

JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, MERRITT, son of Thomas<sup>1</sup>, married Jane, daughter of A Proprietor of Rye 1683. He and other surveyors of lands assigned to him 2 acres which he had fenced in on Hog-Pen Ridge 1707 (Rye, Lib. B, p. 155). A Proprietor of Wills Purchase 1708. Owned lot No. 34 in 1710. His land joined that of Jonathan Kniffen, 16 Jan., 1710. Had a deed from his father, Thomas, 5 Aug., 1714. On grand jury, 1717, 18-22. Ensign in Westchester Co. Military Company, 27 Feb., 1722. Signed a petition of Presbyterians, 11 May, 1727. Sold 32 acres near the present Park Mill to Gilbert Bloomer for £130, 16 Dec., 1740. Signed his mark. His name was spelled with two "f's." Joseph Merritt, yeoman, sold 1/3 of an 18th share in the ledges within "Pening Neck purchase" in Rye, including all the salt meadows in the grantor's possession, bounded southerly by Roger Park's meadow and running northerly to David Haight's and John Clap's meadow, purchased from George Laneson, deceased, 9 Aug., 1723, to Samuel Treadwell, for £10, 3 Nov., 1742. Made his Will 27 March, 1752. Proved 6 June, 1754. Signed his mark (New York, Lib. 19, p. 56).

## Children:

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| Joseph <sup>3</sup> , born | 1 Feb., 1695, died  |                         |
| (?) Rose, born             | 10 Nov., 1697, died |                         |
| Thomas, born               | 8 Oct., 1700, died  |                         |
| Elizabeth, born            | 31 Aug., 1702, died | ; mar. Joseph Brundage. |
| (?) Joshua, born           | 6 July, 1704, died  |                         |
| Jane, born                 | 3 Mar., 1708, died  | ; mar. Samuel Williams. |
| (?) Rebecca, born          | 19 June, 1710, died |                         |
| (?) Sarah, born            | 28 Oct., 1712, died |                         |
| Nehemiah, born             | 7 May, 1715, died   | 1794-                   |

Will gives to wife Jane a bed and furnishings, riding major side saddle and

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NEHEMIAH<sup>3</sup>, son of Joseph<sup>2</sup>, married Dinah, daughter of Ichabod Hopkins and Sarah Coles; married second, Mary, daughter of Robert Dingy before 1761. He showed a certificate of removal from the Mamaroneck Meeting at the Oblong Meeting at Quaker Hill, Dutchess County, December, 1758. On a committee to review the sufferings of the Friends at Oblong, 1760. He and nine others sign a petition in behalf of themselves and fifteen others for 25,000 acres on east side of Hudson River between Fort Edward and Lake George, 25 July, 1761. (Fort Ann, Washington Co., and Queensbury, Warren Co.) (Sec. of State, Albany). The Queensbury patent, 23,000 acres, was granted to twenty-three persons, not including him, 20 May, 1762. A meeting of the proprietors of Queensbury was held at the shop of Nehemiah and Daniel Merritt in Beekman Precinct, Dutchess Co., 10 July, 1762. A second meeting was held at the same place when partition deeds were given to the thirty proprietors, including Nehemiah and his sons

Daniel and Ichabod, 8 Nov., 1762. He received plot 32 in Division 103 and 69, and half of plots 38 and 39, 13 Jan., 1763. One of the trustees to rent out all undivided lands, 23 Feb., 1763. Nehemiah Merritt of Beekman's Precinct, gentleman, released his half of the saw-mill, house and utensils, built by them at Queensbury, to Abraham Wing for 5 shillings, 7 Oct., 1765 (Hist. of Queensbury, p. 376). Walter Franklin of New York, merchant, leased to Nehemiah Merritt, yeoman, of the Oblong, Lot 32 of 500 acres in the Oblong, for 5 shillings for one year, 21 Dec., 1768, and sold him the same for £1400, 22 Dec., 1768 (original with George Merritt, Auburn, N. Y.). He was agent for Franklin and signed a lease in his behalf to Elisha Smith of Lot 70, rental £14, 1 May, 1774. He and wife Mary granted to his son Daniel one-third of Lot 32, supposed to contain 167 acres, 4 March, 1774; acknowledged 2 Oct., 1793; recorded 17 Jan., 1794. Lease 1 May, 1774, Walter Franklin of New York, merchant, to Elisha Smith of Oblong Farm, south half of Lot 70, rent £14, Signed, Nehemiah Merritt in behalf of Franklin (original with Richard P. Merritt of Brooklyn). On a committee to visit Quaker slaveholders, 14 Aug., 1776. Had an attack of numb palsy, 25 June, 1786. Gave deeds of one-half of Lot 103, on north side of town plot at Queensbury to his grandson Benjamin, and one-half to his grandson Jacob, 10 and 18 Sept., 1792. Granted to his son Daniel, one-half of Lots 33, 39 and 76 of 125 acres each at Queensbury, 21 Sept., 1792. Conveyed to Daniel the remainder of Lot 32, being 333 acres in the Oblong, for £1250, 4 April, 1793; recorded 20 Jan., 1794 (Lib. 19, p. 122). This was given in consideration of the payment of all Nehemiah's debts, 25 May, 1790; recorded 25 March, 1805. He was buried in Quaker Hill Cemetery. Also second wife Mary.

Children:

Daniel<sup>4</sup>, born 23 July, 1738, died 25 May, 1805.  
 Nehemiah, born 14 Jan., 1740, died Sept., 1793.  
 Anna, born 19 Sept., 1742, died 22 Nov., 1760; killed by lightning.  
 Ichabod, born 10 Sept., 1744, died