

## KING'S COUNTY

## THE WITTER FAMILY

The origin of the Witter family in America is given by Savage as follows: William Witter, an early settler at Lynn, Mass., had a wife Annis, and children, Hannah, and Josiah, who m. Feb. 25, 1662, Elizabeth Wheeler and had: Elizabeth, b. March 15, 1663, and Mary, b. Feb. 20, 1665. From other records we learn that he had a son, Ebenezer, b. in 1668, who was m. May 5, 1693, and had a son Joseph, b. June 1, 1698. The latter married, Aug. 13, 1722, Elizabeth Gore, and had children: Samuel, b. May 28, 1723; Joseph, b. Dec. 15, 1724; Ezra, b. Jan. 22, 1729; Hannah, b. Oct. 3, 1730; Ebenezer, b. Sept. 11, 1732; Elijah, b. April 7, 1735; Eunice, b. Dec. 8, 1740. Elizabeth (Gore) Witter, the mother of these children was the eldest child of Samuel and Hannah (Draper) Gore, of Roxbury, Mass., and Norwich, Conn., and sister of Moses Gore, the Cornwallis grantee. She was a first cousin of John Gore, the father of Christopher Gore, the noted Governor of Massachusetts.

**Samuel' Witter**, eldest son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Gore) Witter, b. May 28, 1723, in Norwich, Conn., m. (1) Sarah Calkin, (2) —, (3) in the autumn of 1760, Anna, dau. of Capt. Joseph and Mary (Wheeler) Prentice, of New London, and became a grantee in Horton. With his children, Samuel, Jr., b. June 20, 1752, a son by his 1st wife, and Sarah and Amy, also probably by his 1st wife, he reached Nova Scotia, June 4, 1760, but that autumn he returned to New London and m. Anna Prentice, who bore him at least two children: Joseph Prentice, b. Jan. 11, 1766, m. Lucy Turner, widow; and Anna, who became the 2nd wife of Jehiel DeWolf, Jr., of Horton, and who d., as did her husband, in New York City, and is perhaps buried in the cemetery at Bloomfield, N. J. Samuel Witter d. in Horton, Feb. 22, 1767, in his 44th year.

**Samuel Witter, Jr.**, (Samuel), b. June 20, 1752, m. in Horton. April 14, 1774, Margaret, dau. of Jehiel DeWolf, Sr., and his wife Phebe (Cobb), b. in Killingworth, Conn., in 1755 or '57, who after Samuel Witter's death, was m. to James Brown. She d. March 16,

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1803, "in her 48th year." Samuel Witter, Jr., d. Dec. 12, 1789.

Children of Samuel, Jr., and Margaret Witter:

- i Sarah, b. Feb. 4, 1775.
- ii Elisha, b. Dec. 25, 1776.
- iii Daniel, b. June 19, 1779.
- iv Thomas, b. July 10, 1781, d. Jan. 20, 1784.
- v Emma, b. Nov. 1, 1783.
- vi Olive, b. Sept. 14, 1784.
- vii Ezra, b. Jan. 6, 1787.
- viii Samuel, 3rd., b. July 6, 1789, m. (1) Dec. 31, 1812, Mrs. Eunice Sharp, who d. Sept. 28, 1819. Children: Daniel, b. Jan. 5, 1814; John William, b. July 31, 1815; Edward. He m. (2) Sept. 26, 1821, Mrs. Hannah (Bishop) Reid, dau. of George and Jane (Burbridge) Bishop, and then settled in Canaan, Horton. Children by 2nd wife: James Samuel, b. Dec. 5, 1822, d. in 1890; Margaret Jane; George Nelson; Henry B.; Laleah Adelaide; Rachel L., m. to William John Wallace, Esq., of Canaan, Horton; Anna Prentice; T. H. Burpee.

[Mrs. Margaret (DeWolf) Witter Brown by her second marriage to James Brown, had children: Rachel Brown, m. to Elisha Harris, and removed to Buffalo, N. Y.; James Brown, also removed to Buffalo.]

On the Horton Town Book is recorded the marriage, undoubtedly in New England, Nov. 17, 1757, of Esther Atwill to Amos Witter, "b. in New England." An Anne Witter was m. in Horton, Aug. 17, 1773 to John Turner; it seems probably that she was the dau. of Samuel Witter, the grantee, by his 1st wife. An Anne Witter was b. in Horton, Jan. 20, 1804.

### THE WOOD FAMILY

James Wood m. in Cornwallis, Apr. 10, 1767, Bridget, dau. of Ebenezer and Patience Bill.

Ephraim and Mary Wood had children b. in Cornwallis: Susannah, b. Jan. 3, 1777; Mary, b. Nov. 2, 1779; Ephraim, b. Oct. 27, 1780; Charles, b. Jan. 15, 1783, m. Jan. 26, 1808, Ann dau. of John and Abigail Burbridge; Samuel, b. Nov. 20, 1785, m. Apr. 3, 1810,