

A Documentary Record of the Everitts of Hunterdon County, New Jersey

The Everitts of Amwell, Bethlehem, Kingwood, and Alexandria Twps., and, very likely, of Lebanon and Tewksbury Twps., Hunterdon Co., New Jersey were descendants of either Samuel Everitt or John Everitt of Hopewell Twp.¹ The Everitts of Mount Bethel Twp., Northampton Co. and Middletown Twp., Bucks Co., Pennsylvania were also descendants of the two Hopewell Everitts. Furthermore, members of these Everitt families moved into Warren Co., New Jersey, and, later, into other states.

Documentary evidence establishes that Samuel Everitt and John Everitt of Hopewell came from Long Island, and were the sons of Nicholas Everitt, who died 30 Sep 1723. Nicholas Everitt married Elizabeth _____ and was the son of Richard Everitt of Queens Co., who married the daughter of Nehemiah Smith. In his Last Will and Testament, written 5 Jun 1723 and proved 26 May 1724, Nicholas Everitt of Jamaica, Queens Co., New York writes of “my sons Samuel and John, both of Hopewell, New Jersey,” to whom he bequeaths “all my lands and tenements in Hopewell.” Also named are wife Elizabeth, and sons Richard (“eldest”), Nicholas, and Joseph Everitt; daughters Hannah Everitt, Rachel Everitt, Mary Wheeler, Priscilla Smith, and Patience Ludlam. Executors were wife Elizabeth Everitt, son Nicholas Everitt, and son-in-law Nehemiah Smith. Joseph Smith, Jr. was named overseer. (*Collections* 354-355)

The presence of Samuel Everitt in Hopewell Twp. is documented as early as 1719, and of John Everitt in 1722. That they were brothers, and that their descendants moved west to land along the Delaware River, finds clear and convincing evidence in, among other sources, DNA studies. Craig A. Everett, co-editor of *The Everett Generations Newsletter* and Project Administrator of the Everett DNA study, explains that the Everett DNA profiles are based on twelve genetic markers that determine with “definitive biological evidence” and thus “scientific confidence” whether “biological links are present between any family line over multiple generations.” Of the project’s many Everitt DNA profiles, Cluster 4B reveals exact matches for participants Ronald E. Everett, Daniel Andrew Everitt, Kenneth K. Everett, William Floyd Everitt, Harold Everitt, Robert Wayne Everett, Ronald Emerson Everett, and Russell Everitt.² Despite the claims of some of these participants themselves, research proves that Daniel Andrew Everitt, William Floyd Everitt, and Russell Everitt are

¹ Hunterdon Co. was formed 11 Mar 1714 in the northern part of the West division of New Jersey and included part of then existing Burlington Co. At the time of its formation, Hunterdon Co. included the townships of Amwell, Hopewell, and Maidenhead. By 1731, Bethlehem and Lebanon Twps. were added. Tewksbury Twp. was formed from Lebanon Twp. in 1755. Alexandria Twp. was formed 5 Mar 1765 from part of Bethlehem Twp., and in 1748 Kingwood Twp. was formed from the southern part of Bethlehem Twp. Other townships were formed in Hunterdon Co., but mentioned here are only those important for this record. It should also be noted that Hopewell Twp. was formed 20 Feb 1700 as part of Burlington Co., became part of Hunterdon Co. on 11 Mar 1714, was transferred to Mercer Co. on 14 Feb 1839, was restored to Hunterdon Co. on 13 Nov 1844, and then returned to Mercer Co. on 5 Feb 1845 (Snyder 153-158).

² The DNA profiles are accessible at www.everettgenerations.com/DNA.

descendants of Samuel Everitt (d.1783) of Alexandria Twp; Kenneth K. Everett and Ronald Emerson Everett are descendants of Moses Everitt (d.1768) of Mount Bethel Twp.; and, Harold Everitt and Robert Wayne Everett are descendants of John Everitt (d.1808) of Kingwood Twp.³ All, consequently, become descendants of either Hopewell Samuel Everitt (d.?) or John Everitt (d.1761). (See Addendum A for a discussion of the eighth participant, Ronald E. Everett.)

Kenneth K. Everett of Ohio, a participant in the DNA study and an exact match in Group 4B, possesses a letter which he has transcribed and kindly shared that offers important documentary evidence. In this 1867 letter to Zenas S. Everitt, Cornelius Quick writes that his mother was the daughter of Ezekiel Everitt of “Kingswood, New Jersey,” and that “mothers Grandfathers name was John Everitt who died in 1808 aged 94 years.” As will be seen later, the John Everitt who died 1808 was the son of John Everitt of Hopewell Twp. Quick also writes that Ezekiel Everitt “had seven sons named Jacob, Epenetus, Aaron, Moses, William, David and Ezekiel and three girls named Rachel who married a Wm. Tomlinson and Mary (my mother) who married Peter Quick and Elizabeth who married Uriah Bonham.” Ezekiel Everitt died 17 April 1829 in Kingwood Twp., and his Last Will and Testament, written 31 Jul 1828 and proved 12 May 1829, names his children and corroborates Quick’s letter (NJ State Archives, 3702J). This is the Everitt family discussed by W. W. H. Davis in his *History of Bucks County, Pennsylvania*. (See Addendum B for more on Davis’s work.) Quick adds that Ezekiel Everitt also “had cousins named Everitt who lived on the forks of the Delaware in the Blue Mountains,” and their “names were Moses, Epenetus, Zenas and Asa.” These Everitts were descendants of Moses and Sarah Everitt of Mount Bethel Twp. Cornelius Quick’s letter convincingly establishes relationships among the Hunterdon Co., New Jersey and the Northampton Co., Pennsylvania Everitt families. (See Addendum C for the full text of the letter.)

Samuel Everitt and John Everitt of Hopewell Twp. are well documented. In 1719, a Samuel Everitt resided in Hopewell Twp. and is listed that year as a member of the grand jury at the first session of the Hunterdon Co. Court held in Trenton (Snell 196). (Prior to 1719, the Hunterdon Co. Court met alternately in Hopewell and Maidenhead.) In 1722, both Samuel Everitt and John Everitt are recorded as each owning 100 acres of land in the list of 1722 taxpayers in Hunterdon Co. (Snell 185-186). Other records will show Samuel and John associated with Hopewell residents later linked to the Everitts of Kingwood and Alexandria Twps., and, from there, to other townships.

It is reasonably certain that the John Everitt, of Hopewell, was the same John Everett, of Jamaica, who married Hannah Wright, of Flushing, on 20 Apr 1711, a marriage listed in records of the Newtown Presbyterian Church of Queens Co. (White). No record has been found of John and Hannah Everitt in Queens after their 1711 marriage. Although there was another John Everitt in

³ Harold Everitt traces his ancestry to Ezekiel Everitt of Ulster Co., New York, born 1746, son of John Everitt, who died 1756. Harold Everitt may have relied on W. W. H. Davis's 1905 *History of Bucks County*, which confuses the Hunterdon Co. and Ulster Co. Ezekiel Everitts. The John Everitt who married Hannah Wright wrote his will in 1756, but died 1761. Their grandson, Ezekiel, was born 1746 and died 1829 in Kingwood Twp. Ronald Emerson Everett claims his ancestor was John Everett of Orange Co., New York, but research actually traces his ancestry to Moses Everitt of Mount Bethel Twp., Northampton Co., Pennsylvania.

Queens Co. who married a Hannah, her maiden name was Smith,⁴ and both died 1805. None of the other documented John Everitts living in Queens Co. was married to a Hannah.

A John and Hannah Everitt, however, as well as Samuel Everitt, are listed in the “Laus Deo in Hopewell Laus Deo,” a record book of disbursements by the Hopewell Presbyterian Church from 1741 to 1749 for such chores as “Sweeping the Meeting House” (23, 31, 32).⁵ The Hopewell Presbyterian Church became the Pennington Presbyterian Church. Ralph Ege, in his *Pioneers of Old Hopewell*, notes that a “schoolhouse lot was conveyed by John Smith, merchant, to Nathaniel Moore, William Cornwell, John Everitt, Ralph Hunt, Jonathan Furman, Reuben Armitage and Stephen Baldwin,” and that “this schoolhouse was the first public building in which religious services were held within the present limits of Hopewell Township. It was called the ‘new meeting house by John Smith’s,’ and was built before the village of Queenstown (now Pennington) had received its name” (169). Ege asserts that “[n]early all the earliest pioneers of old Hopewell of 1700 to 1720, came from Long Island and at about the same time” (167). John and Hannah were certainly part of what Ege calls “the great migration of Newtown families” to Hopewell (225).

Less certain, though, is whether the John Everitt who married Hannah Wright was the John Everitt who, on 2 Apr 1731, was among fifty Hopewell landowners to protest Col. Daniel Coxe’s attempt to reclaim some 30,000 acres of land his father, Dr. Daniel Coxe, had purchased in 1688 and from 1692 to 1694 had conveyed to the West Jersey Society. Among the other signers of the petition, however, were Jonathan Furman and William Cornwell, purchasers, along with John Everitt, of the schoolhouse lot. Jonathan Furman also appears on the Hopewell Presbyterian Church ledger of disbursements that lists John and Hannah Everitt. The petition is quoted in full in Rev. George Hale’s history of the Presbyterian Church. The signers assert that they had “purchased several considerable Tracts of land of one Thomas Revell an Agent of ye honourable Societie of West Jersey . . . being part of the tract known by ye name of ye Thirty Thousand above ye falls of Delaware lying in the Township of Hopewell,” and that “whereas there is now claim laid to our severall Tracts aforesaid by Colonel Cox under a pretense of being Chief Proprietor thereof whose right to us has not been made appear,” the signers think “ourselves not ye least obligated to surrender

⁴ John Everitt’s Last Will and Testament, written 5 Jan 1805 and proved 20 Feb 1805, names wife Hannah, and children Hannah, Anne, Sally, William, John, Benjamin, Tunis, and Daniel. Executors were wife Hannah Everitt, son William Everitt, Jacob Bergen (son of John), William Smith, and Nathaniel Rhoades (Sawyer 77). The Last Will and Testament of Hannah Everitt, wife of John Everitt, written 23 Jan 1805 and proved 20 Feb 1805, names daughters Anne Hendrickson and Sarah Everitt. Executors were brother William Smith and Nathaniel Rhodes (Sawyer 77). John Everitt may have been the son of the John Everitt who died 1768 in Kings Co. and who was married to Jacob Bergen’s daughter (unnamed). John Everitt’s Last Will and Testament, written 7 Oct 1768 and proved 10 Oct 1768, locates John Everitt, butcher, in Brookland, Kings Co. John refers to his deceased wife and names children John, Benjamin, and Sarah Everitt, whose inheritances are “to be put at interest till they are of age.” Executors were brother Benjamin Everitt, father-in-law Jacob Bergen, and brother-in-law John Bergen, all of Queens Co. (“New York City Wills, 1766-1771”).

⁵ Pages kindly provided by Jack Davis of the Hopewell Valley Historical Society.

up our respective lands to the use of said Cox till more legal proprietorship can be made by him appear,” and therefore “think it request on such a claim to stand a Tryal as ye law Tantely shall Direct” (10-11). The West Jersey Society failed to execute a deed for the transfer, which fact Col. Daniel Coxe exploited when demanding that those who had purchased property from Thomas Revell either quit their property or repurchase it from Coxe. At the trial in Burlington, the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled in favor of Coxe.⁶ The Court having ruled against them, some of the signers moved further north into what would become Warren, Morris, and Sussex Counties, and Ege writes that “an examination of the records of those counties between 1735 and 1750, will reveal many names that are very familiar to the people of old Hopewell” (15-16). And according to Ethel Stroupe, many of those who signed the petition settled in Rowan Co., North Carolina.⁷

If John Everitt signed the 1731 petition, he, wife Hannah, and brother Samuel clearly remained in Hopewell, as evidenced by the Presbyterian Church ledger. Also, Lida Cokefair Gedney’s *The Town Records of Hopewell, New Jersey* includes the following entries:

20 Nov 1732 entry: Samuel Everit – had his horse returned to him (67).

14 Mar 1735: John Everit appointed constable at a town meeting in Hopewell Twp. (16).

25 Feb 1746/7: John Everit of Hopewell Twp. – had his two ewes returned to him (85).

Samuel Everett and John Everett are also listed in the Inventory of the Last Will and Testament of John Severns of Trenton, Hunterdon Co., written 29 May 1732 and proved 10 Jul 1732 (Honeyman, *Calendar of Wills: 1730-1750* 424-425). And Samuel Everit is listed in the Inventory of the Last Will and Testament of Daniel Howell of Trenton, Hunterdon Co., written 30 Aug 1725 and proved 2 Aug 1732. The Inventory, dated 3 Jun 1732, was made by Enoch Armitage and Jonathan Davis (Honeyman, *Calendar of Wills: 1730-1750* 248).⁸ Rev. George Hale states that Enoch Armitage was “a model ruling elder” of the Presbyterian Church of Hopewell who came to New York from Liverpool in 1719, and that he “soon took up his permanent residence on a farm a mile northeast from Pennington, in Hopewell township” (19). Hale further writes that Enoch Armitage had four children, all born in England: Mary, John, Reuben, and Lydia. Enoch’s wife died in England, and son John remained there (18-19). Enoch’s son, Reuben Armitage, was born 1705 and died 1783, and

⁶ 1737 New Jersey Supreme Court Case No. 6764: John Everet vs. John Coxe, centers on this affair.

⁷ Stroupe lists among the early settlers of Rowan Co. a John Everitt, who appears on a 1778 poll. She is uncertain, however, if he was involved in the 1731 Hopewell petition, or if he was related to the John Everitt of that petition.

⁸ Eli F. Cooley writes that Daniel Howell “came to Ewing, New Jersey, from Long Island,” purchasing land in 1702 from Samuel Coxe and John Hutchinson. Cooley further states Daniel Howell died at age 52 on 25 Apr 1732 (9).

was “one of the strong pillars of the church” (24). In *Hopewell Valley Heritage*, Alice Blackwell Lewis writes that Reuben Armitage lived between a millstream called Stony Brook and Pennington, Hunterdon Co., property he inherited after his father’s 1739 death (27-36). As seen, Reuben Armitage, along with John Everitt and others, bought the schoolhouse lot from John Smith. Reuben Armitage was also a witness to John Everitt’s 1756 will.

Samuel Everitt and John Everitt appear in the 1741 “County of Hunterdon Freeholders Book” for Hopewell Twp. (Wittwer 52). The freeholders list was prepared for a judge as a jury pool, and to serve on a jury one had to be at least 25 years old. Freeholders were, in part, persons residing in the county who owned at least 50 acres of land or who lived in a borough and owned 3 acres of land (Wittwer 49-50).

Yet another important document places John Everitt in Hopewell Twp. On pages 209-258 of her *More Records of Old Hunterdon County, Vol. II*, Phyllis B. D’Autrechy offers an abstract of Moses Baldwin’s daily financial transactions and records from 1755 to 1783. After Baldwin’s death, entries appear in a different hand until 1800. D’Autrechy writes that Baldwin, of Hopewell Twp., “purchased property mostly in the northern portion of the village of Pennington where he established a tannery and shoemaker’s business along a steady stream of water (now known as Baldwin’s Brook),” and which was located “on Rogers Road, the most direct route from the capital city of Trenton to the northern reaches of the county” (209). Moses Baldwin’s first wife was Deborah Wright, and after her death he married Mary ___. The following entries for John Everitt are found in Moses Baldwin’s *Day Book*:

7 Nov 1755: John Everitt Sr., debit.

19 Apr 1756: John Everitt Sr., reconciled.

8 Feb 1758: John Everitt Sr., debit.

22 Mar 1758: John Everitt Sr., bought his flax.

10 Apr 1758: John Everitt Sr., debit.

Other sources documenting John Everitt in Hopewell include, for instance, the *Minutes of the Court of Common Pleas of Hunterdon County* for 1730, which lists the case of Jonathan Wright vs. John Everitt for debt (Vol. III, 192, 203, 227, 246, 247, and 252). Wright is documented as a 1722 Hunterdon Co. taxpayer and a 1741 Hopewell Twp. freeholder, and there is a 1757 entry for him in Moses Baldwin’s *Day Book*. Don Wright’s website, “Descendants of George Wright,” states that George Wright’s son, Jonathan Wright (1635-1698), married Sarah Saitley and had many children, including Hannah Wright, who married an Everitt. He further states Jonathan and Sarah also had a son, Jonathan Jr. (1670-1788), who married Wyntie Simonds. And Jonathan and Wyntie had a son Jonathan (1695-1748). Whether the Hopewell Twp. Jonathan Wright is related to this family, however, is as yet uncertain.

The 1758 entry in the *Day Book* is the last known record of John Everitt in Hopewell. He most likely moved to Bethlehem Twp. between 1758 and 1761. In John Everitt’s Last Will and

Testament, written 29 May 1756 and proved 12 Jul 1761, he identifies himself as “of Bethlehem in the County of Hunterdon and Province West New Jersey.” John names his wife, Hannah, and children Moses, Joseph, Benjamin, John, Sarah, Elizabeth, Mary, and Hannah. Also named is Abel Everitt, as well as a “Negro Wench called Dorcas” and “two Negro boys named James and Harry.” John’s wife, Hannah, Joseph Reeder, and James Warford were executors. Cornelius Polhemus, Gershom Palmer, and Reuben Armitage were witnesses. The Accounts section lists, among others, legatees John Mitchell, John Lake, and Cornelius Hoff (NJ State Archives, 527J).

Although the will locates John Everitt in Bethlehem, he conceivably wrote his will while in Hopewell Twp. The original document seems to have had a blank space later filled in with John Everitt’s residence. The residence, “Bethlehem,” appears to be in a different hand and in smaller writing than elsewhere. (The clerk’s copy does not reflect this.) The Inventory states “John Everitt late of Bethlehem,” and the Accounts states “John Everitt of Kingwood.” Most of the names listed in the Inventory and Accounts were Kingwood Twp. residents. The three witnesses to the will, however, were Hopewell area residents. Moses Baldwin’s *Day Book* contains an 8 Jun 1757 entry for a Cornelius Polhamus. The 1780 list of taxpayers in Maidenhead Twp. includes a Gershom Palmer (Stryker-Rodda, “New Jersey Rateables” 140). Reuben Armitage, as already seen, was one of the people, along with John Everitt, to whom John Smith sold his schoolhouse lot. It seems, therefore, that in 1756, when John Everitt wrote his will, he was in Hopewell and anticipating a move to Bethlehem, and therefore left his residence blank. Only after relocating to Bethlehem was the residence added.

The first son listed in John Everitt’s 1756 will is Moses Everitt, identified as “my eldest son.” Moses was born between 1711, the year of his parents’ marriage, and 1714, when his brother, John, was born. The *Minutes of the Court of Common Pleas of Hunterdon County* for 1736 to 1737 contain entries for “The King vs. Hannah, wife of John Everitt.” They reveal that Moses Everitt was indicted for assault, and his mother, Hannah Everitt, wife of John Everitt, was charged with contempt of court and found guilty of the rescue of prisoner Moses Everitt (Vol. IV, 294, 330 and 351; Vol. V, 35, 36, 52, and 54). This Moses is surely the same Moses Everitt of Mount Bethel Twp., Northampton Co., Pennsylvania, who died in 1768, with five of his children under 14 years of age, the youngest of whom, Sarah, was born 1763. The date of the “rescue” may establish when he moved to Pennsylvania. Alice Allen Everett, in *Everett Families of Northampton County, Pennsylvania*, writes that Moses died intestate in April 1768, and that on 18 Sep 1770 the Orphans’ Court appointed Samuel Rhea and Thomas Ruckman guardians of Moses’ minor children: Obed, Abner, Jerusha, Moses, and Sarah. The older children were Zenas, Asa, Lucy, and Hannah (who married Richard Hunt). One of Moses’ later descendants was the Zenas S. Everitt to whom Cornelius Quick sent his 1867 letter. In that letter, Quick identifies his mother’s cousins, “who lived on the forks of the Delaware in the Blue Mountains,” as Moses, Epenetus, Zenas, Asa, and Hannah, “who married a Richard Hunt.” Mount Bethel Twp. is near the “forks of the Delaware,” where the Lehigh and Delaware Rivers converge, and the named cousins are all proven descendants of the Moses who died 1768.

The will next lists sons Joseph Everitt and Benjamin Everitt. On 25 Nov 1733, a Benjamin Everitt and a John Everitt were received as communicant members of the Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Rev. Joseph Morgan, pastor (York 252). They were, presumably, sons of John and Hannah, members of the same church. Little is known about Benjamin. As for son Joseph Everitt,

documents indicate he moved from Hopewell to Kingwood Twp. In three mortgage deeds dated 4 and 6 Oct 1766, Joseph Everitt of Kingwood Twp. conveyed 30 acres to Isaac Leet of Kingwood Twp.; 277 ½ acres to Smith Cornwell of Bucks Co., Pennsylvania; and, 277 ½ acres to Thomas Baldwin of Hopewell Twp. Thomas Baldwin may have been the brother of Moses Baldwin. D'Autruchy writes that when "Moses Baldwin made his will on 25 January 1783 he left his plantation in Hopewell Twp. to his wife, Mary, and his brother, Thomas Baldwin" (*Vol. II* 209). Thomas Baldwin died 1791. All three deeds situate Joseph Everitt's land near property of Daniel Everitt, Abraham Gray, Thomas Herbert, and Malakiah Bonham (Bk.1, 17-19). Two of these deeds were witnessed by Uriah Bonham and James Warford, both of whom are mentioned in John Everitt's will. Neighboring property owners identified in the deeds are linked to the Everitts. The Accounts section of John Everitt's will lists debts of Malakiah Bonham⁹ and Daniel Everitt. Malakiah Bonham was also one of the appraisers of John Everitt's estate. Ezekiel Everitt, grandson of John Everitt, was witness to the 1772 Last Will and Testament of Abraham Gray, of Kingwood Twp., and Daniel Everitt made Gray's 1782 Inventory. When, on 5 Sep 1770, Thomas Herbert sold his property that had bordered Joseph Everitt's land, the mortgage deeds describe Herbert's property as bounded only by land of Daniel Everitt and Richard Opdike (Bk.1, 116). The absence of Joseph Everitt's name in these 1770 deeds suggests Joseph relocated. He may have moved to Tewksbury Twp. Ken Stryker-Rodda's *Revolutionary Census* lists a Joseph and John Everitt in Tewksbury in 1779 and 1780, but the two are absent from Tewksbury after 1780 (56-57). A 1 Jan 1780 newspaper notice states that on 20 Sep 1779 "at public vendue at Potter's Town," four farms located "in the township of Tuexberry" were sold by the trustees of William Alexander, Earl of Stirling, to pay his debts. Among the farms sold was one "containing 420 acres, in possession of Joseph Everitt" (Nelson, *Documents* Vol. IV 118). Joseph Everitt may then have moved to Lebanon Twp., where the *Revolutionary Census* lists a Joseph Everitt, Jr. in 1784, and in 1785 a Joseph Everet, Sr. and a John Everet (56-57). In 1803, Joseph Everitt of Lebanon Twp. died intestate. On 8 Feb 1803, administration of Joseph Everitt's estate was granted to his widow, Elizabeth, who, "by reason of my extreme age and infirmities do not consider myself able to do the business," and thus "do hereby give my free consent that John Everitt and Joseph Everitt, sons of my deceased husband, do administer on said estate" (NJ State Archives, 2057J). Finally, a 1792 list of the Hunterdon Militia, with members 18 to 45 years old, includes a Benjamin Everitt and a Joseph Everitt, both of Lebanon Twp. (Deats 96).

The fourth son listed in John Everitt's 1756 will is John Everitt. John Everitt, Jr. was born about 1714, three years after John and Hannah's Newtown marriage, for the previously cited Quick letter states John Everitt died 1808 at age 94. John Everitt, Jr. apparently moved from Hopewell to Bethlehem, and on 12 Jan 1747/8 a John Everitt, resident of Bethlehem Twp., signed a petition for the creation of Kingwood Twp. to be formed from the southern part of Bethlehem Twp. (Sisser 79-80). It is not known when or whom John Everitt married, or how many children he may have had.

⁹ Malakiah Bonham's brother, Uriah Bonham, was another appraiser of John Everitt's estate. In 1818, Uriah Bonham's grandson, Uriah, married Elizabeth, daughter of Ezekiel Everitt. Malakiah Bonham came from Maidenhead Twp. and served as minister of the Kingwood Baptist Church until his dismissal after he was found guilty of adultery and of fathering a child by his sister-in-law, Mary Fox.

What is known, though, is that he had at least two sons, Ezekiel Everitt and Darius Everitt. The *Minutes of the Court of Common Pleas of Hunterdon County* for August 1805 contains a ruling “on the application of the Overseers of the poor of the Township of Kingwood” in the matter of “the support of John Everett” that states:

It being shown to the Court that John Everett, a pauper and unable to support himself, is now and for some past has been chargeable upon the Township of Kingwood, and that Darius Everett his son is a person of property and able to afford him a proper sustenance and that the said Darius Everett upon application has refused to do so – It is ordered by the Court that the said Darius pay to the Overseers of the poor of Kingwood sixteen dollars and forty seven cents being for his support from the 14th May 1804 – to the 7th August 1805 – and that for the time to come the said Darius do pay weekly & every week – to the said Overseers of the poor of Kingwood for the support of the said John ten shillings. (Vol. XVII, 224)

At the time of this ruling, John’s other son, Ezekiel, was living in Bucks Co., Pennsylvania, which probably is why he was not also named in this Hunterdon Co. Court ruling.

John Everitt, Jr.’s financial difficulties are reflected in the *Minutes of the Court of Common Pleas of Hunterdon County* for the years 1754 to 1758, which *Minutes* note debts owed by John Everitt, Jun. to Joseph Howell (Vol. VI, 375; Vol. VII, 17), to William Pidgeon (Vol. VII, 558; Vol. VIII, 106, 125, and 167), to Stephen Jones (Vol. VIII, 135, 167, 178, and 201), and to John Opdycke¹⁰ (Vol. VIII, 165). In the case involving Stephen Jones, the *Minutes* state: “The Sherriff having returned a *Fiere Facias* Issued in this Cause that he had levied upon the Plantation of the Defend’t whereon he now lives containing (as is said) about two hundred acres after paying two prior *Execons.* one at the suit of John Opdycke Esq. the other at the suit of Wm. Pidgeon Esq. which remained in his hands unsold for want of Buyers It’s Ordered on Motion of Wm. Pidgeon that a *Vend. Exp.* do Issue” (Vol. VIII, 201). And in the case of William Pidgeon the *Minutes* state: “The Sherriff returns a *Fiere Facias* Issued in this Cause that he had levied upon the Goods and Chattles of the Defend’t to the full value of the Debt of damages On Motion of Wm. Pidgeon It’s Ordered that a *Vendition Exponas.* do Issue” (Vol. VIII, 201). In 1759, the *Minutes* lists the case of John Opdyke vs. Moore Furman¹¹ “for the escape of John Everitt” (Vol. VIII, 246). Apparently, John

¹⁰ John Opdycke might be the John Updike listed in the Accounts section of John Everitt’s 1756 will. A John Opdycke was born c.1710 and died 10 Aug 1777 in Amwell Twp., Hunterdon Co., and, according to Marfy Goodspeed in her article “A History of Headquarters Mill,” came to Amwell Twp. from Maidenhead Twp. and established Opdycke’s Mill about 1735 (later known as Headquarters Mill). Goodspeed writes that Opdycke became a large property owner, was a constable in Amwell Twp. in 1744, served on the Board of Freeholders from 1750-1753, and was Justice of the Peace in 1757 and 1768. Opdycke owned at least three estates in Amwell Twp. Headquarters Mill was sold to Joseph Howell in 1763.

¹¹ Moore Furman, whose name appears on many Hunterdon Co. documents, was born 1 May 1728 in Hopewell Twp. and lived in Trenton before purchasing land northwest of Flemington in the 1760s, creating the village of Pittstown. On 17 Mar 1767 Furman married

Everitt, Jr. never fully recovered from these financial setbacks and died a pauper.

The Abel Everitt of John Everitt's will remains a mystery. His name appears last in the series of bequeathals made by John to his sons. All of the names, except Abel's, are prefaced by "my son." John Everitt's brother, Samuel, had a son named Abel, who was born 2 Dec 1723 and died 26 Apr 1760. Whether he is the Abel Everitt of John's will is uncertain. No other Abel Everitt of that time frame, however, has yet been found.

Cornelius Hoff, having married one of John and Hannah Everitt's daughters, is listed as a legatee in John Everitt's 1756 will. One source states Cornelius married John Everitt's daughter, Elizabeth, and that Cornelius was born 1724 and died 1795.¹² Moses Baldwin's *Day Book* contains 1756 and 1762 entries for a Cornelious Huff. There was also a Cornelius Hoff who died intestate, and on 11 Apr 1816 administration of his estate was granted to Joseph Van Cleve (Bk.1, 254). On 5 Aug 1817, Christian Hoff, of Hopewell Twp., was appointed guardian of the minor children of Cornelius Hoff, deceased, of Hopewell Twp. The children are listed as Fanny, Charles, John, Elizabeth, George, Jane, Mariah, Samuel, and Ely. Surety: Joseph Vancleve (D'Autrechy, *Vol. I* 81). Pennington Presbyterian Church records, though, list Cornelius Hoff's children as Frances, Charles, Elizabeth, John, George, Ely Moore, Jane Maria, and Samuel (D'Autrechy, *Vol. I* 175). The Cornelius who died 1816 was, perhaps, the son of Cornelius and Elizabeth (Everitt) Hoff. According to Ralph Ege, Capt. Ely Moore, born 1745, was the son of Joseph Moore, and "married Elizabeth, daughter of Cornelius Hoff of Hopewell" (171).¹³

John Everitt's will also lists two other legatees, John Lake and John Mitchell, both of whom presumably married John's daughters, but about whom little has thus far been found.

A Daniel Everitt is listed for a book debt in John Everitt's will. He may have been related to John Everitt, but how is unknown. Presumably, he is the Daniel Everitt who married Rachel ___, and who died 1807. Rachel's identity is also unknown. However, the Last Will and Testament of Joseph Howell of Kingwood Twp., written 11 May 1773 and proved 23 Sep 1774, names, among others, a daughter Rachel Everitt (Honeyman, *Calendar of Wills: 1771-1780* 259). Moses Baldwin's *Day Book* contains a 1760 entry for a Daniel Everitt, who may be the same Daniel who later appears in Kingwood. Daniel Everitt's Last Will and Testament, written 30 Oct 1804 and proved 28 Oct 1807, locates Daniel in Kingwood Twp. and names wife Rachel and children Daniel, Moses, Mary (wife of John Lake), Rachel (wife of Darius Everitt), Sarah (wife of Cornelius Coolbough), and Elizabeth (wife of John Kemple). Executors were Richard Opdycke, Esq. and Thomas Lequear (NJ State Archives, 2248J). Daniel Everitt's Kingwood property is surely that mentioned in Joseph Everitt's 1766 mortgage deeds. As stated earlier, the property of Thomas Herbert, a deacon of the

Sara White. Furman held many important positions, including High Sheriff of Hunterdon Co. He died 16 Mar 1808 (NDJDARM Archives Collection).

¹² Information shared by Kenneth K. Everett of Ohio.

¹³ For the record, another Cornelius Hoff (1740-1826) is buried in the Kingwood Presbyterian Cemetery. He was the son of Thomas Hoff and Winifrith Johnson. Cornelius married Margaret Eicke (1748-1815) and had a son, Cornelius (1773-1852), who married Elizabeth Dilts (1787-1844) ("Unpublished Cemetery Inscriptions" 8).

Kingwood Baptist Church, also bordered Joseph Everitt's land, and when Herbert sold his property his deed situates his land near that of Daniel Everitt and Richard Opdyke. Records of the Kingwood Baptist Church contain a 30 Sep 1790 entry for the exclusion of Richard Opdycke, and Dan'l Everitt and Rachel Everitt (D'Autrechy, *Some Records* 90). Also, Richard Opdycke and Daniel Everitt were witnesses to the 3 May 1803 deed in which Ezekiel Everitt of Middletown Twp., Bucks Co. sold part of his Kingwood land, purchased in 1790, to Francis Robinson (Bk. 14, 281). The Darius Everitt who married Daniel Everitt's daughter, Rachel, was the grandson of John and Hannah Everitt. Also, Daniel's son, Moses, married Hannah Rittenhouse, and in 1815 Moses purchased property from a Cornelius Polhemus, becoming involved in law suits filed in the 1820s by the heirs of Cornelius Polhemus. A witness to John Everitt's 1756 will was a Cornelius Polhemus. Daniel's son, Daniel, married Sarah Hartpence, who, after Daniel's 5 Aug 1818 death, remarried Thomas Lequear.

Unfortunately, no documentation of Samuel Everitt's death has been found. The names and birth dates of his children, however, are contained in an Everitt family Bible. Eight children are listed, the first of whom, Rachel, was born 30 May 1716. The other children were Samuel, William, Abel, Elizabeth, Priscilla, David, and Martha. The last child, Martha, was born 29 May 1735, and she married Nehemiah Howell. Moses Baldwin's *Day Book* offers the last known record of Samuel Everitt in Hopewell Twp.:

22 Jan 1756: Nehemiah Howell, debit, "mending for Samuel Evrit's boy."

Unclear, though, is whether "Samuel Evrit" is the Samuel of earlier Hopewell documents or is his son. Baldwin's words could suggest that Nehemiah was helping the family of deceased "Samuel Evrit." The son, Samuel (b. 12 Dec 1718), married an Elizabeth in 1740 and by 1756 had three living boys, but by 1756 had moved to Bethlehem Twp.¹⁴ Also unfortunate is that the identity of the older Samuel's wife is unknown. She may, however, have been named Rachel, also the name Samuel gave to his first daughter. Baldwin's *Day Book* has entries from 1755 to 1757 for a "widow Everitt," one entry of which mentions "shoes for your granchild." During the same three years are entries for a Rachel Everitt and mention of "mending for your gran'cd." There is also a 1761 entry for a Granny Everitt. The "Church Records of the Old School Baptist Church of Hopewell" contains an entry dated 19 Sep 1767 stating that four members had died, including Rachel Everet, since their last Association (Gedney 136). Whether Rachel, widow Everitt, and Granny Everitt were the same person is unknown. It is plausible, but uncertain, that either Rachel, widow Everitt, or Granny Everitt was Samuel Everitt's widow.

As stated, Nehemiah Howell married Samuel Everitt's daughter, Martha. According to Ege, Joseph Moore (whose second wife was Mary Armitage, daughter of Reuben Armitage) wrote a Last Will and Testament on 1 Jan 1773 that bequeaths to son Ephraim Moore land that had been purchased from Nehemiah Howell (170). Martha's brother, William Everitt (b. 11 Apr 1721), apparently never married. The presence of William Everitt in Hopewell Twp. is documented by

¹⁴ Elizabeth Everitt's maiden name is unknown. For the record, though, the Last Will and Testament of William Fowler of Bethlehem Twp., written 23 Sep 1747 and proved 15 Oct 1751, names children, including an Elizabeth Everet (Honeyman, *Calendar of Wills: 1751-1760* 120).

Gedney in a 13 Mar 1749 record stating that William's horse was returned to him (89). He, too, would leave Hopewell Twp. A deed dated 1 Nov 1753 documents the sale by Andrew Johnston, John Stevens, and John Johnston to William Everitt, of Hunterdon Co., of 140 acres of land beginning "at the North side of the Brook Nesheshachaway about two chain below the Bridge" (NJ State Archives, Vol.A-T, p.50). There, William and brother Samuel operated a mill in what would become, in 1756, Alexandria Twp. (Snell 417). William died intestate, and on 6 Jan 1783 administration of his estate was granted to his brother, Samuel (NJ State Archives, 1204J). Samuel, however, also died in 1783. William's siblings then inherited the Everitt property, which in 1785 they sold to their brother, David Everitt. One of these 1785 deeds identifies Martha Everitt as William Everitt's heir and as the wife of Nehemiah Howell (Bk.16, 136). Although this deed places Nehemiah and Martha in Amwell Twp., they apparently lived in Hopewell earlier. Nehemiah Howell also died intestate, and on 1 Jun 1785 administration of his estate was granted to Martha Howell and fellow bondsman David Everitt, both of Alexandria Twp. (Hutchinson 208). Martha's older sister, Rachel, married Josiah Beakes, and the same 1785 deeds place them in Hopewell Twp. (Bk.16, 135). Baldwin's *Day Book* contains, under "Cornwainer's Accounts 1765-1772": "Josiah Beeks, mending for your wife." Josiah and Rachel's granddaughter, Mary Beakes, married Moses Baldwin's grandson, Moses Baldwin.

Besides the Everitt family Bible, wills, and deeds, other documents exist for brothers Samuel and William Everitt. For instance, on 23 Aug 1758, William Everitt and John Dusingberry made the Inventory for Daniel Bailey of Bethlehem, who died intestate. Administration of Bailey's estate was granted on 2 Aug 1758 to Ralph Johnson of Bethlehem, and James Thatcher of Amwell (Honeyman, *Calendar of Wills: 1751-1760* 19). Samuel Everitt, with Charles Hoff, Jr., made the Inventory of 8 Dec 1757 for George Clifford of Bethlehem, whose Last Will and Testament was written 8 Nov 1757 and proved 12 Dec 1757. Joseph Beavers was one of the witnesses to Clifford's will (Honeyman, *Calendar of Wills: 1751-1760* 61). According to Hugh Fleming Clifford's family history, George Clifford's daughter, Ann, married Joseph Beavers, and George Clifford's nephew, John, married Martha Armitage, daughter of Enoch Armitage. Furthermore, Joseph and Ann (Clifford) Beavers' daughter, Margaret, married Abel Everitt, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Everitt.

Documents thus offer convincing and cumulative evidence that the Samuel Everitt and John Everitt of Hopewell Twp., sons of Nicholas and Elizabeth Everitt of Jamaica, Queens Co., were the ancestors of the Everitts of Amwell, Bethlehem, Kingwood, and Alexandria Twps., and, very likely, of Lebanon and Tewksbury Twps., Hunterdon Co., New Jersey. Additionally, John Everitt was the ancestor of the Everitts in Mount Bethel Twp., Northampton Co. and Middletown Twp., Bucks Co., Pennsylvania. As the separate descendant reports will show, the Everitts would in later years join the great migration to other states.

ADDENDUM A

Research proves that Cluster 4B participants are descendants of either Samuel Everitt (d.1783) of Alexandria Twp., Moses Everitt (d.1768) of Mount Bethel Twp., or John Everitt (d.1808) of Kingwood Twp. All, then, are descendants of either Samuel Everitt (d.?) or John Everitt (d.1761) of Hopewell Twp. The one participant not descended from either Samuel or John, Ronald E. Everett, traces his ancestry to Ephraim Everett (1741-1834). One of Ronald E. Everett's ancestors, Addison Everett (1805-1885), left a journal in which he wrote that his great-grandfather was John Everett, and that Ephraim (1741-1834) was "of Princeton, Mercer, New Jersey." Addison further writes that his great-uncles, Israel Everett and Nicholas Everett, were also of Princeton.¹⁵ Princeton borough was formed 11 Feb 1813 within West Windsor Twp., Middlesex Co., and Montgomery Twp., Somerset Co., and in 1838 became part of newly created Mercer Co. (Snyder 163). It is possible that the Israel Everitt of Somerset Co., who taught at Princeton, and who married Mary Mershon in 1777, was one of John Everett's Princeton sons. Israel and Mary Everitt had two children, Mary Amelia and Nicholas. Although Addison Everett identifies his father as Ephraim Everett "of Princeton," Ephraim apparently moved to Wallkill, Ulster Co., New York, appearing there on the 1790 census next to a John Everet. Wallkill was established in 1772 and extended into Ulster Co. By 1798 the boundaries of Ulster Co. and Orange Co. were finalized, and the 1800 to 1830 censuses show Ephraim in Wallkill, Orange Co., New York. Ephraim Everett's son, Ephraim, Jr., was born in 1771 in Wallkill, where Addison himself was born in 1805. In 1800, both Ephraims are listed in Wallkill, as well as a Walter Everitt, John Everitt, and John Everitt, Jun. Richard Everitt had two sons, Nicholas (1652-1723) and John ©.1653-1691). Addison Everett's great-grandfather, John Everett, father of Ephraim, Israel, and Nicholas of Princeton, might be a descendant of Richard's son, John.

Descendants of John Everitt (d.1691) moved into Goshen, Orange Co., (about 20 miles south of Wallkill) and into New Jersey. John Everitt left a Last Will and Testament, written 24 Nov 1689 and proved 21 May 1691, that locates him in Jamaica, Queens Co., and that names wife Elizabeth and children John, Thomas, Jonathan, and Elizabeth (Eardeley 55). William A. Eardeley states that John Everitt married Elizabeth Graves, daughter of William and Anne Graves of Newtown (55). The Last Will and Testament of Anne Graves, wife of William Graves, dated 31 Dec 1670, names daughters Elizabeth Everitt and Abigail Denton, as well as cousin Thomas Stevenson ("Long Island Wills and Death Notices: 1665-1707"). Ann Graves had been previously married. John R. Stevenson writes in his *Thomas Stevenson of London, England and His Descendants* that Ann Stevenson, after the death of her husband Edward Stevenson, married William Graves, and that Edward and Ann Stevenson's daughter, Elizabeth Stevenson, married John Everitt, who died 1691. Stevenson also writes that John and Elizabeth Everitt had four children: John Everitt, who married Sarah, and who died 1729; Thomas Everitt, who married Bathsheba, daughter of James and Sarah (Cornell) Sands; Jonathan Everitt; and, Elizabeth Everitt (131-132). Stevenson further writes that John and Sarah Everitt's daughter, Sarah, married Daniel Denton in 1725. Denton, according to Stevenson, was Judge of the Court of Orange Co., New York (137). Stevenson also cites a 7 Jun

¹⁵ Information shared by Kenneth K. Everett of Ohio, who has been in contact with Ronald E. Everett.

1726 deed in which John Everitt of Jamaica, Queens Co. conveys land in Goshen, New York to his son-in-law, Daniel Denton (137).

John and Elizabeth Everitt's son, John Everitt, who married Sarah and who died 1729, is apparently the same John Everitt whom Carpenter, in the *Everitt Family Book*, states was born c.1673 and died 1729, was Sheriff of Queens Co., married Sarah Smith, had a son John, and is thought to be "the Everitt who engineered the Everitt & Cloinos part of Waywayanda Pattern in Orange County." Carpenter also states that John and Sarah Everitt's son, John, married and had a son, Daniel, who married Emma Ryerson, daughter of Martin and Rhoda (Hull) Ryerson. The *Abstracts of Divisions of Warren and Sussex County Estates* contains an entry for Martin Ryerson dated 9 Apr 1822 that locates his estate in Byram Twp. and that identifies James Ludlum, David Ryerson, and Thomas Ryerson as trustees of Emma Everitt, wife of Daniel Everitt (Brown 24). And Albert Winslow Ryerson, in his *The Ryerson Genealogy*, writes that Emma Ryerson was born 4 Jul 1786 and married Daniel Everett of Goshen, New York, on 8 Mar 1809. Emma died 21 Nov 1858, "surviving her husband some years." They "resided at Myrtle Grove, about six miles from Newton, N. J., on her father's homestead which was presented to her at the time of her marriage" (38-39).

It is credible, but not conclusive, that participant Ronald E. Everett's ancestor was the John Everitt (d.1691), whose son, John (d.1729), was in Goshen, Orange Co., New York, and members of whose family moved into New Jersey. If so, it would be expected that Ronald E. Everett would be an exact match with Cluster 4B descendants of Samuel Everitt or John Everitt of Hopewell Twp., sons of Nicholas Everitt (d.1723), the brother of John Everitt (d.1691).

For the record, another John Everitt should be mentioned. He is the subject of a notice in the 25 Jul 1771 *The Pennsylvania Gazette* by John Denton of Prince-Town, New Jersey: "RUN away from the subscriber, about the 8th of April last, Samuel Robins, and John Everit, apprentice boys, shoemakers by trade, both about 19 years of age," and both of whom "listed in the 26th regiment last April" and "have lately been discharged." Denton adds: "Everit, I expect, is at Christine, in Pennsylvania, or at Pottsgrove, or from thence will go the other side of Frederick-Town, in Maryland, about 40 miles, as he has a brother-in-law living there, whose name is George Acres, a tinman by trade" (Nelson, *Documents* Vol. XXVII 529-530). This John Everitt would have been born about 1758, but it is not known if, or how, he might be related to the other Princeton Everitts.

Finally, and also for the record, there was a John Everitt documented in Maidenhead Twp., later known as Lawrence Twp., and located a short distance southwest of Princeton. On 8 Mar 1757 John Everett and Josiah Furman were appointed Overseers of the Road in Maidenhead Twp. (Nash 40). And a mortgage deed dated 25 Aug 1767 records the sale by John Everit of Maidenhead, Hunterdon Co. to Ann Pidgeon of Trenton, Hunterdon Co. of a plantation in Maidenhead on the north side of the Shabakunk and bordering the plantation formerly owned by Peter Mershon, and extending to the land of Timothy Baker and Doctor Cadwalader's line (Bk.1, 64). This, no doubt, is the same John Everitt documented from Mar to Oct 1767 in the *Minutes of the Court of Common Pleas of Hunterdon County* as involved in cases concerning debts: John Everitt vs. Timothy Baker (Vol. XI, 14 and 58); Nehemiah Everit vs. John Everit (Vol. XI, 18, 81, and 130); Benjamin Everett vs. John Everett (Vol. XI, 64, 81 and 131); Ann Pidgeon vs. John Everitt (Vol. XI, 126); and, Joseph Skelton vs. John Everitt (Vol. XI, 95 and 158).

ADDENDUM B

Cited by several Everitt researchers, W. W. H. Davis's *History of Bucks County, Pennsylvania* warrants an examination. For instance, Davis writes that "Nicholas Everitt, of Hopewell, Hunterdon county, died in 1723, intestate, and letters of administration were granted on his estate to his widow Phebe" (413). Nicholas was "probably the father of Benjamin, who died at Maidenhead in 1760; William, of Kingwood; John, of Bethlehem, who died 1756; and possibly also of Ezekiel Everitt, who died in Middlesex county, in 1795" (413). Davis then states that William had a son, Samuel, who died 1783 (413).

It was on 20 May 1727, not 1723, that administration of the estate of Nicholas Everitt, of Hopewell, was granted to Phebe Everitt. The Inventory of the estate was made by Sam'l Green and Henry Oxley (NJ State Archives, 40J). Nicholas Everitt's widow apparently remarried, for on 3 Jun 1728 a marriage license was issued to Phebee Everitt, widow, and Mathew Hixon, carpenter, both of Hunterdon Co. (Gardner 79). The presence of Henry Oxley, of the Inventory, supplies a clue about Nicholas Everitt. According to the Internet site "Maxwell - Oxley Families of Ringgold County, Iowa," Henry Oxley was born 4 May 1699 in England and died 19 Mar 1777 in Loudoun Co., Virginia.¹⁶ In 1721 Oxley married Mary Everett, who was born 16 Jun 1697, daughter of Richard and Mary (Clare) Everitt of Queens Co., New York, and died c.1769. Raymond George Carpenter, in *The Everitt Family*, states that Richard Everitt was one of the sons of the Nicholas Everitt of Jamaica, Queens Co., who died 1723 and whose will names sons Samuel and John of Hopewell, New Jersey. The Nicholas Everitt who married Phebe was probably a descendant of Long Island Everitts, but Davis may have confused the Nicholas Everitt who died 1723 in Jamaica and the Nicholas Everitt who died 1727 in Hopewell.

The children Davis assigns to Nicholas Everitt are also inaccurate, except perhaps Benjamin. The Last Will and Testament of Benjamin Everitt of Maidenhead, Hunterdon Co.,¹⁷ written 12 Jun 1760 and proved 10 Mar 1761, names wife Phebe Everitt. She and Moore Furman were appointed executors. Benjamin Everitt wrote that "if it should so happen that I should not die, & should not return to my Family in the span of Twelve months after date hereof, in that case I do hereby Impower

¹⁶ The "Church Records of the Old School Baptist Church of Hopewell" contains an entry dated 19 Apr 1761 stating: "Henry Oxley and his daughters Hannah and Rachel dismissed to Catoctan (?) church in Virginia" (Gedney 133). Concerning the Hopewell Baptist Church, the Primitive Baptist Library's "Church and Family History Research Assistance for Primitive Baptist Churches in the State of New Jersey" states that on 23 Apr 1715 a church was formed and that after "many years of meeting in homes and having problems securing a place to meet, it was decided to build a meeting house." On 19 Jun 1747, a meeting was held "at the home of Henry Oxley in Hopewell . . . at which time David Stout, Benjamin Stout, and Henry Oxley were chosen managers to build a meeting house." Henry Oxley was also one of the 50 Hopewell landowners to sign the 2 Apr 1731 petition against Col. Daniel Coxe.

¹⁷ Maidenhead Twp. was formed 20 Feb 1697 and became part of Hunterdon Co. when that county was formed on 11 Mar 1714. On 24 Jan 1816, Maidenhead Twp. became Lawrence Twp., and in 1838 was made part of the newly formed Mercer Co. (Snyder 163).

my Loving Wife & Moore Furman to sell & dispose of so much and many of my Effects as shall be sufficient to pay all my just Debts afores'd." Witnesses were Elijah Hunt and Abraham Hunt (NJ State Archives, 526J).

As for Davis's assertions concerning Ezekiel Everitt, the following needs to be considered. On 8 May 1777, Israel Everett, of Somerset Co., married Mary Mershon. Grace Lucile Olmstead Mershon, in her *Our Pioneers East and West of the Mississippi*, writes that Mary Gapen married Stephen Pierson, and that after Stephen's death, Mary remarried Aaron Mershon, who lived at Stony Brook, above Princeton, New Jersey. Aaron died 27 Aug 1776 at the Battle of Long Island (29). Mary then remarried Israel Everitt of Somerset Co., who was a teacher at Princeton, and they had two children: Nicholas, who graduated from Princeton and practiced law in New York, and Mary Amelia (30). Mershon also writes that Mary and her first husband, Stephen Pierson, had four daughters: Elizabeth, Martha, Hulda, and Emma. Daughter Martha Pierson married Ezekiel Everitt, and after his death, remarried John Gordon (31).

The Ezekiel Everitt of whom Mershon writes was probably the same Ezekiel Everett who, with Benjamin Doughty, published a New Jersey newspaper notice in 1778 identifying themselves as "living in Ulster county, State of New York," who had seven horses stray or stolen from them "out of the pasture at Fleet's tavern at Musconetcong" (Lee 494). Ezekiel Everitt died intestate in Middlesex Co., New Jersey, and administration of his estate was granted to Martha Everitt and Joseph Inslee on 22 Jan 1795 (NJ State Archives, 8587L). Israel and Mary Everitt's son, Nicholas, may be the 71 year-old Nicholas Everett appearing on the 1850 New York, NY census with 68 year-old Eliza, both of whom the enumerator states were born in New Jersey. Nicholas's occupation is given as "Comm. of Deeds." Nine other Everett members of the household range in age from 20 to 42.

The Ezekiel Everitt of Middletown Twp., Bucks Co., whom Davis describes as "the ancestor of the Bucks county family," was actually the grandson of John and Hannah Everitt, and not a descendant of the Ulster Co. Ezekiel Everitt who, with Benjamin Doughty, published the newspaper notice about their horses. Davis adds that Ezekiel ran "the milling business on the Neshaminy in Middletown" before moving to Tinicum Twp., Bucks Co., "where he purchased a farm of ninety-eight acres," and "soon after removed to Amwell township, Hunterdon county, New Jersey, where he lived until his death, about May 1, 1829" (413). Tax records show that Ezekiel was living in Kingwood Twp. from 1778 to 1780, and Bucks Co. tax records place Ezekiel, and his brother Darius, in Tinicum Twp., Bucks Co. in 1781. The same records also show that by 1786 Ezekiel had moved to Middletown Twp., where deeds locate him until 1818, after which time he returned to Kingwood. Also, it was actually Darius Everitt's son, Ezekiel Everitt, who purchased 98 acres in Tinicum Twp. in 1815, and who, in 1830, sold 22 of those 98 acres to his daughter, Rachel Everitt (Bk.54, 581). Davis seems to have confused these two Ezekiels, both of whom were married to a Mary, and both of whom had a daughter named Rachel.

ADDENDUM C

Dec. 30th, 1867
Fairfield Lenawee Co. Mich.

Mr. Zenas S. Everitt
Dear Sir

Being recently on a visit to my cousin, Richard Everitt in Van Buren Co. in this state I saw a letter from you to him making inquiries in regard to ancestry. My mother was an Everitt and a sister to his father and thinking she might know more about the matter than himself he requested me to bring the letter home with me and if thought best to write you. I am inclined to think we are some what related but not very closely perhaps. My mother is 80 years of age but her recollection is perfect in regard to matters of this kind. Her fathers name was Ezekiel Everitt and lived in Kingswood New Jersey. He had seven sons named Jacob, Epenetus, Aaron, Moses, William, David and Ezekiel and three girls named Rachel who married a Wm. Tomlinson and Mary (my mother) who married Peter Quick and Elizabeth who married Uriah Bonham. Epenetus moved to Ohio (to what part she does not know) somewhere between the years 1826 and 1830. He had one son named Ezekiel and a pair of twins named Epenetus and Zenas and also one William and Joshiah who was the oldest. He, Epenetus, had three or four daughters one of whom married one George Flowers, who also moved to Ohio.

She also states that her father had cousins named Everitt who lived on the forks of the Delaware in the Blue Mountains. He went once to visit them when she was about 11 years old. Their names were Moses, Epenetus, Zenas and Asa. There was also of that family one Hannah who married a Richard Hunt.

From what I have written you will be able to find out we are kindred. Mother has never heard from her brother Epenetus since he moved to Ohio nor from the family except by way of a letter from Mrs. Flowers to some friends. She would like to hear from them very much. At first she thought your letter was from one of them but now concludes it was not.

I forgot to write in its proper place that mothers Grandfathers name was John Everitt who died in 1808 aged 94 years. Should you ever hear of any of her relatives I have mentioned as living in Ohio we would esteem it a great favor to be informed of the P.O. address.

If you wish to correspond further in regard to the matter we will be glad to hear from you and should you ever travel through Adrian Mich. please come and see us. We live 11 miles S. W. Of Adrian and a stage runs daily within a mile of us.

Very Respectfully
Cornelius Quick

P.O. Address
Oakford
Lenawee Co. Mich.

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