseph and Rebecca settled in Middlesex County, New Jersey.¹² There are no known issue from Joseph Marlet's second marriage to Rebecca.

Joseph appears to have died in 1710 at Woodbridge in Middlesex County, New Jersey, as a letter of administration was issued on the estate of "Joseph Marlett of Woodbridge" on 6 September 1710.¹² This letter of administration was issued to a man named Alexander Walker who was described as Joseph Marlet's "principle creditor."¹²

NOTE: Although some genealogies state that Joseph died in 1715 in Monmouth County, New Jersey, this is not correct. The Joseph Marlet who died in 1715 is believed to be Joseph's son, who was also named Joseph. He was a resident of Monmouth County, New Jersey at the time, and bond was posted by his widow, "Sarah Marlett" on 23 May 1715.¹² The Joseph Marlet who was the son of Gideon Merlet and Marguerite Martijn, however, was a resident of Woodbridge in Middlesex County, New Jersey, and married to a woman named Rebecca, when he died in 1710.¹²

Issue from 1st marriage: (Surname Marlet)

16. Joseph ----- b. on Staten Island, NY.
m. Sarah (MNU), probably in NJ.¹²
d. 1715 in Monmouth Co., NJ.¹²
17. George ----- b. ca. 1785 on Staten Island, Richmond Co., NY.^{19,20}
m. Hannah Bowe (Howe) in NJ.^{19,20}
d. probably in NJ.
18. Anne ----- b. on Staten Island, Richmond Co., NY.
m. Alexander Scobie in NJ.^{12,21}
d. probably in NJ.

5. **Marie Marlet.**

Marie Marlet (also written Merlet), the daughter of Gideon Merlet and Marguerite Martijn, was born at Leiden in the Province of Zuid Holland in the Netherlands.³ She was subsequently christened on 11 November 1646 in the Walloon (Protestant) Church at Leiden.³ Because Marie does not appear to have emigrated to America with Gideon and Marguerite and the other children, it is believed that she may have died young.⁷

6. **Esechias Marlet.**

Esechias Marlet (also written Merlet), the son of Gideon Merlet and Marguerite Martijn, was born at Leiden in the Province of Zuid Holland in the Netherlands.³ He was later christened on 26 July 1648 in the Walloon (Protestant) Church at Leiden.³ Because Esechias does not appear to have emigrated to America with Gideon and Marguerite and the other children, it is believed that he died young.⁷

7. Paulus Marlet.

Paulus Marlet (also written Merlet), the son of Gideon Merlet and Marguerite Martijn, is believed to have been born at Mannheim in the Palatinate, Germany (Mannheim is now within the State of Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany). He was subsequently christened in the French Reformed Church at Mannheim on 14 September 1653.⁶ As a young boy, Paulus emigrated with his parents to the Dutch Colony of New Amsterdam in North America, where they subsequently settled on Staten Island in what is now Richmond County, New York.^{1,7,9} On 1 November 1675, approximately 243 acres of land, plus 30 acres of salt meadow at the mouth of Fresh Kill, were “patented to Gideon Marlett and his two sons, Joshua [Josias] and Paulus.”⁹ Paulus was later married in New York to a woman named Lijsbeth Bunwijck.^{1,13}

According to available Staten Island records, on 19 January 1678, Paulus and five other individuals were arrested and imprisoned by the Staten Island Constable for abducting a servant girl who was employed by a Mr. Christopher Billup.¹⁸ They were later released on 24 January 1678, however, after posting bail.¹⁸ Approximately two months later, on 17 March 1678, Paulus Marlet is found giving one-half of a lot of land on Staten Island to his brother, Abraham Marlet.²² This lot was apparently part of his father’s original land patent, and was obtained by Paulus when his father moved to Piscataway in the Province of East Jersey (now within Middlesex County, New Jersey).

Known issue: (Surname Marlet)

19. Janneke ----- b. in NY.
chr. 18 May 1679 at the Flatbush D.R.C., NY. (now part of
Brooklyn, Kings Co., NY.)¹³

8. Abraham Marlet.

Abraham Marlet (also written Merlet), the son of Gideon Merlet and Marguerite Martijn, was born on 26 January 1656 at Mannheim in the Palatinate, Germany (Mannheim is now within the State of Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany).⁶ He was subsequently christened in the French Reformed Church at Mannheim on 3 February 1656.⁶ As a young boy, Abraham emigrated with his parents to the Dutch Colony of New Amsterdam in North America, where they settled on Staten Island in what is now Richmond County, New York.^{1,7,9} Abraham is believed to have been married twice during his life. He married first in about 1677 in New York to a woman named Christence Billieu.^{1,13,14,23} Christence was the daughter of Pierre Billieu and Francoise du Bois.^{1,13,14,24}

According to available records, on 17 March 1678 Abraham Marlet was given one-half of a lot of land on Staten Island by his brother, Paulus.⁹ This lot was apparently being received by Paulus out of his father's original land patent.⁹ Other records indicate that Abraham was elected in 1698, and again in 1703, to be the Tax Collector for the South Division of Staten Island.¹⁸

Sometime after his first wife passed away, Abraham married for a second time to a woman named Elizabeth.¹² Although a number of researchers believe her to be Elizabeth Morgan, this has not been substantiated. After their marriage, Abraham and Elizabeth settled at Piscataway in Middlesex County, New Jersey.^{12,24} Abraham died at Piscataway in 1716.¹² His will, which was dated 6 June 1714, was subsequently probated before the Middlesex County Court on 16 May 1716.¹² With the exception of the daughter named Margaret, and the son named Abraham, both of whom probably died at an early age, all of the other children listed below were mentioned in Abraham Marlet's will.¹² All of the children Abraham had with his first wife are believed to have been born in New York.

NOTE: Over the years, there has been considerable debate regarding which Abraham Marlet wrote his will on 6 June 1714, was married to a woman named Elizabeth, and died in Middlesex County, New Jersey in 1716. Although some individuals have concluded that it was Abraham Marlet's son, Abraham, who was married to a woman named Elizabeth and died in 1716, I do not believe that this is correct. This is primarily due to the fact that the Abraham Marlet whose will had been written on 6 June 1714, specifically mentions having a daughter named Frances who was married to a man named Jan LeForge. Based upon the ages of her children, and when she was probably married, she would most likely have been born during the period 1682 through 1684. In light of the fact the younger Abraham had been christened on 16 May 1680, and would have been under five years of age when Frances was born, it must have been the elder Abraham Marlet who wrote the 1714 will and died in 1716.

Issue from 1st marriage: (Surname Marlet)

20. Margaret ----- b. in NY.
chr. 31 March 1678 at the Flatbush D.R.C., NY. (now part of
Brooklyn, Kings Co., NY.)¹³
d. believed to have died young.¹²
21. Abraham ----- b. in NY.
chr. 16 May 1680 at the New Utrecht D.R.C., NY. (now part of
Brooklyn, Kings Co., NY.)²⁵
d. believed to have died young.¹²

22. Frances ----- b. in NY.
 m. Jan LeForge. ^{12,15,24,26}
 d. 1755 at Piscataway, Middlesex Co., NJ. ²⁷
23. Elizabeth ----- b. in NY.
 m. Cornelius Sleght in NJ. ^{26,28}
24. Thomas ----- b. in NY.
 m. Neeltje "Nelly" (MNU) in NJ. ^{24,28}
 d. 1748 in Somerset Co., NJ. ²⁸
25. Gideon ----- b. in NY.
 m. Penelope "Neeltje" Bakker in NJ. ^{24,26,28}
 d. April 1747 in Somerset Co., NJ. ²⁸

Issue from 2nd marriage: (Surname Marlet)

26. Joris ----- b. 14 April 1706 in Somerset Co., NJ. ¹⁵
 "George" chr. 14 April 1706 at the Raritan D.R.C., Somerset Co., NJ. ¹⁵
 m. Rizpah Runyon in NJ. ^{24,26}
27. Dirck ----- b. in Somerset Co., NJ.
 "Richard" chr. 27 October 1708 at the Raritan D.R.C., Somerset Co., NJ. ¹⁵
 m. (1) 13 August 1730 to Jannetje Schamp at the Harlingen
 (Millstone) D.R.C., Somerset Co., NJ. ²⁹
 m. (2) 16 January 1755 to Jannetje Vlierboom at the New York
 City D.R.C., New York Co., NY. ¹¹
28. Jan ----- b. 15 March 1711 in Somerset Co., NJ. ¹⁵
 "John" chr. 25 April 1711 at the Raritan D.R.C., Somerset Co., NJ. ¹⁵
 m. Malle (MNU). ¹⁵

9. Jean Pierre Marlet. *

Jean Pierre Marlet (also written Marlett and Merlet), the son of Gideon Merlet and Marguerite Martijn, was born on 18 April 1658 at Mannheim in the Palatinate, Germany (Mannheim is now within the State of Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany). ⁶ He was subsequently christened in the French Church at Mannheim on 2 May 1658. ⁶ As a young boy of four, Jean Pierre emigrated with his parents to the Dutch Colony of New Amsterdam in North America, where they settled on Staten Island in what is now Richmond County, New York. ^{1,7,9}

30. Pierre ----- b. in NY. ¹²
"Peter"
31. John ----- b. in NY. ¹²
32. Anne ----- b. ca. 1691 in NY. ^{16,17}
chr. 19 July 1691 at the French Reformed Church, Staten Island,
Richmond Co., NY. ^{16,17}
d. believed to have died young. ¹²
- * 33. Theodorus --- b. 27 January 1694 in Middlesex Co., NJ. ^{16,17,30}
chr. 28 March 1694 at the French Reformed Church, Staten
Island, Richmond Co., NY. ^{16,17}
m. (1) Catherine Maple in NJ. ³²
m. (2) ca. 1728 to Catherine De La Chaumette in NJ. ³³
d. 1751 in Frederick Co., MD. ³⁴
34. Hannah ----- b. in Middlesex Co., NJ. ^{12,30}
35. Madeline ----- b. 14 February 1698/1699 in Middlesex Co., NJ. ^{16,17,30}
chr. 26 February 1698/1699 at the French Reformed Church,
Staten Island, Richmond Co., NY. ^{16,17}
d. believed to have died young. ¹²

10. Marie Marlet.

Marie Marlet (also written Merlet and Marles), the daughter of Paulus Merlet and Elizabeth Moreau, was born on 9 December 1655 at Mannheim in the Palatinate, Germany (Mannheim is now within the State of Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany). ⁶ She was subsequently christened on 16 December 1655 in the French Reformed Church at Mannheim. ⁶ No additional information has been found concerning this individual.

11. Gideon Marlet.

Gideon Marlet (also written Merlet and Marles), the son of Paulus Merlet and Elizabeth Moreau, was born on 18 September 1657 at Mannheim in the Palatinate, Germany (Mannheim is now within the State of Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany). ⁶ He was subsequently christened on 20 September 1657 in the French Reformed Church at Mannheim. ⁶ No additional information has been found concerning this individual.

12. Henry Marlet.

Henry Marlet (also written Merlet and Marles), the son of Paulus Merlet and Elizabeth Moreau, was born on 21 February 1659 at Mannheim in the Palatinate, Germany (Mannheim is now within the State of Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany).⁶ He was subsequently christened on 27 February 1659 in the French Reformed Church at Mannheim.⁶ No additional information has been found concerning this individual.

13. Elizabeth Marlet.

Elizabeth Marlet (also written Merlet and Marles), the daughter of Paulus Merlet and Elizabeth Moreau, was christened in the Walloon (Protestant) Church at Leiden in the Province of Zuid Holland in the Netherlands on 20 June 1660.² No additional information has been found concerning this individual.

14. Noe Marlet.

Noe Marlet (also written Merlet and Marles), the son of Paulus Merlet and Elizabeth Moreau, was born at Mannheim in the Palatinate, Germany (Mannheim is now within the State of Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany) on 7 May 1662.⁶ He was subsequently christened in the French Reformed Church at Mannheim on 11 May 1662.⁶ No additional information has been found concerning this individual.

15. Jeanne Marlet.

Jeanne Marlet (also written Merlet and Marles), the daughter of Paulus Merlet and Elizabeth Moreau, was born on 31 August 1664 at Mannheim in the Palatinate, Germany (Mannheim is now within the State of Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany).⁶ She was subsequently christened on 4 September 1664 in the French Reformed Church at Mannheim.⁶ No additional information has been found concerning this individual.

GENERATION FOUR

NOTE: Only the author's pedigree ancestor and known siblings, and those other family members (cousins) who have the Merlet / Marlet/ Malott / Melott surname, are covered in this generation.

16. Joseph Marlet.

Joseph Marlet (also written Marlett and Merlet), the son of Josias (Joseph) Marlet and his first wife, Sarah Bowne, is believed to have been born on Staten Island in New York. He was later married in New Jersey to a woman named Sarah. ¹²

Joseph appears to have died intestate in Monmouth County, New Jersey in 1715. ¹² His widow, Sarah, subsequently posted bond as Administratrix of his estate, along with fellow bondsmen, George Marlet, her brother-in-law, and Thomas Cherry. ¹²

NOTE: Although some genealogies state that this Joseph is the Joseph (Josias) Marlet who settled at Woodbridge in Middlesex County, New Jersey and was the son of Gideon Merlet and Marguerite Martijn, this is not correct. That Joseph (Josias) Marlet was this Joseph's father. The elder Joseph (Josias) Marlet was residing at Woodbridge in Middlesex County, New Jersey when he died in 1710, and was married to a woman named Rebecca (not Sarah). ^{11,12}

Issue: (Surname Marlet)

Unknown

17. George Marlet.

George Marlet (also written Marlett and Merlet), the son of Josias Marlet and his first wife, Sarah Bowne, is believed to have been born in about 1785 on Staten Island in Richmond County, New York. ^{19,20} He was later married in New Jersey to a woman named Hannah Bowe (possibly Howe). ^{19,20}

Although George is known to have resided in Middlesex County, New Jersey during his younger years, it is not known at this time whether or not he was married in Middlesex County, or if after his father died in about 1710, he had moved elsewhere and married there. It is known, however, that on 17 March 1734 George and Hannah were residing in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, as George had been elected to be "Overseer of the Poor" for Lebanon Township that year.³⁵

Known and probable issue: (Surname Marlet)

36. Paul ----- b. ca. 1716 in NJ.²⁰
 m. Catherine (MNU) in NJ.²⁰
 d. ca. 1745 (?) in NJ.²⁰
37. Ann ----- b. ca. 1718 in NJ.³⁶
 m. Matthias Van Der Ipe in NJ.³⁶
38. George ----- b. in NJ.²⁰
39. John ----- b. ca. 1721 in NJ.²⁰
 m. Lydia (MNU) in NJ.³⁷
 d. 1780 in Mansfield-Woodhouse Twp., Sussex Co., NJ.³⁷

18. Ann Marlet.

Ann Marlet (also written Marlett and Merlet), the daughter of Josias Marlet and his first wife, Sarah Bowne, is believed to have been born on Staten Island in Richmond County, New York. She was later married in New Jersey to a man named Alexander Scobie (also written Scoby and Scobey).^{12,21}

After their marriage, Alexander and Ann apparently settled at Perth Amboy in Middlesex County, New Jersey. Alexander, who was a planter by trade, died at Perth Amboy, New Jersey in 1722.¹² His will, which had been written on 22 April 1722, was subsequently probated before the Middlesex County Court on 16 June 1722.¹² Ann was named an Executor of Alexander Scobie's estate, along with her brother, George Marlet.¹² Although it is believed that Ann also died in New Jersey, the actual date and place of her death have not been determined. The below listed children, all of whom were underage at the time of Alexander's death, were named in Alexander's will.¹²

21. Abraham Marlet.

Abraham Marlet (also written Marlett and Merlet), the son of Abraham Marlet and his first wife, Christence Billieu, was born in New York. He was subsequently christened in the Dutch Reformed Church at New Utrecht, New York (New Utrecht is in Kings County, New York) on 16 May 1680.²⁵ Because no additional information has been found concerning this individual, and he was not mentioned in his father's will in 1714, it is believed that this child may have died young.¹²

22. Frances Marlet.

Frances Marlet (also written Marlett and Merlet), the daughter of Abraham Marlet and his first wife, Christence Billieu, was born in New York.¹² She was later married to a man named Jan LeForge (also written John LeForge and LaForge).^{12,15,24,26} Jan, who was born in about 1680 in New York, was the son of Adriaen (Abraham) LeForge and Jannetje Losee.^{38,39}

Frances died in 1755 at Piscataway in Middlesex County, New Jersey.²⁷ Her will, which had been written on 3 October 1751, was subsequently probated before the Middlesex County Court on 31 October 1755.²⁷ In her will, Frances stated that she was a widow, which indicates that Jan had died prior to 1751.²⁷ The following children were named in Frances (Marlet) LeForge's will.²⁷

Issue: (Surname LeForge)

- 48. John ----- b. either NY. or NJ.
m. Sarah Martin in NJ.^{26,28}
d. 1749 at Piscataway, Middlesex Co., NJ.²⁸
- 49. Abraham ----- b. in NJ.
chr. 25 October 1704 at the Raritan D.R.C., Somerset Co., NJ.¹⁵
m. Rachel (MNU) in NJ.¹⁵
- 50. Nicholas ----- b. in NJ.
chr. 27 October 1708 at the Raritan D.R.C., Somerset Co., NJ.¹⁵
m. Rachel (MNU) in NJ.¹⁵
d. 1759 at Piscataway, Middlesex Co., NJ.²⁷

51. (unknown) ---- b. in NJ.
chr. 6 August 1712 at the Raritan D.R.C., Somerset Co., NJ. ¹⁵
52. David ----- b. in NJ.
chr. 18 May 1715 at the Raritan D.R.C., Somerset Co., NJ. ¹⁵
53. Isaac ----- b. in NJ.
chr. 12 June 1723 at the Raritan D.R.C., Somerset Co., NJ. ¹⁵

23. Elizabeth Marlet.

Elizabeth Marlet (also written Marlett and Merlet), the daughter of Abraham Marlet and his first wife, Christence Billieu, was born in New York. ¹² When Elizabeth's father wrote his will on 6 June 1714, he specifically mentioned that Elizabeth had a child, whom he bequeathed forty shillings. ¹² Unfortunately, neither the name of this child, nor the name of the father, were mentioned.

Elizabeth was later married in New Jersey to a man named Cornelius Sleght (also written Slecht and Slaght, etc.). ^{26,28,40} This is substantiated by the christening record of their daughter, Jannetje (Jane), in the Harlingen Dutch Reformed Church in which the parents are listed as "Cornelius Sleght and Elizabeth Merlat." ²⁶ Cornelius, who had been christened on 22 February 1708 at Brooklyn in Kings County, New York, was the son of Abraham Hendricks Sleght and Jannetje Van Der Haven. ^{40,41} Cornelius Sleght died intestate in 1745 at Piscataway in Middlesex County, New Jersey. ²⁸ A Bond was subsequently posted by Elizabeth, as Administratrix of his estate, along with her brother, "Gideon Marlet of Somerset County, fellow bondsman," on 12 January 1746. ²⁸

Issue: (Father Unknown)

54. (unknown) ---- b. in NJ. ¹²

Known Issue: (Surname Sleght)

55. Jannetje ----- b. in NJ.
"Jane" chr. 1 April 1731 at the Harlingen D.R.C., Somerset Co., NJ. ²⁶
56. Jeremiah ----- b. ca. 1733 in NJ. ⁴²
m. Catherine Kalshet in NJ. ⁴²
d. March 1796 in Morris Co., NJ. ⁴²
bur. First Presbyterian Church Cem., Succasunna, Morris Co., NJ.
Ref: ⁴²

24. Thomas Marlet.

Thomas Marlet (also written Marlett and Merlet), the son of Abraham Marlet and his first wife, Christence Billieu, was born in New York.¹² He was later married in New Jersey to a woman named Neeltje (also referred to as Nelly).^{24,28}

Thomas subsequently died in Somerset County, New Jersey in either late 1748, or very early 1749.²⁸ His will, which was written on 25 August 1748, was subsequently probated before the Somerset County Court on 18 January 1748/1749.²⁸ In his will, Thomas names his wife, Nelly, his four sons, but only refers to his having three daughters.²⁸ Two of his daughters were identified in the christening records of the Raritan Dutch Reformed Church, however.¹⁵ The youngest daughter, Nelly, is based upon information presented by Jane Taft in "Gideon Marlett, A Huguenot of Staten Island, New York."¹

Sometime after Thomas passed away, Neeltje appears to have married for a second time to a man named Randle.³⁷ In the will of her son, Abraham Marlet, which had been written on 5 March 1777, Abraham specifically refers to his mother as "Elenor Randle."³⁷ Neeltje and Nelly are recognized variations of Eleanor.

Issue: (Surname Marlet)

57. Margrietje ----- b. in Somerset Co., NJ.
"Margaret" chr. 2 April 1721 at the Raritan D.R.C., Somerset Co., NJ.¹⁵
58. Abraham ----- b. in Somerset Co., NJ.
chr. 17 March 1723 at the Raritan D.R.C., Somerset Co., NJ.¹⁵
m. 25 February 1748 to Martha Vail at the Raritan D.R.C.,
Somerset Co., NJ.⁴³
d. 1778 at Readington, Hunterdon Co., NJ.³⁷
59. Jan ----- b. in Somerset Co., NJ.
"John" chr. 10 January 1725 at the Raritan D.R.C., Somerset Co., NJ.¹⁵
m. (1) Marietje "Maria" Marlet in NJ. (daughter of # 25 Gideon
Marlet and Neeltje Baker)^{1,44}
m. (2) 25 September 1752 to Jannetje Van Sickelen in Hunterdon
Co., NJ.⁴³
m. (3) Baatje (MNU). (?)⁴⁵
m. (4) ca. 1772 to Hannah Sheldon in NY.^{1,45,46}

60. Catalyntje ----- b. in Somerset Co., NJ.
 "Catherine" chr. 14 January 1728 at the Raritan D.R.C., Somerset Co., NJ. ¹⁵
 m. 14 July 1750 to John Goldtrap in Somerset Co., NJ. ⁴³
61. Thomas ----- b. in Somerset Co., NJ.
 chr. 16 May 1731 at the Raritan D.R.C., Somerset Co., NJ. ¹⁵
 m. Elizabeth Armstrong in NJ. ⁴⁷
62. Mark ----- b. in Somerset Co., NJ.
 chr. 25 October 1734 at the Raritan D.R.C., Somerset Co., NJ. ¹⁵
 m. Sophia Fonteyn in NJ. ^{44,45}
63. Nelly ----- b. in Somerset Co., NJ. ¹
 m. 13 June 1761 to George Hall in Somerset Co., NJ. ⁴³

25. Gideon Marlet.

Gideon Marlet (also written Marlett and Merlet), the son of Abraham Marlet and his first wife, Christence Billieu, was born in New York. ¹² He was later married in New Jersey to a woman named Penelope (also called "Neeltje") Bakker (also written Baeker and Backer). ^{24,26,28}

Gideon Marlet subsequently died in Somerset County, New Jersey during the month of April 1747. ²⁸ His will, which had been written on 2 April 1747, was probated before the Somerset County Court on 22 April 1747. ²⁸ In his will, Gideon mentions his wife, Nelly, and the below listed children. ²⁸

Issue: (Surname Marlet)

64. Abraham ----- b. ca. 1725 in Somerset Co., NJ. ⁴⁸
65. Marietje ----- b. in Somerset Co., NJ.
 "Maria" chr. 18 May 1727 at the Harlingen D.R.C., Somerset Co., NJ. ²⁶
 m. Jan "John" Marlet in NJ. (son of # 24 Thomas and Neeltje
 Marlet) ^{1,44}
66. Gideon ----- b. in Somerset Co., NJ.
 chr. 18 June 1729 at the Harlingen D.R.C., Somerset Co., NJ. ²⁶

67. Elizabeth ----- b. in Somerset Co., NJ.
chr. 29 March 1732 at the Harlingen D.R.C., Somerset Co., NJ. ²⁶
d. young.
68. Elizabeth ----- b. in Somerset Co., NJ.
chr. 9 May 1734 at the Harlingen D.R.C., Somerset Co., NJ. ²⁶
69. Jeremiah ----- b. in Somerset Co., NJ.
chr. 11 March 1744 at the Raritan D.R.C., Somerset Co., NJ. ¹⁵

26. **Joris “George” Marlet.**

Joris Marlet, who was generally referred to as George Marlet, Marlett and Merlet, was the son of Abraham Marlet and his second wife, Elizabeth. ^{12,15} He was born in Somerset County, New Jersey on 14 April 1706, and was subsequently christened in the Raritan Dutch Reformed Church in Somerset County on the same day. ²⁶ George was later married in New Jersey to a woman named Rizpah Runyon (also written Rongnion). ^{24,26} Rizpah, who had been born on 5 November 1704 in Middlesex County, New Jersey, was the daughter of Vincent Runyon and Mary Hull. ⁴⁹ She was named in her father’s will, which had been written on 16 February 1723/1724, and probated in Middlesex County, New Jersey on 18 March 1723/1724. ^{12,50}

George, who was a yeoman farmer in Piscataway Township in Middlesex County, New Jersey, died there in 1779. ³⁷ His will, which was dated 28 May 1777, was subsequently probated on 5 February 1779 before the Middlesex County Court. ³⁷ Because George did not name his wife in his will, it is assumed that she probably had died prior to 1777. ³⁷ With respect to George’s children, he mentions his daughters Mary and Jemima Marlet, his son Abraham, and his daughter-in-law, Elizabeth. ³⁷ Because George did not mention his son, Vincent, or his daughter, Elizabeth, however, they may have also died prior to 1777. ³⁷

Issue: (Surname Marlet)

70. Marietje ----- b. in Middlesex Co., NJ.
“Mary” chr. 14 June 1732 at the Harlingen D.R.C., Somerset Co., NJ. ²⁶
71. Abraham ----- b. in Middlesex Co., NJ.
chr. 9 May 1734 at the Harlingen D.R.C., Somerset Co., NJ. ²⁶
m. Elizabeth (MNU) in NJ. ³⁷
d. in NJ. ³⁷

72. Jemima ----- b. in Middlesex Co., NJ.
73. Vincent ----- b. in Middlesex Co., NJ.
chr. 3 June 1739 at the Raritan D.R.C., Somerset Co., NJ. ¹⁵
d. believed to have died young. ³⁷
74. Elizabeth ----- b. in Middlesex Co., NJ.
chr. 9 April 1745 at the Harlingen D.R.C., Somerset Co., NJ. ⁵¹
d. believed to have died young. ³⁷

27. **Dirck "Richard" Marlet.**

Dirck Marlet (also referred to as Richard Marlet), the son of Abraham Marlet and his second wife, Elizabeth, was born in Somerset County, New Jersey. ^{12,15} He was subsequently christened on 27 October 1708 in the Raritan Dutch Reformed Church in Somerset County. ¹⁵ Dirck was apparently married twice during his life. He married first to a woman named Jannetje Schamp on 13 August 1730 in the Harlingen Dutch Reformed Church in Somerset County. ²⁹ (**NOTE:** The Harlingen Church was also referred to as the Millstone or Saurland Church prior to its being renamed the Harlingen Church). ²⁶ Jannetje, who had been born in about 1712 at Bushwick in Kings County, New York, was the daughter of Joost (George) Schamp and Margrietje Lock. ^{52,53}

Although Dirck and Jannetje appear to have remained in Somerset County for a few years after their marriage, they later moved to Hunterdon County, New Jersey. ^{26,52} Even though Jannetje is known to have died in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, the actual date of her death has not been determined. Based upon the date of Dirck's second marriage, however, it is assumed that Jannetje may have died in about 1753/1754. ¹¹ The seven children listed below were identified in Jane Taft's book, "Gideon Marlett, A Huguenot of Staten Island, New York," and the Hunterdon Historical Newsletter. Vol. II, No. 2. "Early Settlers of Hunterdon County, New Jersey - The Schomp Family." ^{1,53}

After Jannetje passed away, Dirck married for a second time to a woman named Jannetje Vlierboom on 16 January 1755 in the New York City Dutch Reformed Church in New York County, New York. ¹¹ No issue are known from Dirck's second marriage.

Issue from 1st marriage: (Surname Marlet)

75. Abraham ----- b. in Somerset Co., NJ.
chr. 12 April 1733 at the Harlingen D.R.C., Somerset Co., NJ. ²⁶
m. ca. 1758/1759 to Nancy (MNU), possibly in Frederick Co., VA.
Ref: ^{54,55}
d. 1810 in Berkeley Co., VA. (now WV.) ⁵⁶
76. Margrietje ----- b. ca. 1735 in Somerset Co., NJ. ⁵³
"Margaret"
77. Elizabeth ----- b. probably in Hunterdon Co., NJ.
chr. 1 January 1736/1737 at the Readington D.R.C., Hunterdon
Co., NJ. ⁴⁴
78. Jannetje ----- b. in Hunterdon Co., NJ.
chr. 18 March 1739 at the Readington D.R.C., Hunterdon Co., NJ.
Ref: ⁴⁴
79. Joost ----- b. in Hunterdon Co., NJ.
"George" chr. 6 June 1741 at the Readington D.R.C., Hunterdon Co., NJ. ⁴⁴
m. Hannah Van Sickel. ⁴⁴
d. 1812 in Readington Twp., Hunterdon Co., NJ. ⁵⁰
80. Dirck ----- b. in Hunterdon Co., NJ.
"Richard" chr. 1 January 1744 at the Readington D.R.C., Hunterdon Co., NJ.
Ref: ⁴⁴
m. 23 November 1772 to Pieternelle "Nelly" Marlet in Hunterdon
Co., NJ. (daughter of # 58 Abraham Marlet and Martha Vail) ⁵⁷
81. Gideon ----- b. ca. 1745 in Hunterdon Co., NJ. ⁵³

28. Jan "John" Marlet.

Jan Marlet, who was generally referred to as John Marlet, was the son of Abraham Marlet and his second wife, Elizabeth. ^{12,15} He had been born on 15 March 1711 in Somerset County, New Jersey, and was subsequently christened in the Raritan Dutch Reformed Church in Somerset County on 25 April 1711. ¹⁵ This Jan is believed to be the John Marlet who was married to a woman named Malle. ¹⁵ They were listed as the parents in the baptism of a male child named Dirck on 7 September in 1745 in the Raritan Dutch Reformed Church. ¹⁵

Known issue: (Surname Marlet)

82. Dirck ----- b. in Somerset Co., NJ.
chr. 7 September 1745 at the Raritan D.R.C., Somerset Co., NJ. ¹⁵

29. **Maria Marlet.**

Maria Marlet (also written Merlet, Marlatt, etc.), the daughter of Jean Pierre Marlet and Marie Bellemain, was born in New York. She was later married in New York to a man whose surname was Hooper. ¹² This is confirmed by Jean Pierre Marlet's will, which was dated 30 January 1702/1703. ¹²

Known issue: (Surname Hooper)

Unknown

30. **Pierre "Peter" Marlet.**

Pierre Marlet (also referred to as Peter Merlet, Marlatt, etc.), the son of Jean Pierre Marlet and Marie Bellemain, was born in New York. When Peter's father wrote his will on 30 January 1702/1703, Peter was to receive his father's plantation in the West Indies as his share of the estate. ¹² Aside from this, no additional information has been found concerning this individual.

31. **John Marlet.**

John Marlet (also written Merlet, Marlett, etc.), the son of Jean Pierre Marlet and Marie Bellemain, was born in New York. Aside from having been named in his father's will, which was dated 30 January 1702/1703, no additional information has been found concerning this individual. ¹²

32. Anne Marlet.

Anne Marlet (also written Merlet, Marlett, etc.), the daughter of Jean Pierre Marlet and Marie Bellemain, was born in about 1691 in New York.^{16,17} She was subsequently christened in the French Church on Staten Island in what is now Richmond County, New York on 19 July 1691.^{16,17} Because Anne was not mentioned in her father's will, which was dated 30 January 1702/1703, it is believed that she may have died at an early age.¹²

33. Theodorus Marlet. *

Theodorus Marlet (also written Theodore Marlett, Malott, and Melott), the son of Jean Pierre Marlet and Marie Bellemain, was born on 27 January 1694 in Middlesex County, New Jersey.^{16,17,30} He was subsequently christened on 28 March 1694 in the French Church on Staten Island in what is now Richmond County, New York^{16,17} In 1715, Theodorus was found on a roster of men serving in the 4th Company of Colonel Thomas Farmer's Regiment of New Jersey militia.³¹

Theodorus was apparently married twice during his lifetime. He married first to a woman named Catherine Maple in New Jersey.^{12,32,33} She was the daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Maple.¹² Catherine, who was mentioned in her father's will, which had been written on 13 May 1727 and probated on 8 September 1727 in Middlesex County, New Jersey, apparently died in New Jersey sometime thereafter, as Theodorus is known to have married for a second time.¹² Catherine Maple is believed to have been the mother of three children by Theodorus, the names of which, namely John, Theodorus, and Mary, were listed separately in his will.³⁴

After his first wife passed away, Theodorus married for a second time to a woman named Catherine De La Chaumette (also written De Lashmutt).^{33,58} Although no record of this marriage has been found, it is believed to have taken place in New Jersey in about 1730.^{12,59} Catherine, who is believed to have been born in about 1705 in New Jersey, was the daughter of Pierre De La Chaumette and Anne Palasy.^{33,58} According to information provided this author by Mr. Bob Williams, Theodorus was involved in several court cases in Middlesex County during the 1740's, as well as a court case regarding a debt in Hunterdon County, New Jersey during the month of May 1747.⁶⁰ As such, Theodorus and his family do not appear to have moved to Frederick County, Maryland until the latter part of the 1740's, and therefore all of his children, with the possible exception of Ruth, are believed to have been born in Middlesex County, New Jersey.⁶⁰

When Theodorus and his family finally did move to Maryland they settled in that portion of the state that had recently been formed into Frederick County in 1748.⁶¹ Theodorus, who was styled planter, died in Frederick County, Maryland in 1751.³⁴ His will, which had been written on 17 January 1750, was subsequently probated in Frederick County, Maryland on 19 March 1751.³⁴ His widow, Catherine, also passed away in Frederick County.³⁴ Her will, which had been written on 27 December 1770, was probated before the Frederick County Court on 15 January 1771.³⁴ The six children from Theodorus Marlet's second marriage to Catherine De La Chaumette were all named in Catherine's will.³⁴ The exact order of birth of Theodorus Melott's children from both of his marriages is not known.

Issue from 1st marriage: (Surname Melott)

83. John ----- b. ca. 1725 in Middlesex Co., NJ. ^{34,60,62}
 m. ca. 1750/1751 to Sarah Stillwell in NJ. ^{62,63}
 d. ca. 1786 in Bedford Co., PA. ⁶²
 bur. Tonoloway Primitive Baptist Church and Cem., Warfordsburg,
 Fulton Co., PA. ⁶²
84. Theodorus ---- b. in Middlesex Co., NJ. ^{34,60}
85. Mary ----- b. in Middlesex Co., NJ. ^{34,60}
 m. ca. 1753 to James Walling, Jr. in Frederick Co., MD. ^{32,64}
 d. in MD. ³²

Issue from 2nd marriage: (Surname Melott) (alternate date 1727)

86. Peter ----- b. ca. 1729/1730 in Middlesex Co., NJ. ^{12,34,59,60} (alternate date
 1727) ⁶⁵ **NOTE:** Peter's birth year of 1727 is surely in error as
 Theodorus Marlet's first wife, Catherine Maple, was still alive
 on 13 May 1727 when her father, Benjamin, wrote his will.
 Peter's actual year of birth is probably closer to 1730/1731) ⁵⁹
 m. (1) Sarah (MNU) in MD. ⁶⁵
 m. (2) Rachel (MNU) in MD. ^{66,67}
 d. 1806 in Washington Co., MD. ⁶⁷
87. Catherine ----- b. in Middlesex Co., NJ. ^{34,60}
 m. William Crossley in Frederick Co., MD. ⁷⁰
 d. probably in MD.

88. Benjamin ----- b. 1734 in Middlesex Co., NJ. ^{34,68}
 m. Elizabeth Truax in MD. ⁶⁸
 d. 1815 in Washington Co., MD. ^{68,69}
 bur. Rose Hill Cem., Hagerstown, Washington Co., MD. ⁶⁸
89. Joseph ----- b. in Middlesex Co., NJ. ^{34,60}
 m. (Sarah Harmon ?) in MD. ⁷¹
- * 90. Elizabeth ----- b. in Middlesex Co., NJ. ^{34,60}
 m. ca. 1763 to William Dawson in Frederick Co., MD. ^{34,72}
 d. after 1802, probably in MD. ⁷³
91. Ruth ----- b. in either Middlesex Co., NJ. or Frederick Co., MD. ³⁴
 m. 5 March 1779 to Harry Wald in Washington Co., MD. ⁷⁴

34. Hannah Marlet.

Hannah Marlet (also written Marlett and Merlet), the daughter of Jean Pierre Marlet and Marie Bellemain, was born in New York. ^{12,30} Aside from having been named in her father's will, which was dated 30 January 1702/1703, no additional information has been found concerning this individual. ¹²

35. Madeline Marlet.

Madeline Marlet (also written Marlett and Merlet), the daughter of Jean Pierre Marlet and Marie Bellemain, was born on 14 February 1698/1699 in New York. ^{16,17,30} She was subsequently christened on 26 February 1698/1699 in the French Church on Staten Island in what is now Richmond County, New York. ^{16,17} Because this child was not named in her father's will, it is believed that she may have died at an early age. ¹²

GENERATION FIVE

NOTE: Only the author's pedigree ancestor and known siblings, and those other family members (cousins) who have the Merlet / Marlet/ Malott / Melott surname, are covered in this generation.

36. Paul Marlet.

Paul Marlet, the son of George Marlet and Hannah Bowe (possibly Howe), was born in about 1716 in New Jersey.²⁰ He is believed to have been married in New Jersey to a woman named Catherine.²⁰

According to some researchers, Paul may have died intestate in New Jersey in about 1745, but I have not been able to substantiate this to my satisfaction.²⁰

Issue: (Surname Marlet)

Unknown

37. Ann Marlet.

Ann Marlet, the daughter of George Marlet and Hannah Bowe (possibly Howe), was born in New Jersey.³⁶ She was later married in New Jersey to a man named Matthias Van Der Ipe (also written Van Der Gripe).³⁶

Issue: (Surname Van Der Ipe)

92. Anne ----- b. 11 July 1760 in NJ. (calculated from tombstone)⁷⁵
 Abigail m. ca. 1775 to Gideon Marlet. (son of # 58 Abraham Marlet and
 Martha Vail)^{75,76,77}
 d. 6 August 1836 at Jasper, Steuben Co., NY.⁷⁵
 bur. Marlatt Cem., Jasper, Steuben Co., NY.⁷⁵

38. George Marlet.

George Marlet, the son of George Marlet and Hannah Bowe (possibly Howe), was born in about 1719 in New Jersey.²⁰ No additional information has been found concerning this individual.

39. John Marlet.

John Marlet, the son of George Marlet and Hannah Bowe (possibly Howe), was born in New Jersey in about 1721.²⁰ He was later married in New Jersey to a woman named Lydia.³⁷

Sometime after their marriage, John and Lydia settled on a 440 acre farm in Mansfield-Woodhouse Township in Sussex County, New Jersey, which John bequeathed in his will to his wife, Lydia, for her livelihood and that of their eldest daughter, Hannah.³⁷

John Marlet died in Mansfield-Woodhouse Township in Sussex County, New Jersey in 1780.³⁷ His will, which had been written on 10 August 1780, was subsequently admitted for probate on 19 September 1780 before the Sussex County Court.³⁷ In his will, John named his wife, Lydia, and the below listed children.³⁷

Issue: (Surname Marlet)

- 93. Hannah ----- b. in NJ.³⁷
- 94. George ----- b. in NJ.³⁷
- 95. John ----- b. in NJ.³⁷
- 96. Joseph ----- b. 1752 in NJ.^{78,79}
 m. ca. 1776 to (unknown) in NJ.⁷⁸
 d. 1813 in Trafalgar Twp., Halton Co., Ontario, Can.⁷⁹
- 97. Nathan ----- b. 2 February 1753 in NJ.^{1,80}
 m. Mary (MNU).^{1,80}
 d. 13 February 1797 in Yarmouth Twp., Elgin Co., Ontario, Can.⁸¹
- 98. Ann ----- b. in NJ.³⁷
 m. 31 December 1772 to William Davis in Sussex Co., NJ.⁵⁷

99. Sarah ----- b. in NJ. ³⁷

100. Lydia ----- b. in NJ. ³⁷

101. Martha ----- b. in NJ. ³⁷

57. Margrietje “Margaret” Marlet.

Margaret Marlet, the daughter of Thomas Marlet and Neeltje, was born in Somerset County, New Jersey. She was subsequently christened at the Raritan Dutch Reformed Church in Somerset County on 2 April 1721. ¹⁵ No additional information has been found concerning this individual.

58. Abraham Marlet.

Abraham Marlet, the son of Thomas Marlet and Neeltje, was born in Somerset County, New Jersey. He was subsequently christened on 17 March 1723 at the Raritan Dutch Reformed Church in Somerset County. ¹⁵ Abraham was later married in the Raritan church in Somerset County to a woman named Martha Vail on 25 February 1748. ⁴³

Sometime after their marriage, Abraham and Martha left Somerset County and settled in the community of Readington in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. Abraham subsequently died at Readington, New Jersey in 1778. ³⁷ His will, which had been written on 5 March 1777, was probated on 1 June 1778 before the Hunterdon County Court. ³⁷ The below listed children were named in Abraham’s will. ³⁷

Issue: (Surname Marlet)

102. Pieternelle --- b. in Hunterdon Co., NJ.
 “Nelly” chr. 16 June 1754 at the Readington D.R.C., Hunterdon Co., NJ.
 Ref: ⁴⁴
 m. 23 November 1772 to Dirck “Richard” Marlet in Hunterdon Co.,
 NJ. (son of # 27 Dirck “Richard” Marlet and Jannetje Schamp)
 Ref: ⁵⁷

NOTE: Although many individuals believe the Readington D.R.C. records show three children being christened on 16 June 1754, namely Pieter, Nelle, and Gideon, the actual record shows only two children being christened, Pieternelle and Gideon.

103. Gideon ----- b. 15 April 1753 in Hunterdon Co., NJ. ⁷⁵
 chr. 16 June 1754 at the Readington D.R.C., Hunterdon Co., NJ.
 Ref: ⁴⁴
 m. ca. 1775 to Anne Abigail Van Der Ipe. (# 92) ^{75,76,77}
 d. 15 August 1823 at Jasper, Steuben Co., NY. ⁷⁵
 bur. Marlatt Cem., Jasper, Steuben Co., NY. ⁷⁵
104. John ----- b. in Hunterdon Co., NJ. ³⁷
105. Abraham ----- b. in Hunterdon Co., NJ. ³⁷
106. Peter ----- b. ca. 1759/1760 in Hunterdon Co., NJ. ⁸²
 m. 2 October 1788 to Jean Colbert in Berkeley Co., VA. (now WV.)
 Ref: ⁸³
107. Mary ----- b. in Hunterdon Co., NJ. ³⁷
108. Catherine ---- b. in Hunterdon Co., NJ. ³⁷

59. Jan "John" Marlet.

Jan Marlet, who was generally referred to as John Marlet, was the son of Thomas Marlet and Neeltje. John, who had been born in Somerset County, New Jersey, was subsequently christened on 10 January 1725 at the Raritan Dutch Reformed Church in Somerset County. ¹⁵ Although existing documents verify that John was definitely married three times during his life, a christening found in the records of the Caughnawaga (Fonda) Dutch Reformed Church in Tryon County, New York suggests that John may have "possibly" been married four times during his life. ⁴⁵ John married first to a woman named Marietje "Maria" Marlet in New Jersey. ^{1,44} Marietje, who had been christened in the Harlingen Dutch Reformed Church in Somerset County, New Jersey on 18 May 1727, was John's cousin, and the daughter of Gideon Marlet and Neeltje Bakker. ²⁶

After his first wife passed away, John married for a second time to a woman named Jannetje Van Sickelen on 25 September 1752 in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. ⁴³ Jannetje, who had been born in about 1730 in New Jersey, was the daughter of Johannes and Jannetje Van Sickle (also written Van Sickelen, and Van Syklin). ⁸⁴ Although the christening records for five of John and Jannetje's children have been found, there is a possibility that they had additional children. ⁴⁴

After Jannetje died, some researchers believe that John may have married for a third time to a woman named Baatje.⁴⁵ Even though this marriage has not been proven the fact still remains that after John and his family moved to Tryon County, New York, a John Marlet and Baatje Marlet are shown in the Caughnawaga (Fonda) Dutch Reformed Church records witnessing the christening of Gideon and Maritje "Mary" (Quackenbush) Marlet's son, John, on 25 May 1772.⁴⁵ Whether or not this notation pertained to Gideon's father, John, and Baatje was his then wife, has never been substantiated, but even if this Baatje was a third wife, there are no known children from this union.

John did marry again, however, probably in Tryon County, New York (now Montgomery County, New York), to a woman named Hannah Sheldon in about 1772.^{1,45,46} John and Hannah's first child was subsequently christened on 31 July 1773 in the Caughnawaga church.⁴⁵ Because of the short time frame between when John and Baatje witnessed the christening of Gideon's son, and when John would have probably been married to Hannah Sheldon, however, there is additional doubt in my mind that Baatje was John's third wife. The following children were all verified through various church records as being John's. The spouses of several of John's children were determined through the christening records of their children.

Issue from 1st marriage: (Surname Marlet)

109. Gideon ----- b. 14 January 1746 in Somerset Co., NJ.⁸⁵
 chr. 29 September 1751 at the Readington D.R.C., Hunterdon Co., NJ.⁴⁴
 m. Maritje "Mary" Quackenbush.^{45,85}
 d. 13 December 1820 at Marcellus, Onondaga Co., NY. (will dated 9 September 1819, probated 3 May 1821)^{85,86}
 bur. Jackson Cem., Navarino, Onondaga Co., NY.⁸⁵
110. Margrietje ---- b. in Hunterdon Co., NJ.
 "Margaret" chr. 1 September 1751 at the Readington D.R.C., Hunterdon Co., NJ.⁴⁴
 m. 30 November 1772 to Jacob Williamson in Hunterdon Co., NJ.
 Ref:⁵⁷

Issue from 2nd marriage: (Surname Marlet)

111. Abraham ----- b. in Hunterdon Co., NJ.
chr. 7 October 1753 at the Readington D.R.C., Hunterdon Co., NJ.
Ref: ⁴⁴
m. Mary "Polly" (MNU) in Montgomery Co., NY. ^{1,45}
112. Thomas ----- b. in Hunterdon Co., NJ.
chr. 27 November 1755 at the Readington D.R.C., Hunterdon Co., NJ. ⁴⁴
m. 18 October 1778 to Nancy Bolton at the Caughnawaga (Fonda) D.R.C., Montgomery Co., NY. ⁸⁷
113. Jan ----- b. in Hunterdon Co., NJ.
chr. 10 June 1763 at the Readington D.R.C., Hunterdon Co., NJ.
Ref: ⁴⁴
114. Jacob ----- b. in Hunterdon Co., NJ.
chr. 2 June 1765 at the Readington D.R.C., Hunterdon Co., NJ. ⁴⁴
115. Neeltje ----- b. in Hunterdon Co., NJ.
chr. 14 June 1767 at the Readington D.R.C., Hunterdon Co., NJ.
Ref: ⁴⁴

Issue from marriage to Hannah Sheldon): (Surname Marlet)

116. Margaret ----- b. 31 July 1773 in now Montgomery Co., NY.) ⁴⁵
"Peggy" chr. 5 September 1773 at the Caughnawaga (Fonda) D.R.C.,
Montgomery Co., NY. ⁴⁵
m. Jonathan Hoff in Montgomery Co., NY. ^{45,88}
117. Mary ----- b. 25 November 1774 in Montgomery Co., NY. ⁴⁵
m. ca. 1792 to William C. Newkirk in Montgomery Co., NY. ^{45,89}
d. 23 September 1824 in Montgomery Co., NY. ^{1,90}
118. Jellis ----- b. 3 October 1777 in Montgomery Co., NY. ⁴⁵
chr. 27 October 1777 at the Caughnawaga (Fonda) D.R.C.,
Montgomery Co., NY. ⁴⁵
m. 29 January 1801 to Rachel Newkirk at the Caughnawaga
(Fonda) D.R.C., Montgomery Co., NY. ^{1,87}
d. 28 December 1818 in NY. ¹

60. **Catalyntie “Catherine” Marlet.**

Catherine Marlet, the daughter of Thomas Marlet and Neeltje, was born in Somerset County, New Jersey. She was subsequently christened on 14 January 1728 at the Raritan Dutch Reformed Church in Somerset County.¹⁵ Catherine Marlet was later married in Somerset County, Maryland on 14 July 1750 to a man named John Goldtrap, a weaver.^{43,91}

Known issue: (Surname Goldtrap)

119. John ----- b. ca. 1751 in Somerset Co., NJ.⁹¹
m. (unknown)⁹¹

61. **Thomas Marlet.**

Thomas Marlet, the son of Thomas Marlet and Neeltje, was born in Somerset County, New Jersey. He was subsequently christened on 16 May 1731 at the Raritan Dutch Reformed Church in Somerset County.¹⁵ Thomas was later married in New Jersey to a woman named Elizabeth Armstrong.⁴⁷

Issue: (Surname Marlet)

Unknown

62. **Mark Marlet.**

Mark Marlet, the son of Thomas Marlet and Neeltje, was born in Somerset County, New Jersey. He was subsequently christened on 25 October 1734 at the Raritan Dutch Reformed Church in Somerset County.¹⁵ Mark was later married in New Jersey to a woman named Sophia Fonteyn.^{44,45}

Sometime after their marriage, Mark and Sophia apparently resided for several years in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, as two of their children were christened there.⁴⁴ However, Mark and his family, along with his older brother, Jan (John) and his family, eventually moved in the early 1770's into that portion of Albany County, New York that was formed into Tryon County in 1772, but is now within Montgomery County, New York, where they were found in the records of the Caughnawaga (Fonda) Dutch Reformed Church.^{45,61,87}

Although no death or probate records have been found for either Mark or Sophia, it is believed that they both probably died in Montgomery County, New York. The spouses of several of their children were determined through christening records.

Issue: (Surname Marlet)

120. Christina ----- b. in NJ.
m. ca. 1778 to Isaac Covenhoven in Montgomery Co., NY. ⁹²
d. ca. 1789 in Montgomery Co., NY. ⁹²
121. Michael ----- b. 19 June 1759 in NJ. ⁹³
m. Margaret Frederick in Montgomery Co., NY. ^{45,93}
d. 4 July 1837 in Monroe Co., NY. ⁹³
bur. Tomlinsons Corners Cem., Mendon, Monroe Co., NY. ⁹³
122. Elizabeth ----- b. in NJ.
m. 21 October 1779 to Peter Frederick at the Caughnawaga
(Fonda) D.R.C., Montgomery Co., NY. ⁸⁷
123. Nelly ----- b. in NJ.
m. 23 January 1780 to Abraham Covenhoven at the
Caughnawaga (Fonda) D.R.C., Montgomery Co., NY. ⁸⁷
124. Enoch ----- b. in Hunterdon Co., NJ.
chr. 13 January 1765 at the Readington D.R.C., Hunterdon Co.,
NJ. ⁴⁴
m. 8 October 1789 to Hannah Sutphen in Montgomery Co., NY. ⁹⁴
125. Sarah ----- b. in Hunterdon Co., NJ.
chr. 15 February 1767 at the Readington D.R.C., Hunterdon Co.,
NJ. ⁴⁴
m. Johannes Kline in NY. ⁴⁵
126. Mark ----- b. probably in NJ.
m. Priscilla (MNU) in NY. ⁹⁵
127. Mary ----- b. in NJ. or NY.
m. John Bremmer in NY. ⁴⁵

128. Lydia ----- b. 24 January 1776 in Montgomery Co., NY. ⁴⁵
chr. 24 April 1776 at the Caughnawaga (Fonda) D.R.C.,
Montgomery Co., NY. ⁴⁵

63. **Nelly Marlet.**

Nelly Marlet, the daughter of Thomas Marlet and Neeltje, was born in Somerset County, New Jersey. ¹ She was later married on 13 June 1761 to a man named George Hall in Somerset County, New Jersey. ⁴³

Issue: (Surname Hall)

Unknown

64. **Abraham Marlet.**

Abraham Marlet, the son of Gideon Marlet and Neeltje Bakker, was born in about 1725 in Somerset County, New Jersey. ⁴⁸ No additional information has been found concerning this individual.

65. **Marietje "Mary" Marlet.**

Mary Marlet, the daughter of Gideon Marlet and Neeltje Bakker, was born in Somerset County, New Jersey. She was subsequently christened at the Harlingen Dutch Reformed Church in Somerset County on 18 May 1727. ²⁶ Mary was later married to a man named Jan "John" Marlet. ^{1,44} John, who had been christened at the Raritan Dutch Reformed Church in Somerset County on 10 January 1725, was her cousin and the son of Thomas and Neeltje Marlet. ¹⁵ (See family write-up under # 59 above).

66. **Gideon Marlet.**

Gideon Marlet, the son of Gideon Marlet and Neeltje Bakker, was born in Somerset County, New Jersey. He was subsequently christened on 18 June 1729 at the Harlingen Dutch Reformed Church in Somerset County. ²⁶ No additional information has been found concerning this individual.

67. **Elizabeth Marlet.**

Elizabeth Marlet, the daughter of Gideon Marlet and Neeltje Bakker, was born in Somerset County, New Jersey. She was subsequently christened at the Harlingen Dutch Reformed Church in Somerset County on 29 March 1732.²⁶ This child is believed to have died young.

68. **Elizabeth Marlet.**

Elizabeth Marlet, the daughter of Gideon Marlet and Neeltje Bakker, was born in Somerset County, New Jersey. She was subsequently christened at the Harlingen Dutch Reformed Church in Somerset County on 9 May 1734.²⁶ No additional information has been found concerning this individual.

69. **Jeremiah Marlet.**

Jeremiah Marlet, the son of Gideon Marlet and Neeltje Bakker, was born in Somerset County, New Jersey. He was subsequently christened on 11 March 1744 at the Raritan Dutch Reformed Church in Somerset County.¹⁵ No additional information has been found concerning this individual.

70. **Marietje “Mary” Marlet.**

Mary Marlet, the daughter of Joris “George” Marlet and Rizpah Runyon, was born in Middlesex County, New Jersey. She was subsequently christened in the Harlingen Dutch Reformed Church in Somerset County on 14 June 1732.²⁶ Aside from being named in her father’s will, which had been written on 28 May 1777 and admitted for probate on 5 February 1779, no additional information has been found concerning this individual.³⁷

71. **Abraham Marlet.**

Abraham Marlet, the son of Joris “George” Marlet and Rizpah Runyon, was born in Middlesex County, New Jersey. He was subsequently christened at the Harlingen Dutch Reformed Church in Somerset County on 9 May 1734.²⁶ Abraham was apparently married in New Jersey to a woman named Elizabeth.³⁷

When Abraham's father, Joris "George" Marlet, wrote his will on 28 May 1777 he mentioned his son, Abraham (who was apparently deceased), his daughter-in-law, Elizabeth, a grandson named Peter, and other unnamed children of Abraham.³⁷ Although it is assumed that Peter is a son of Abraham's, the identity of any other children has yet to be determined.

Known issue: (Surname Marlet)

129. Peter ----- b. in NJ.³⁷

72. **Jemima Marlet.**

Jemima Marlet, the daughter of Joris "George" Marlet and Rizpah Runyon, was born in Middlesex County, New Jersey. Aside from being named in her father's will, which had been written on 28 May 1777 and probated on 5 February 1779, no additional information has been found concerning this individual.³⁷

73. **Vincent Marlet.**

Vincent Marlet, the son of Joris "George" Marlet and Rizpah Runyon, was born in Middlesex County, New Jersey. He was subsequently christened at the Raritan Dutch Reformed Church in Somerset County on 3 June 1739.¹⁵ Because Vincent was not named in his father's will, which had been written on 28 May 1777 and admitted for probated on 5 February 1779, and no additional information has been found concerning him, it is believed that he probably died at an early age.³⁷

74. **Elizabeth Marlet.**

Elizabeth Marlet, the daughter of Joris "George" Marlet and Rizpah Runyon, was born in Middlesex County, New Jersey. She was subsequently christened at the Harlingen Dutch Reformed Church in Somerset County on 9 April 1745.⁵¹ Because Elizabeth was not named in her father's will, which had been written on 28 May 1777 and probated on 5 February 1779, and no additional information has been found concerning her, it is believed that she probably died at an early age.³⁷

75. Abraham Marlet.

Abraham Marlet (also written Marlett), the son of Dirck “Richard” Marlet and his first wife, Jannetje Schamp, was born in Somerset County, New Jersey. He was subsequently christened on 12 April 1733 at the Harlingen Dutch Reformed Church in Somerset County.²⁶ Abraham was later married in about 1758/1759 in Frederick County, Virginia, to a woman named Nancy.^{54,55}

After their marriage, Abraham and Nancy appear to have resided in that portion of Frederick County, Virginia that was later formed into Berkeley County, Virginia (now within West Virginia) in 1772.⁶¹ On 18 February 1796, Abraham’s children placed a notice in the Potowmac Guardian and Berkeley Advertiser calling into “question his mental faculties” and cautioning “all persons from purchasing any kind of property from, or selling to, or in any manor dealing with him.”⁹⁶ However, in a subsequent notice dated 10 May 1796, Abraham responded by stating that “he denies he is incapable of transacting business and is determined to leave this part of the country and wants to see his home place of 300 acres about 3 miles from Martinsburg.”⁹⁶ A deed was later found that shows Abraham, Sr. and Nancy selling a parcel of land on Opeckon Creek in Berkeley County to a Mr. Joseph Manner for \$383.00 dated 7 September 1803.⁵⁴

Abraham Marlet subsequently died in Berkeley County, Virginia (now within West Virginia) in 1810.⁵⁶ His will, which had been written on 6 April 1799, was later probated in Berkeley County on 20 March 1810.⁵⁶ The three children listed below were named in his will, and all are believed to have been born in Frederick County, Virginia.⁵⁶

Issue: (Surname Marlet)

130. Abraham ----- b. 1760 in Frederick Co., VA.⁹⁷
 m. 2 August 1785 to Margaret Ann Linder at Martinsburg,
 Berkeley Co., VA. (WV.)^{83,97}
 d. 23 July 1828 in Wayne Co., IN.⁹⁷
 bur. Franklin Cem., Milton, Wayne Co., IN.⁹⁷
131. Richard ----- b. ca. 1761 in Frederick Co., VA.^{1,56}
 m. 29 March 1786 to Lidy “Leah” Beller in Berkeley Co., VA.
 (WV.)⁸³
 d. prior to 1810 Census in Berkeley Co., VA. (WV.)⁹⁸
132. Jane ----- b. ca. 1763 in Frederick Co., VA.^{1,56}
 m. John Bodine in VA.^{1,56,99}

76. **Margrietje “Margaret” Marlet.**

Margrietje Marlet (also written Margaret Marlet and Marlett), the daughter of Dirck “Richard” Marlet and his first wife, Jannetje Schamp, was born in about 1735 in Somerset County, New Jersey.⁵³ No additional information has been found concerning this individual.

77. **Elizabeth Marlet.**

Elizabeth Marlet (also written Marlett), the daughter of Dirck “Richard” Marlet and his first wife, Jannetje Schamp, was probably born in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. She was subsequently christened at the Readington Dutch Reformed Church in Hunterdon County, New Jersey on 1 January 1736/1737.⁴⁴ No additional information has been found concerning this individual.

78. **Jannetje Marlet.**

Jannetje Marlet (also written Marlett), the daughter of Dirck “Richard” Marlet and his first wife, Jannetje Schamp, was born in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. She was subsequently christened at the Readington Dutch Reformed Church in Hunterdon County, New Jersey on 18 March 1739.⁴⁴ No additional information has been found concerning this individual.

79. **Joost “George” Marlet.**

Joost Marlet (also written Marlett), the son of Dirck “Richard” Marlet and his first wife, Jannetje Schamp, was born in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. Joost, who was generally referred to as George, was subsequently christened at the Readington Dutch Reformed Church in Hunterdon County, New Jersey on 6 June 1741.⁴⁴ Based upon the christening records of the Readington Church, George was later married in New Jersey to a woman named Hannah Van Sickel.⁴⁴

After their marriage George and Hannah appear to have settled in Readington Township in Hunterdon County, where they resided for the remainder of their lives. George subsequently died in Readington Township in 1812.⁵⁰ Although George did not leave a will, an inventory of his estate was filed in Hunterdon County, New Jersey on 7 March 1812.⁵⁰ Hannah is believed to have also died in New Jersey, but the actual date and place of her death have not been determined.

Issue: (Surname Marlet)

133. Jannetie ----- b. 6 November 1787 in Hunterdon Co., NJ. (calculated from
 "Jane" & tombstone)¹⁰¹
 "Ginny" chr. 13 April 1788 at the Readington D.R.C., Hunterdon Co., NJ.⁴⁴
 m. 4 February 1807 to John Smith in Hunterdon Co., NJ.¹⁰⁰
 d. 16 September 1859 in Hunterdon Co., NJ.¹⁰¹
 bur. Smith Burying Ground, Whitehouse Station, Hunterdon Co.,
 NJ.¹⁰¹
134. Mary ----- b. 7 June 1792 in Hunterdon Co., NJ.⁴⁴
 "Polly" chr. 7 June 1792 at the Readington D.R.C., Hunterdon Co., NJ.⁴⁴
135. George ----- b. 28 April 1796 in Hunterdon Co., NJ.⁴⁴
 chr. 31 July 1796 at the Readington D.R.C., Hunterdon Co., NJ.⁴⁴
 m. (unknown).
 d. 21 October 1857 in Readington Twp., Hunterdon Co., NJ.¹⁰¹
 bur. Smith Burying Ground, Whitehouse Station, Hunterdon Co.,
 NJ.¹⁰¹

80. Dirck "Richard" Marlet.

Dirck Marlet (also written Marlett), the son of Dirck "Richard" Marlet and his first wife, Jannetje Schamp, was born in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. He was subsequently christened at the Readington Dutch Reformed Church in Hunterdon County, New Jersey on 1 January 1744.⁴⁴ Dirck, who was generally referred to as Richard in various records, was later married on 23 November 1772 in Hunterdon County to his cousin, Pieternelle "Nelly" Marlet.⁵⁷ Nelly, who had been christened at the Readington Dutch Reformed Church on 16 June 1754, was the daughter of Abraham Marlet and Martha Vail.⁴⁴

Known issue: (Surname Marlet)

136. Abraham ----- b. in Hunterdon Co., NJ.
 chr. 28 November 1773 at the Neshanic D.R.C., Somerset Co.,
 NJ.⁴⁴

81. Gideon Marlet.

Gideon Marlet (also written Marlett), the son of Dirck “Richard” Marlet and his first wife, Jannetje Schamp, was born in Hunterdon County, New Jersey in about 1745.⁵³ No additional information has been found concerning this individual.

82. Dirck Marlet.

Dirck Marlet, the son of Jan (John) Marlet and Malle, was born in Somerset County, New Jersey. He was subsequently christened on 7 September 1745 at the Raritan Dutch Reformed Church in Somerset County.¹⁵ No additional information has been found concerning this individual.

83. John Melott.

John Melott (also written Malott and Mellott), the son of Theodorus Melott and his first wife, Catherine Maple, is believed to have been born in Middlesex County, New Jersey in about 1725.^{34,60,62} He was later married in New Jersey to a woman named Sarah Stillwell in about 1750/1751.^{62,63}

When John’s father, Theodorus, died in 1751 in Frederick County, Maryland, he only left John one shilling.³⁴ After their marriage, John and Sarah appear to have remained in New Jersey, where they are known to have resided for a number of years in Little Egg Harbor Township in what was then Burlington County, but is now within Ocean County, New Jersey.^{60,61,102} Based upon information provided in the Revolutionary War pension applications of two of their sons, namely John and Benjamin, it would appear that at least four of their children were born in Little Egg Harbor Township.^{60,102}

In about 1765, John and Sarah and several sons moved to Pennsylvania, where they settled in what was known as the Tonoloway settlement.⁶² This settlement, which was situated in a disputed area on the Maryland - Pennsylvania border, eventually became a part of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.¹⁰³ During the month of April 1766, John and Sarah were baptized and became members of the Tonoloway Baptist Church.⁶²

In the year 1771, the area of Pennsylvania in which John and his family were residing was formed into Bedford County, and on 11 September 1777, the Supreme Executive Council for Bedford County appointed John, among others, a Justice of the Peace for that county.^{61,104} According to the inscription on their tombstone, John died in Bedford County, Pennsylvania in about 1786, while Sarah died there on 4 April 1812.⁶² Both were subsequently buried in the Sideling Baptist Church Cemetery (Tonoloway Primitive Baptist Church and Cemetery) at Warfordsburg in Bedford County, Pennsylvania (now within Fulton County, Pennsylvania).⁶²

NOTE: Information pertaining to the children listed below was taken from “The Mellotts of Fulton County,” research notes of Blanche Swope (deceased), findagrave.com, and personal research.

Issue: (Surname Melott)

137. Theodorus --- b. 7 February 1752 in Little Egg Harbor Twp., Burlington Co., NJ.
 “Dory” (now within Ocean Co., NJ.)^{60,105}
 m. Milly (MNU) in PA.¹⁰⁵
 d. 27 July 1840 at Beallsville, Monroe Co., OH.¹⁰⁵
 bur. East Sunbury Baptist Cem., Monroe Co., OH.¹⁰⁵
138. John ----- b. 23 April 1753 in Little Egg Harbor Twp., Burlington Co., NJ.
 M. (now within Ocean Co., NJ.)^{102,106}
 m. Elizabeth Sampson in PA.¹⁰⁶
 d. 12 July 1835 in Bedford Co., PA.¹⁰⁶
 bur. Sideling Hill Primitive Baptist Church Cem., Bedford Co., PA.
 (now within Fulton Co., PA.)¹⁰⁶
139. Obediah ----- b. 1755 in Little Egg Harbor Twp., Burlington Co., NJ. (now within
 Roy Ocean Co., NJ.)^{60,106}
 m. (1) 25 September 1779 to Mary Elizabeth Wink in Bedford Co.,
 PA.¹⁰⁶
 m. (2) Mary P. Daniels in PA.¹⁰⁶
 d. 28 March 1829 in Bedford Co., PA.¹⁰⁶
 bur. Sideling Hill Primitive Baptist Church Cem., Bedford Co., PA.
 (now within Fulton Co., PA.)¹⁰⁶

140. Benjamin ----- b. 19 March 1759 in Little Egg Harbor Twp., Burlington Co., NJ.
 (now within Ocean Co., NJ.) ^{102,107}
 m. Ruth (MNU) in PA. ¹⁰⁷
 d. 31 August 1836 in Richland Co., OH. ¹⁰⁷
 bur. Sunfish Cem., Mount Gilead, Morrow Co., OH. ¹⁰⁷
141. Jacob ----- b. 1762, probably in Little Egg Harbor Twp., Burlington Co., NJ.
 J. (now within Ocean Co., NJ.) ¹⁰⁶
 m. Ida Wink in PA. ¹⁰⁶
 d. 24 August 1845 in Bedford Co., PA. (aged 83 years) ¹⁰⁶
 bur. Sideling Hill Primitive Baptist Church Cem., Bedford Co., PA.
 (now within Fulton Co., PA.) ¹⁰⁶
142. Joseph ----- b. ca. 1765 in NJ. or PA. ¹⁰⁸
143. Frances ----- b. ca. 1775 in Bedford Co., PA. ¹⁰⁸
 m. John Edward Harr in PA. ¹⁰⁸
 d. ca. 1809 in PA. ¹⁰⁸

84. Theodorus Melott.

Theodorus Melott (also written Malott), the son of Theodorus Melott and his first wife, Catherine Maple, is believed to have been born in Middlesex County, New Jersey. ^{34,60} Like his older brother, John, Theodorus appears to have remained in New Jersey while other family members moved to Frederick County, Maryland. ⁶⁰ When Theodorus, Jr.'s father, Theodorus, died in 1751 in Frederick County, Maryland, he only left Theodorus, Jr. one shilling. ³⁴

According to information obtained from Mr. Bob Williams, this Theodorus may be the same Theodorus who was a defendant in a New Jersey Supreme Court Case in Middlesex County, New Jersey in 1772. ⁶⁰ Aside from the above, no additional information has been found concerning this individual.

85. Mary Melott.

Mary Melott (also written Malott), the daughter of Theodorus Melott and his first wife, Catherine Maple, is believed to have been born in Middlesex County, New Jersey.^{34,60} When Mary's father, Theodorus, died in 1751 in Frederick County, Maryland, he bequeathed to Mary a two year old heifer.³⁴ Mary was later married in Frederick County, Maryland to a man named James Walling, Jr. in about 1753.³² James, who had been born on 20 September 1727, most likely in New Jersey, was the son of James Walling, Sr. and Mary De La Chaumette.^{32,64}

When the estate of Mary's father, Theodorus Melott, was eventually settled in 1754, Mary was mentioned in the settlement as "Mary Walling wife of James Walling."¹¹⁰ Because the actual date of Mary's death is not known, however, there is some confusion over how many children Mary had with James Walling. According to the transcript of the Chancery Court Proceedings of 1794, *Worley vs Walling*, regarding title to property named "Old Fox Deceived," five daughters, all apparently born between 1754 and 1763, are mentioned.¹¹¹ In light of the fact that James Walling is known to have married again on 1 April 1787 in Washington County, Maryland to a woman named Mary Mercy Stull, and since no evidence exists that I am aware of that James was ever married to anyone other than Mary Melott prior to that date, I personally believe that the five daughters mentioned in the Chancery Court Proceedings of 1794 are those of James Walling and Mary Melott.^{32,111}

In light of the above, it would appear that Mary probably died in Washington County, Maryland sometime prior to 1787. James, on the other hand, died in Washington County, Maryland in 1811.^{112,113} His will, which was dated 14 December 1803, was subsequently probated in Washington County, Maryland on 25 November 1811. The five children listed below were mentioned in the Chancery Court Proceedings of 1794, as well as in James Walling's will.^{111,113}

Issue: (Surname Walling)

144. Nancy ----- b. 17 July 1754 in Frederick Co., MD. ^{32,111}
 Ann m. 18 June 1783 to William Worley in Washington Co., MD. ^{32,109}
 d. 19 February 1837 at Lebanon, Warren Co., OH. ^{32,109}
 bur. Pioneer Cem., Lebanon, Warren Co., OH. ^{32,109}
145. Sarah ----- b. 1756 in Frederick Co., MD. ^{32,111}
 m. 17 November 1793 to John Shimer in Washington Co., MD.
 Ref: ^{32,74}

146. Mary ----- b. in Frederick Co., MD. ^{32,111}
m. Joseph Drake. ^{32,113}
147. Elizabeth ----- b. in Frederick Co., MD. ^{32,111}
m. James Williams. ^{32,113}
148. Ruth ----- b. 1763 in Frederick Co., MD. ^{32,111}
m. 20 March 1780 to William Simpkins in Washington Co., MD.
Ref: ^{32,111,113}

86. Peter Melott.

Peter Melott (also written Malott), the son of Theodorus Melott and his second wife, Catherine De La Chaumette, is believed to have been born in about 1729/1730 in Middlesex County, New Jersey. ^{12,34,59,60}

NOTE: Peter Melott was the eldest son of Theodorus Melott and his second wife, Catherine De La Chaumette. ^{12,34} His birth year is almost always given as 1727, and is often substantiated by quoting the 1767 inventory and partial census of the "State of His Lordship's Manors." ⁶⁵ I personally do not believe the 1727 year of birth for Peter is accurate, however. When Theodorus Melott's father-in-law, Benjamin Maple, wrote his will on 13 May 1727, he specifically mentions his daughter Catherine Melott. ¹² Catherine (Maple) Melott was the mother of three children by Theodorus, with the eldest child, John, having been born in about 1725. ^{34,60,62} First of all, if John were born in about 1725, I am skeptical that Catherine would have had two additional children between 1725 and 1727. More importantly, however, I seriously question how Catherine could have died after 13 May 1727, and how her husband, Theodorus, could have had time to mourn her death, find a new wife, get remarried, and have a son named Peter nine months later, and the year is still 1727. It simply defies all logic.

Peter was apparently married twice during his life. He married first in about 1752 to a woman named Sarah in Maryland. ^{65,163} Sarah was calculated to have been born in about 1733. ⁶⁵ Unfortunately, I personally do not know of any verifiable evidence that indicates her maiden name, or her parentage. After their marriage, Peter and Sarah settled in Frederick County, Maryland, where in 1754 they leased 106 acres of land along Conegocheague Creek in 1754. ⁶⁵ In 1767, as part of an inventory and partial census of the "State of His Lordship's Manors," the property that Peter and Sarah leased in 1754 was recorded. ⁶⁵ Peter's age was given as being forty, Sarah's age was given as being thirty-four, and their eldest son, Thomas, was listed as being sixteen. ⁶⁵ This property was apparently situated in that portion of Frederick County, Maryland that was later formed into Washington County, Maryland in 1776. ^{61,65}

Peter's wife, Sarah, was last found in the Maryland land records signing a land transaction with Peter in Frederick County on 13 April 1775.¹¹⁴ During the Revolutionary War, Peter took the Oath of Fidelity and Support in early 1778 in Washington County, Maryland, and on 22 June 1778 he was commissioned an Ensign in the Washington County Militia.^{115,116} Approximately two years later, Peter Melott and his family, along with his brother, Joseph Melott and John Reynolds, and their families, were in the process of moving to Kentucky. On 22 March 1780, a party of Delaware Indians attacked these families at Fish Creek on the Ohio River, and during the ensuing skirmish John Reynolds was killed and Peter's wife, Sarah, and a number of children were captured.¹¹⁷ In addition to Sarah, at least two of Peter's children are known to have also been captured, namely Catherine and Peter, and at least three, possibly four, other Melott children, perhaps belonging to Joseph Melott, were also captured.¹¹⁷

After the attack, what became of the survivors of the families of Joseph Melott and John Reynolds has not been determined. Peter, on the other hand, apparently assuming that his captured wife and children were probably dead, or soon would be, returned to Maryland, where on 21 November 1780 Peter was promoted to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant.¹¹⁸ Although Peter eventually remarried and had three more children, what he did not know until many years later was that his first wife and captured children had been taken to Canada, where Sarah died in about 1796, and Catherine and Peter eventually married and remained.^{117,119}

Peter married for a second time, also in Maryland, to a woman named Rachel.^{66,67} As with Peter's first wife, Sarah, I am personally not aware of any verifiable evidence that indicates what Rachel's maiden name may have been. Peter died in Washington County, Maryland in 1806.⁶⁷ His will, which had been written on 17 January 1804, was probated before the Washington County Court on 23 May 1806.⁶⁷ Just four days later, on 27 May 1806, Peter's widow, Rachel, informed the Washington County Court that she would not abide with Peter's will, and elected to take her one-third share (dower) in lieu thereof.⁶⁷ With the exception of the two children who were captured on the Ohio River and taken to Canada, namely Catherine and Peter's first son named Peter, the remaining children that are listed below were all mentioned in Peter's will.⁶⁷ The three youngest children are believed to be the children of Peter by his second wife, Rachel.

Issue from 1st marriage: (Surname Melott)

149. Thomas ----- b. 15 April 1753 in Frederick Co., MD.^{120,121}
 m. Rebecca (MNU) in MD.^{120,121}
 d. 4 September 1846 in West Union, Adams Co., OH.¹²⁰
 bur. Brier Ridge Cem., Bentonville, Adams Co., OH.^{120,121}

150. Theodore ---- b. 7 November 1755 in Frederick Co., MD. ^{121,122}
 "Dory" m. ca. 1779 to Amelia Ann "Millie" Lane in Frederick Co., MD.
 Ref: ^{123,124}
 d. 10 March 1845 at Brown Co., OH. ^{121,122}
 bur. Greenbush Cem., Greenbush, Brown Co., OH. ^{120,122}
151. John ----- b. 8 December 1758 in Frederick Co., MD. ¹²¹
 m. ca. 1784 to Elizabeth Wilson in MD. ^{121,122}
 d. 27 February 1838 in Brown Co., OH. ^{121,122}
 bur. Greenbush Cem., Greenbush, Brown Co., OH. ^{121,122}
152. Joseph ----- b. ca. 1760 in Frederick Co., MD. ¹²⁵
 m. (1) 22 April 1789 to Catherine "Caty" South in Madison Co., KY.
 Ref: ^{125,126}
 m. (2) 1 March 1805 to Mary "Polly" White in Madison Co., KY.
 Ref: ^{125,127}
 d. ca. 1834/1835 in Clay Co., MO. (will dated 1 January 1834) ¹²⁵
153. Catherine ---- b. 1764 in Frederick Co., MD. ¹²⁸
 m. ca. 1784 to Simon G. Girty in Essex Co., Ontario, Can. ¹²⁸
 d. 2 January 1852 at Colchester, Essex Co., Ontario, Can. ¹²⁸
 Find a Grave Memorial # 54976407. ¹²⁸
154. Hannah ----- b. 22 August 1765 in Frederick Co., MD. ¹²⁹
 m. William South in MD. ¹²⁹
 d. 6 October 1843 in Clermont Co., OH. ¹²⁹
 bur. Stonelick I.O.O.F. Cem., Stonelick, Clermont Co., OH. ¹²⁹
155. Peter ----- b. in Frederick Co., MD.
 m. Mary "Polly" Jones at Detroit, Essex Co., Ontario, Can. ^{130,131}
 d. 3 December 1815 in Gosfield South Twp., Essex Co., Ontario,
 Can. ^{130,131}
 bur. Malott-Jones Farm Cemetery Memorial, Gosfield South Twp.,
 Essex County, Ontario, Can. ¹³¹
156. William ----- b. 5 May 1769 in Frederick Co., MD. ¹²¹
 Harvey m. ca. 1792 to Barbara Brunck in MD. ^{132,133}
 d. 15 January 1845 in Clermont Co., OH. ¹³³
 bur. Round Bottom Road Cem., Perintown, Clermont Co., OH. ¹³³

157. Daniel ----- b. 1772 in Frederick Co., MD. ¹³⁴
 m. (1) 2 February 1804 to Susannah Blew in Washington Co., MD.
 Ref: ⁷⁴
 m. (2) 19 April 1814 to Sarah Ensminger in Washington Co., MD.
 Ref: ⁷⁴
 d. 14 January 1834 in Washington Co., MD. ¹³⁴
 bur. Hagerstown Cem. (Lutheran), Hagerstown, Washington Co.,
 MD. ¹³⁴
158. Hiram ----- b. 28 May 1775 in Frederick Co., MD. ^{135,137}
 B. m. 27 March 1796 to Mary Haas in Washington Co., MD. ^{136,137}
 d. 7 June 1838 at Louisville, Jefferson Co., KY. ^{135,137}
 bur. Lutheran Cem., Jefferson Co., KY. ¹³⁵

Probable issue from 2nd marriage: (Surname Melott)

159. Peter ----- b. ca. 1782 in Washington Co., MD. ¹³⁸
 m. 25 December 1810 to Susanna Isenberger in Washington Co.,
 MD. ⁷⁴
 d. 1814 in Washington Co., MD. ¹³⁹
160. Michael ----- b. ca. 1784 in Washington Co., MD. ¹³⁸
 m. 11 March 1813 to Catherine Fritch in Washington Co., MD. ⁷⁴
 d. 1817 in Washington Co., MD. ¹⁴⁰
161. Sarah ----- b. ca. 1786 in Washington Co., MD. ¹³⁸
 m. 25 December 1802 to John Stewart in Washington Co., MD. ⁷⁴

NOTE: At the present time there are still a number of unanswered questions regarding the parentage of several of the children who were captured by a party of Delaware Indians on 22 March 1780 at Fish Creek on the Ohio River and taken to Canada. In addition, there also appears to be a lack of consensus regarding the actual number and identities of those children.

According to available documents, including the Draper Manuscripts, it appears that three families, those of Peter Melott, John Reynolds, and another that I strongly believe was Joseph Melott's, Peter's brother, were traveling down the Ohio River on their way to Kentucky when they were attacked by a band of Delaware Indians. During the ensuing skirmish John Reynolds was killed, and Sarah Melott, along with a number of children were kidnapped and taken north to Canada.

Even though one source states that seven children were kidnapped, I do not believe all of them were Melott children. Those Melott children who are "generally" referred to in various documents as having been captured are: Catherine, Peter, Theodore, Delilah, and David. There is also a Keziah Melott mentioned in some documents. Unfortunately, some information pertaining to these children is problematic, such as their birth dates.

Based upon my research, I feel quite comfortable that Sarah Melott was the first wife of Peter Melott, and that she was also the mother of at least two of the captured children, namely Catherine Melott, who was later married to a man named Simon Girty, and Peter Melott, who was later married to a woman named Mary "Polly" Jones. I do not believe that Sarah was the wife of Joseph Melott.

Whether or not any of the other children could have been Peter and Sarah's, I simply cannot say with any certainty at this time. Because I believe that the families of both Peter Melott and Joseph Melott were together when the attack took place, I also feel it is highly probable that both Peter and his brother, Joseph, had children who were captured and taken to Canada. In some respects this scenario actually makes more sense since it eliminates a number of conflicting issues.

Ironically, some researchers believe that Joseph Melott may have also been married to a woman named Sarah, with the possibility that her full name was Sarah Harmon. Although the identity of Joseph Melott's wife has not been proven beyond doubt, a quantity of circumstantial evidence has been uncovered that does tend to support such a conclusion. Regardless of who Joseph may have married, I believe that at least one of the captive children, Theodore, is surely not one of Peter's children. Peter's son, Theodore, was alive and well in Maryland during the time the captive Theodore was in Canada. As such, he must have been the son of another Melott, and Joseph is the only logical candidate that I can come up with.

With respect to the other captured children, I can really only speculate at this time as to which family they might belong. Because there simply does not appear to be sufficient evidence available at this time to resolve this issue once and for all, no additional information will be presented in this write-up regarding any of the captured children other than the two who are strongly believed to be those of Peter and Sarah Melott.

87. Catherine Melott.

Catherine Melott (also written Malott), the daughter of Theodorus Melott and his second wife, Catherine De La Chaumette, is believed to have been born in Middlesex County, New Jersey.^{34,60} She was later married in Frederick County, Maryland to a man named William Crossley (also written Crossly and Crosly).⁷⁰ William, who is believed to have been born in about 1730 in New Jersey, was the son of Henry and Abigail Crossley.⁷⁰

William and Catherine were later found in a property deed which showed William selling land in Frederick County to a man named Samuel Beall on 12 April 1770.¹¹⁴ According to that document, Catherine waived her dower rights.¹¹⁴ Catherine was later mentioned in the will of her mother, Catherine (De La Chaumette) Melott, which had been written on 27 December 1770.³⁴ Although Catherine is believed to have died in Maryland, the actual date of her death is not known. The children listed below were identified in "Crosley/Crossley Families of America" by Arnold Breitenbach.⁷⁰

Known issue: (Surname Crossley)

162. Mary ----- b. in Frederick Co., MD.⁷⁰
m. Patrick McElwee.⁷⁰
163. William ----- b. 5 October 1761 in Frederick Co., MD.¹⁴⁷
m. (1) (unknown).⁷⁰
m. (2) 27 April 1785 to Sarah Powell in Washington Co., MD.⁷⁰
d. 7 September 1839 in Brown Co., OH.¹⁴⁷
bur. Old Redoak Cem., Redoak, Brown Co., OH.¹⁴⁷
164. Moses ----- b. 2 January 1764 in Frederick Co., MD.¹⁴⁸
m. 1 May 1784 to Rachel Powell in Washington Co., MD.⁷⁰
d. 13 March 1843 in Warren Co., OH.¹⁴⁸
bur. Red Lion Cem., Red Lion, Warren Co., OH.¹⁴⁸

88. Benjamin Melott.

Benjamin Melott (also written Malott), the son of Theodorus Melott and his second wife, Catherine De La Chaumette, was born in 1734 in Middlesex County, New Jersey.^{34,68} He was later married in Maryland to a woman named Elizabeth Truax.⁶⁸

After their marriage, Benjamin and Elizabeth settled in Frederick County, Maryland, where they leased 76 acres of land along Conegocheague Creek.⁶⁵ In 1767, as part of an inventory and partial census of the "State of His Lordship's Manors," the property that Benjamin and Elizabeth were leasing was listed as being held by a Certificate dated 25 February 1766.⁶⁵ This property was situated in that portion of Frederick County that was later formed into Washington County, Maryland in 1776.^{61,65}

Benjamin was later found taking the Oath of Fidelity in Washington County, Maryland in 1778.¹¹⁵ Benjamin, who died in 1815 in Washington County, Maryland, was buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery at Hagerstown in Washington County.^{68,69} His will, which had been written on 1 June 1815, was subsequently probated before the Washington County Court on 18 September 1815.⁶⁹ With the exception of John, the following children were named in Benjamin's will.⁶⁹ The exact order of birth of the below listed children is not known.

Issue: (Surname Melott)

165. Rebecca ----- b. in Frederick Co., MD.⁶⁹
 m. 6 June 1795 to George Snell in Washington Co., MD.⁷⁴
 d. (last found on the 1850 census of Washington Co., MD. - age shown in census is incorrect)¹⁴¹
166. Theodore ---- b. in Frederick Co., MD.⁶⁹
 m. 17 June 1823 to (Mrs.) Mary Bartlett in Washington Co., MD.⁷⁴
 d. 1831 in Washington Co., MD.¹⁴²
167. John ----- b. in MD.⁶⁸
 m. 23 May 1812 to Rebecca Nowell in Washington Co., MD.⁷⁴
168. Elias ----- b. (1770-1780) in Frederick Co., MD.¹⁴³
 m. Christina M. Amos in MD.^{144,145}
 d. 1837 in Jefferson Co., KY. (will dated 18 January 1837;
 Probated 6 February 1837)¹⁴⁴
 bur. Find A Grave Memorial # 134901618.¹⁴⁵
169. Benjamin ----- b. in Washington Co., MD.⁶⁹
 m. Sarah (MNU) in MD.¹⁴⁶
 d. 1836 in Washington Co., MD.¹⁴⁶
170. Catherine ---- b. in Washington Co., MD.⁶⁹
 m. 21 March 1805 to William Benjamin Gale in Washington Co.,
 MD.⁷⁴

171. Elizabeth ----- b. in Washington Co., MD. ⁶⁹
 m. 14 August 1810 to James Nowell in Washington Co., MD. ⁷⁴

89. **Joseph Melott.**

Joseph Melott (also written Malott), the son of Theodorus Melott and his second wife, Catherine De La Chaumette, is believed to have been born in Middlesex County New Jersey. ^{34,60} Although it has yet to be proven beyond doubt, some researchers believe that this Joseph may have been married to a woman named Sarah, possibly Sarah Harmon, and that some of the children who were captured by the Delaware Indians on the Ohio River and taken to Canada in 1780 were theirs. ^{71,117} I personally believe that at least one of those children, Theodorus Melott, is very likely one of Joseph's children, as his brother Peter's son, also named Theodorus, was alive and well in Maryland at the time.

Lending some support for the captive Theodore being the son of Joseph Melott and Sarah Harmon is the fact that this Theodore Melott later married in Essex County, Ontario, Canada to a woman named Catherine Wigle, and they named their eldest son, Joseph, and their eldest daughter, Sarah. ⁷¹ In addition, their sixth son was named Thomas Harmon Melott, and the Harmon name was carried down a couple of more generations. ⁷¹ As mentioned above, I can really only speculate at this time as to which family the other captured children might belong, other than Catherine and Peter, who are strongly believed to be those of Peter and Sarah Melott. Because there simply does not appear to be sufficient evidence available at this time to resolve this issue once and for all, no additional information will be presented in this write-up regarding any of the other captured children. (Please see write-up and comments under # 86 above)

Like his brothers, Peter Melott and Benjamin Melott, Joseph also settled in Frederick County, Maryland, where he leased 51 acres of land along Conegocheague Creek. ⁶⁵ In 1767, as part of an inventory and partial census of the "State of His Lordship's Manors," the property that Joseph was leasing was listed as being held by a Certificate dated 20 July 1765. ⁶⁵ This property was situated in that portion of Frederick County that was later formed into Washington County, Maryland in 1776. ^{61,65} Joseph was later listed as taking an Oath of Fidelity in Washington County, Maryland in 1778.

Although there is a Joseph Melott residing in Madison County, Kentucky in 1789, it is not known at this time whether or not this is our Joseph Melott, son of Theodorus.

Issue: (Surname Melott)

Unknown at this time

90. **Elizabeth Melott.** *

Elizabeth Melott (also written Malott), the daughter of Theodorus Melott and his second wife, Catherine De La Chaumette, is believed to have been born in Middlesex County, New Jersey.^{34,60} She was later married in Frederick County, Maryland to a man named William Dawson in about 1763.^{34,72} William, who had been born in 1738 in Prince George's County, was the son of William Dawson and his first wife, whose name is not known.¹⁴⁹

In 1760, three years prior to his marriage to Elizabeth, William purchased a plantation in Frederick County called "Well Wishes."¹⁴⁹ William later sold this plantation to a man named Robert Rose on 3 February 1769.¹⁴⁹

In about 1770, William and Elizabeth, along with William's uncle George Dawson and his family, apparently moved into western Pennsylvania where they settled in Spring Hill Township in that portion of Cumberland County that later became Bedford County in 1771, then Westmoreland County in 1773.^{149,61} William's name was shown on the list of taxable inhabitants of Westmoreland County as residing in Spring Hill Township in 1773, and in Franklin Township in 1783.^{150,151} He apparently paid taxes in 1783 on 80 acres of land and a small amount of livestock.¹⁵¹

In about 1787/1788, however, William and his family appear to have moved back to Maryland, where they settled in the Upper Old Town area near Cumberland in Allegany County.¹⁴⁹ William and Elizabeth Dawson were subsequently found on the 1800 census of Allegany County.¹⁵² William Dawson later purchased a 60 acre parcel of land in Allegany County, Maryland, being a part of a tract called Hawkins Clover Bottom, from his younger half-brother, James Dawson, on 17 November 1801.¹⁵³ William and Elizabeth's son, James Dawson, subsequently purchased the adjoining 60 acres on 21 November 1801.¹⁵³

William Dawson died in Allegany County, Maryland in 1802.⁷³ His will, which had been written on 11 June 1802, was later probated on 21 July 1802.⁷³ William's widow, Elizabeth, who is known to have survived William, is believed to have also died in Maryland.⁷³ The actual date of her death is not known, however.

Known issue: (Surname Dawson)

172. William ----- b. (1755-1765) in Frederick Co., MD. ^{152,154}
 m. Hannah (MNU) in MD. ^{149,155}
 d. 1822 in Allegany Co., MD. ¹⁵⁵
173. James ----- b. (1755-1765) in Frederick Co., MD. ^{152,154}
 m. Anne (MNU), probably in MD. (possibly in Hampshire Co., VA.
 (now WV.) ¹⁵⁶ **NOTE:** Although unproven, Anne's full name
 may be Nancy Anne Odle (Odell). ¹⁵⁷
 d. 1820 in Allegany Co., MD. ¹⁵⁶
- *174. Elizabeth ---- b. 1768/1769 in Frederick Co., MD. ¹⁵⁸
 m. ca. 1789/1790 to Richard Odle (Odell), probably in MD.
 (possibly in Hampshire Co., VA. (now WV.) ^{158,159}
 d. 31 March 1841 in Warren Co., IN. ¹⁵⁸
 bur. Union Cem., Pine Village, Warren Co., IN. ¹⁵⁸
175. Benjamin ---- b. (1755-1774), probably in PA. ^{152,160}
 B. m. Ruth Morrison. ¹⁶¹
 d. 1829 in Allegany Co., MD. ¹⁶²
176. Edward ----- b. (1755-1774), probably PA. ^{152,160}
177. Thomas ----- b. in PA. ¹⁶⁰
 m. (?).

91. Ruth Melott.

Ruth Melott (also written Malott), the daughter of Theodorus Melott and his second wife, Catherine De La Chaumette, is believed to have been born in Middlesex County, New Jersey. ³⁴ She was later married in Frederick County, Maryland to a man named Harry Wald (also written Henry Wald) on 5 March 1779. ⁷⁴ No additional information has been found concerning this couple.

Issue: (Surname Wald)

Unknown

* Denotes author's direct-line ancestor (pedigree).

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