

The following reports trace the descendants of Samuel Everitt and John Everitt of Hopewell Twp., Hunterdon Co., New Jersey, and are based primarily on vital records, Surrogate Court documents, deeds, obituaries, family Bibles, cemetery records, censuses, military records, and family histories. Where such documentary evidence is unavailable, other sources are used and noted.

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John and Hannah Everitt of Hopewell Twp. had eight known children: Moses, Joseph, Benjamin, John, Sarah, Elizabeth, Mary, and Hannah. John Everitt, Jr., had at least two sons, Darius and Ezekiel.

Information concerning Darius Everitt is found in the descendant report for him. As for Ezekiel Everitt, the earliest record thus far found referencing Ezekiel is the Last Will and Testament of Abraham Gray, of Kingwood Twp., Hunterdon Co., written 11 February 1772 and proved 10 May 1782, in which Ezekiel Everitt is listed as a witness. Tax records show that Ezekiel was living in Kingwood Twp., Hunterdon Co., N.J. from 1778 to 1780. The following year, tax records place Ezekiel and his brother Darius in Tinicum Twp., Bucks Co., Pa. (Both are listed as Everhart.) This would be the earliest known record of Ezekiel Everitt in Bucks Co. Tax records for Bucks Co. also show that by 1786 Ezekiel had moved to Middletown Twp., and by 1785 Darius had moved to Upper Makefield Twp.

Ezekiel Everitt first appears on census records on the 1790 Bucks Co. census, where he is listed as Ezekiel Everard with 11 household members: 4M 16+, 2M -16, and 5F. The number of females suggest some of Ezekiel's sons had married and were living with him. Also appearing on the same census is Ezekiel's brother, Darius, listed as Darius Everard, with 8 household members: 2M 16+, 4M -16, and 2F.

Deeds place Ezekiel Everitt in Middletown Twp. until 1818. In 1790, Ezekiel bought property in Kingwood Twp. where both his father and grandfather died. The deed, dated 15 Apr 1790, identifies Ezekiel as of Newtown, Bucks Co., and he purchased land from Phillip and Catherine Cool of Kingwood Twp. (Bk.4, p.41). A series of deeds from 1802 to 1813 place Ezekiel and Mary Everitt in Middletown Twp., and some of these deeds record the sale by Ezekiel of parcels of the Kingwood Twp. land he also purchased from Phillip Cool. Apparently, Ezekiel purchased Hunterdon Co. property while still residing in Bucks Co. Most likely one of his children occupied the Kingwood estate.

Although Ezekiel Everitt was apparently in Kingwood Twp. as early as 1772, the first deed that mentions him as a resident of Kingwood Twp. is dated 1818. On 16 Apr 1818, Peter and Mary Quick, who were Ezekiel's son-in-law and daughter, sold Amwell Twp. land, purchased three years earlier, to Ezekiel Everitt Sr. of Kingwood Twp. (Bk.34, p.139). Ezekiel's first wife, Mary, died 7 Nov 1816, and Ezekiel remarried Abigail Vannoy 3 Oct 1818.

Ezekiel's Last Will and Testament, written 31 Jul 1828 and proved 12 May 1829, refers to his "dearly beloved wife Abigail Everitt," and to his sons: Jacob, Aaron, Eppenetus, William, David, Ezekiel, and the "lately deceased" Moses; his daughters: Rachel Tomlinson, Mary Quick, and Elizabeth Bonham; and, to his grandson, Ezekiel, the son of Eppenetus. Ezekiel appointed his son, Ezekiel Everitt, and John Waterford, both of Kingwood Twp., as his executors (NJ State Archives: 3702J). Ezekiel Everitt died 17 April 1829, and he and his first wife, Mary, are buried in the Kingwood Presbyterian Church Cemetery. (Ezekiel's tombstone indicates he died at age 83y1m19d.)

A descendant report for each of Ezekiel and Mary Everitt's ten children is offered here.

John and Hannah Everitt's son, Joseph Everitt, appears to be the defendant in the New Jersey Supreme Court case: Charles Biles and Langhorne Biles vs. Joseph Everitt. In 1751, Joseph Everitt, of Bethlehem, was arrested, and he, as well as Moses Everitt and Daniel Everitt, were ordered to appear in Court to answer to trespass charges by Charles and Langhorne Biles. The Court ruled against the Everitts, awarding Charles and Langhorne Biles "one thousand Pounds of Debt" plus damages in the amount of "five Pounds Eighteen Shillings and ten pence." In 1755, after the death of Charles Biles, the Supreme Court ruled that since the "Execution of the Debt and Damages aforesaid as yet remains to be done," and since Langhorne Biles was seeking an "apt Remedy" of the matter, Joseph Everitt was returned to Court to answer why Langhorne Biles should not recover the debt and damages ordered by the Court. The three Everitts were, consequently, taken into custody (Docket No.2879).

In October 1766, Joseph Everitt, then in Kingwood Twp., sold his property and may have moved to Tewksbury Twp., and, later, to Lebanon Twp. The October 1766 sale was apparently necessitated by financial problems, for Joseph had become a debtor. By October 1766, the Hunterdon Co. Court of Common Pleas ruled in the case of Stephen Jones vs. Joseph Everitt, and the sheriff had seized Joseph Everitt's possessions and plantation. Joseph Everitt's land is described as bounded by Daniel Everitt, Jacob Swallow, Thomas Harbour [Herbert], and Joshua Opdyke, "containing two hundred and seventy three acres of land, more or less, which remain in his hands unsold for want of Buyers." The Court then ordered a *Vend. Exp.* (Vol.X, p.470).

By 1779, a Joseph Everitt appears in Tewksbury Twp., but his property, consisting of 420 acres, was sold on 20 Sep 1779 by the trustees of William Alexander, Earl of Stirling. Joseph Everitt then seems to have moved to Lebanon Twp., where he is listed as a taxpayer in the mid-1780s. Another document locates Joseph Everitt in Lebanon Twp. The Court of Common Pleas for the October 1795 term considered a proposal for the construction of a road in Lebanon Twp. that would, in part, run from "the road leading from Potterstown to Daniel Hunt's Mills" and "to the lines between Joseph Everitt and the said Thomas Jones" (Vol.XV, p.237).

A Joseph Everitt died 1803 in Lebanon Twp. On 8 Feb 1803 administration of Joseph Everitt's estate was granted to his widow, Elizabeth, who transferred her duties to sons John Everitt and Joseph Everitt. It is not certain these Joseph Everitts were the same person. Also, if the Joseph Everitt who died 1803 was John and Hannah Everitt's son, he must have been about as old as his brother John was when he died. John died in 1808 at age 94. Joseph's widow, Elizabeth, relinquished her administrative duties due to her "extreme age and infirmities." Since nothing more about Elizabeth is known, it is impossible to determine how "extreme" her age may have been. She also refers to John Everitt and Joseph Everitt as "sons of my deceased husband," leaving the impression she was Joseph Everitt's second wife.

Lacking NJ censuses for the years 1790 to 1820, or other records of the two sons, John Everitt and Joseph Everitt, only circumstantial evidence links them to the later generations of Everitts in Lebanon and Tewksbury Twps. Records of the Zion Lutheran Church at Oldwick, however, document the 17 Jun 1803 birth of Sarah Everitt, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Everitt. Also, a mortgage deed dated 30 May 1803 records the sale of Lebanon Twp. land by Joseph and Sarah Everitt to Christopher Becker and Henry Hoffman. The land was situated near property

formerly of Nicholas Stillwell and Thomas Jones (Bk.2, p.146). This apparently was the same land described in the 1795 application for a road near property of Joseph Everitt and Thomas Jones. It is possible that the Joseph married to Sarah was the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Everitt, and that he was selling his deceased father's property.

D. Stanton Hammond's map of Hunterdon Co. landowners shows a John Everitt and Jesse Everitt in Lot #11 in Lebanon Twp., and cites deeds dated 1819. The two may have been sons of John Everitt or Joseph Everitt, for Hammond's map places John and Jesse close to Potterstown and next to land of Herbert Apgar and Jacob Miller, also mentioned as Joseph Everitt's neighbors in the 1795 road application. In three deeds dated 12 Jun 1819, John and Mary Everitt sold parts of their Lebanon Twp. property to William Shannon, John Kreemer, and James Ramsey (Bk.29, pp.513, 603, and 626). In a fourth deed of the same date, John and Mary Everitt sold another part of their farm (situated near Jesse Everitt, Jacob Tiger, and John Kreamer) to Joseph Everitt (Bk.30, p.650). Also in this series of 1819 deeds is one in which Jesse and Catharine Everitt of Tewksbury Twp. sold Lebanon Twp. land to John Tiger, land Jesse Everitt purchased from Robert L. Livingston located in John Everitt's lot (Bk.29, p.520).

Jesse Everitt was born 19 Apr 1775, married Catharine Cramer 19 Jul 1804, and died 26 Oct 1845. John Everitt was born 1788, married Mary Ann Apgar, and died 07 Sep 1867. Joseph C. Everitt was born 20 May 1791, married Elizabeth Apgar 27 Apr 1816, and died 30 Jul 1852. Whether Jesse was the brother of John and Joseph is unknown, but he certainly seems related to them.

Yet another Joseph Everitt lived in Lebanon Twp. He was born about 1765, and married Elizabeth Lance 08 Dec 1804. It is not known when Joseph died. His wife, Elizabeth, was born 1781 and died 23 Feb 1848. Listed on the same page of the 1830 Lebanon Twp. census are Joseph Everitt (60-70 years old), Joseph Everitt Jr. (40-50), and Abel Everitt.(40-50). On later pages of the same census appear John Everitt (40-50) and Jesse Everitt (50-60). It is clear from the census data that the older Joseph was the one married to Elizabeth Lance, and Joseph Everitt Jr. was married to Elizabeth Apgar. Joseph Jr., though, was not the son of the older Joseph, and the census-taker was surely differentiating age rather than establishing descent. The older Joseph did have a son named Joseph, but he was born 27 Jun 1805 and married Eliza Ann Moore in 1833. Abel Everitt was born 18 Jun 1785, married Sarah Yawger 22 Jan 1820, and died 19 Apr 1872. The identity of Abel's father is unknown.

Deeds and censuses offer evidence that all these Lebanon Twp. Everitts were of the same family. A hypothetical line of descent can be constructed beginning with Joseph Everitt (d.1803) to sons John and Joseph. One of these sons would be the father of the Joseph who married Elizabeth Lance, and the other, possibly, the father of John and Joseph C., who married the Apgar sisters. How Jesse and Abel fit into this picture is less clear. Finally, another John Everitt appears in the same area. He was born 1793, married Susan B. Cox 29 Apr 1815, and died 1853. His marriage is recorded in records of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church at Oldwick, which lists the births and marriages of other Everitts discussed here. How the John Everitt who married Susan B. Cox is related to the other Everitts is as yet unknown. The 1880 census, though, offers an intriguing clue. The Joseph Everitt who married Eliza Ann Moore died 1858, and living with widow Eliza in 1880 was her son, Henry, and 59 year-old John W. Everitt, identified as a "cousin." The cousin is surely John Wesley Everitt, son of John and Susan (Coxe) Everitt. In what way he was a "cousin" is undetermined.

The following descendant reports for John Everitt, Joseph C. Everitt, Joseph Everitt, Jesse

Everitt, John Everitt, and Abel Everitt hopefully will help other researchers in definitively establishing the ancestry of the Lebanon and Tewksbury Everitts.

John and Hannah Everitt's son, Moses, resided in Upper Mount Bethel Twp., Northampton Co., Pennsylvania, where he died in 1768. Some of his descendants moved into Warren Co. and Hunterdon Co., New Jersey. Descendant reports for three of them – Abner Everitt, Zenas Everitt, and Elisha Everitt – are offered here.

**The
Everitt Family of Hunterdon County,
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