

# *Descendants of John Willets*

## *Generation No. 1*

1. JOHN<sup>1</sup> WILLETS was born Abt. 1580 in England, and died in England. He married ELIZABETH BUVER Abt. 1615 in England. She was born Abt. 1585 in England, and died in England.

Child of JOHN WILLETS and ELIZABETH BUVER is:

2. i. RICHARD<sup>2</sup> WILLETS, b. 1618, Barley, Hertfordshire, England; d. 1664, Jericho, Suffolk, L. I., New York.

## *Generation No. 2*

2. RICHARD<sup>2</sup> WILLETS (*JOHN*<sup>1</sup>) was born 1618 in Barley, Hertfordshire, England, and died 1664 in Jericho, Suffolk, L. I., New York. He married MARY WASHBURN 1649 in Jericho, Suffolk, L. I., New York, daughter of WILLIAM WASHBURN and JANE (NICHOLS). She was born 1629 in Jericho, Suffolk, L. I., New York, and died 17 Feb 1712/13 in Jericho, Suffolk, L. I., New York.

Notes for RICHARD WILLETS:

IMMIGRANT ANCESTOR

Richard came to America in 1660 from England and settled in Jericho, Long Island, New York.

Children of RICHARD WILLETS and MARY WASHBURN are:

- i. THOMAS<sup>3</sup> WILLETS, b. Abt. 1650, Hempstead, Long Island, New York; d. 1719, New York; m. DIANA TOWNSEND, Abt. 1670, Long Island, New York.
3. ii. HOPE WILLETS, b. Sep 1652, Hempstead, Long Island, New York; d. Bef. Nov 1703, Monmouth Co., New Jersey.
- iii. JOHN WILLETS, b. Jul 1655, Hempstead, Long Island, New York; d. 1703, Cape May, New Jersey; m. MARGARET HALLOCK.
- iv. RICHARD WILLETS, b. 25 Dec 1660, Hempstead, Long Island, New York; d. 14 May 1703; m. (1) ABIGAIL BROWNE; m. (2) ABIGAIL POWELL.
- v. MARY WILLETS, b. Apr 1663, Hempstead, Long Island, New York; m. JOHN FRY.

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3. HOPE<sup>3</sup> WILLETS (*RICHARD*<sup>2</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>1</sup>) was born Sep 1652 in Hempstead, Long Island, New York, and died Bef. Nov 1703 in Monmouth Co., New Jersey. He married MERCY LANGDON 1676 in Hempstead, Long Island, New York, daughter of THOMAS LANGDON and ISABELLA. She was born Abt. 1656 in Hempstead, Long Island, New York, and died in Monmouth Co., New Jersey.

Children of HOPE WILLETS and MERCY LANGDON are:

- i. JOSEPH<sup>4</sup> WILLETS, b. 13 Oct 1677, Hempstead, Long Island, New York; m. DEBORAH SEAMAN, 06 Nov 1702, Hempstead, Long Island, New York; b. Abt. 1680, Hempstead, Long Island, New York.
- ii. MARY WILLETS, b. 09 Oct 1679, Jerusalem, Long Island, New York; d. Aft. 1719, Monmouth, New Jersey; m. RICHARD RIDGEWAY, JR., 09 Aug 1702, Jerusalem, Long Island, New York; b. 27 Feb 1679/80, Crookehorn, Bucks, Pennsylvania; d. Monmouth, New Jersey.
- iii. ELIZABETH WILLETS, b. 03 Dec 1680, Hempstead, Long Island, New York; m. JARVIS PHARO, 04 Jan 1700/01, Hempstead, Long Island, New York.
4. iv. RICHARD WILLETS, b. 14 Jan 1682/83, Monmouth Co., New Jersey; d. 1759, Alloways Twp., Salem Co., New Jersey.
- v. HESTER WILLETS, b. Abt. 1685.
5. vi. TIMOTHY WILLETS, b. 25 Dec 1687, Hempstead, Long Island, New York; d. Aft. 1736, Lakewood Twp., Monmouth Co., New Jersey.
- vii. HOPE WILLETS, b. 24 Aug 1689.
- viii. PHOEBE WILLETS, b. 29 Nov 1690; d. Aft. Nov 1722; m. ROBERT TOWNSEND.
- ix. JAMES WILLETS, b. Abt. 1692.
- x. HANNAH WILLETS, b. Abt. 1694.

*Generation No. 4*

**4.** RICHARD<sup>4</sup> WILLETS (*HOPE*<sup>3</sup>, *RICHARD*<sup>2</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>1</sup>) was born 14 Jan 1682/83 in Monmouth Co., New Jersey, and died 1759 in Alloways Twp., Salem Co., New Jersey. He married (1) ELIZABETH RIDGEWAY 15 Jul 1704 in Burlington Co., New Jersey, daughter of RICHARD RIDGEWAY and ELIZABETH CHAMBERLAIN. She was born 17 Feb 1681/82 in Crookehorn, Bucks Co., Pennsylvania, and died Bef. 1732 in Alloways Twp., Salem Co., New Jersey. He married (2) SARAH OVERTON 28 Jul 1732 in Chesterfield, New Jersey.

Notes for RICHARD WILLETS:

Richard owned land in Stafford Twp., Monmouth Co., New Jersey, which he sold to his son, Micajah on March 18, 1742. ( Land Book P, page221) Richard's will is dated December 31, 1757.

Children of RICHARD WILLETS and ELIZABETH RIDGEWAY are:

- i. MERCY<sup>5</sup> WILLETS, b. 27 Apr 1705, Burlington Co., New Jersey.
- ii. RICHARD WILLETS, b. 29 Oct 1707, Burlington Co., New Jersey; m. PATIENCE BUTCHER, 06 Nov 1734, Burlington Co., New Jersey.
- iii. ELIZABETH WILLETS, b. 28 Oct 1709, Burlington Co., New Jersey.
- iv. AMOS WILLETS, b. 27 Nov 1711, Burlington Co., New Jersey; m. ABIGAIL COOK, 17 Aug 1743, Burlington Co., New Jersey.
- v. MARY WILLETS, b. 29 Nov 1713, Burlington Co., New Jersey; m. SAMUEL BUNTING, JR., 11 May 1739, Burlington Co., New Jersey.
- vi. DELIVERANCE WILLETS, b. 16 Jul 1715, Burlington Co., New Jersey; m. STEPHEN BIRDSALL, 1738, Burlington Co., New Jersey; b. Abt. 1710, New Jersey?.
6. vii. MICAJAH WILLETS, b. 1718, Stafford Twp., Monmouth Co., New Jersey; d. Aft. 1791, Tuckertown, Monmouth Co., New Jersey.
- viii. CORNELIUS WILLETS, b. 29 Nov 1720, Stafford Twp., Monmouth Co., New Jersey.

**5.** TIMOTHY<sup>4</sup> WILLETS (*HOPE*<sup>3</sup>, *RICHARD*<sup>2</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>1</sup>) was born 25 Dec 1687 in Hempstead, Long Island, New York, and died Aft. 1736 in Lakewood Twp., Monmouth Co., New Jersey. He married JUDITH 1714 in Monmouth Co., New Jersey. She was born Abt. 1690 in New Jersey?, and died in Lakewood Twp., Monmouth Co., New Jersey.

Children of TIMOTHY WILLETS and JUDITH are:

- i. ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup> WILLETS, b. Abt. 1716, Burlington Co., New Jersey; m. SAMUEL TILDEN, 04 Feb 1743/44, New Jersey.
- ii. ABIGAIL WILLETS, b. Abt. 1718, Burlington Co., New Jersey.
- iii. HANNAH WILLETS, b. Abt. 1720, Burlington Co., New Jersey.
- iv. TIMOTHY WILLETS, b. Abt. 1723, Burlington Co., New Jersey; m. MARY BIRDSALL, 28 Sep 1762, New Jersey.
7. v. LYDIA WILLETS, b. 16 Jan 1725/26, Burlington Co., New Jersey; d. Abt. 1798, Greene Co., Pennsylvania.

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**6.** MICAJAH<sup>5</sup> WILLETS (*RICHARD*<sup>4</sup>, *HOPE*<sup>3</sup>, *RICHARD*<sup>2</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>1</sup>) was born 1718 in Stafford Twp., Monmouth Co., New Jersey, and died Aft. 1791 in Tuckertown, Monmouth Co., New Jersey. He married ELIZABETH PARKER 1740 in Little Egg Harbor, Monmouth Co., New Jersey, daughter of JOSEPH PARKER and HANNAH ANDREWS. She was born 04 Dec 1722 in Tuckertown, Monmouth Co., New Jersey, and died 20 Sep 1777 in Tuckertown, Monmouth Co., New Jersey.

Children of MICAJAH WILLETS and ELIZABETH PARKER are:

- i. ELIZABETH<sup>6</sup> WILLETS, b. 22 Mar 1741/42, Monmouth Co., New Jersey.
- ii. MARY WILLETS, b. 09 Feb 1742/43, Monmouth Co., New Jersey.
- iii. RICHARD WILLETS, b. 12 Jun 1746, Monmouth Co., New Jersey.
8. iv. SARAH WILLETS, b. 03 Jun 1748, Monmouth Co., New Jersey; d. Washington Co., Pennsylvania.
- v. DELIVERANCE WILLETS, b. 16 Mar 1750/51, Monmouth Co., New Jersey.
- vi. MICAJAH WILLETS, b. 14 Oct 1753, Monmouth Co., New Jersey.
- vii. HANNAH WILLETS, b. 22 Jan 1756, Monmouth Co., New Jersey.
- viii. MERCY WILLETS, b. 08 Oct 1760, Monmouth Co., New Jersey.

7. LYDIA<sup>5</sup> WILLETS (*TIMOTHY<sup>4</sup>, HOPE<sup>3</sup>, RICHARD<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 16 Jan 1725/26 in Burlington Co., New Jersey, and died Abt. 1798 in Greene Co., Pennsylvania. She married ANTHONY SMITH 16 May 1746 in Cape May Co., New Jersey, son of THOMAS SMITH and MARY ALLEN. He was born 26 Jul 1723 in Cape May Co., New Jersey, and died 1809 in Greene Co., Pennsylvania.

Notes for ANTHONY SMITH:

Anthony Smith and his wife Lydia (Willets), Quakers, of Stafford Twp., Monmouth Co., New Jersey (now Ocean Co.) sold their two farms to Richard Chamberlain. The farms consisted of 131 acres near the Manasquam River in Shrewsbury Twp. and 28 acres on the southside of a branch of Mosquito Creek, bordering the land of Timothy Willets for \$400 lbs. They then applied for certificate to remove to Little Egg Harbor Meeting, near Tuckertown, from the Shrewsbury Meeting. Anthony was also listed in 1755 as a freeholder in Monmouth Co., New Jersey in Lakewood Twp.

On February 5, 1776 a certificate was granted to Anthony, Lydia, and six children, recorded on April 4, 1776. Birthdates are recorded here by Anthony and Lydia. They then applied to return to Shrewsbury Meeting and were reinstated in January 1782. On June 2, 1788 they went back to Little Egg Harbor and then finally on August 14, 1794 they moved to Redstone Meeting Friends in Fayette Co., Pennsylvania. This is recorded there on August 22, 1795.

Anthony purchased on July 16, 1795 a 116 acre farm for \$300 lbs from James and Mary Hank in Washington Co., now Greene Co., Pennsylvania. This farm was located on the north side of Smith Fork of Tenmile Creek. This is recorded in the Westland Friends Meeting.

Anthony and Lydia are buried in Smith Cemetery, Greene Co., Pennsylvania.

Anthony and Lydia are also the 4G-Grandparents of Richard Milhouse Nixon, President. They are our 6G-Grandparents.

Children of LYDIA WILLETS and ANTHONY SMITH are:

9. i. TIMOTHY<sup>6</sup> SMITH, b. 25 Jan 1746/47, Monmouth Co., New Jersey; d. 03 Apr 1822, Washington Co., Pennsylvania.
- ii. THOMAS SMITH, b. 09 Dec 1748, Monmouth, New Jersey; d. Greene, Pennsylvania; m. DEBROAH LAING, 11 Dec 1771, Monmouth, New Jersey.
- iii. JUDITH SMITH, b. 09 May 1751, Monmouth, New Jersey; d. 05 Mar 1836, Greene Co., Pennsylvania; m. (1) JACOB BURDG, Monmouth, New Jersey; m. (2) JOHN HANK.

Notes for JUDITH SMITH:

3G-Grandmother of Richard M. Nixon.

- iv. ANTHONY SMITH, b. 10 Sep 1753, Monmouth, New Jersey; d. 11 Aug 1835, Woodsfield, Monroe, Ohio; m. HANNAH SOOY, 1784.
- v. NOAH SMITH, b. 20 Mar 1756, Monmouth, New Jersey; d. 1835, Greene, Pennsylvania; m. NANCY ANN HOGUE, Monmouth, New Jersey.
- vi. JAMES SMITH, b. 09 May 1758, Monmouth, New Jersey.
- vii. MARGERIE SMITH, b. 12 May 1760, Monmouth, New Jersey; d. 07 Jun 1809, Greene, Pennsylvania; m. JAMES GRANT, 14 Nov 1776, Monmouth, New Jersey.
- viii. JOB SMITH, b. 27 Mar 1762, Monmouth, New Jersey; d. Warren, Ohio; m. SARAH OGDEN, Elizabeth, Monmouth, New Jersey.
- ix. SYLVANUS SMITH, b. 07 Jan 1764, Monmouth, New Jersey; d. 16 Aug 1854, Greene, Pennsylvania; m. (1) REBECCA RACHEL PUGH; m. (2) LYDIA HEWLET, 13 Feb 1792, Monmouth, New Jersey.
- x. ELIHU SMITH, b. 25 Mar 1767, Monmouth, New Jersey; m. MARY.
- xi. JOHN WILLETS SMITH, b. 30 Jul 1769, Monmouth, New Jersey; m. ANN PRICE.

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8. SARAH<sup>6</sup> WILLETS (*MICAJAH<sup>5</sup>, RICHARD<sup>4</sup>, HOPE<sup>3</sup>, RICHARD<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 03 Jun 1748 in Monmouth Co., New Jersey, and died in Washington Co., Pennsylvania. She married TIMOTHY SMITH 1770 in Monmouth Co., New Jersey, son of ANTHONY SMITH and LYDIA WILLETS. He was born 25 Jan 1746/47 in Monmouth Co., New Jersey, and died 03 Apr 1822 in Washington Co., Pennsylvania.

Children of SARAH WILLETS and TIMOTHY SMITH are:

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  - i. RICHARD W.<sup>7</sup> SMITH, b. 1771, Monmouth Co., New Jersey; d. Bef. 1850, Smithtown, Monongalia Co., West Virginia.
  - ii. ANTHONY SMITH, b. 1777; d. 26 Sep 1847, Monongalia Co., West Virginia; m. ACHSAH WOODMANSEE.

**9.** TIMOTHY<sup>6</sup> SMITH (*LYDIA<sup>5</sup> WILLETS, TIMOTHY<sup>4</sup>, HOPE<sup>3</sup>, RICHARD<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 25 Jan 1746/47 in Monmouth Co., New Jersey, and died 03 Apr 1822 in Washington Co., Pennsylvania. He married SARAH WILLETS 1770 in Monmouth Co., New Jersey, daughter of MICAHAH WILLETS and ELIZABETH PARKER. She was born 03 Jun 1748 in Monmouth Co., New Jersey, and died in Washington Co., Pennsylvania.

Children are listed above under (8) Sarah Willets.

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**10.** RICHARD W.<sup>7</sup> SMITH (*TIMOTHY<sup>6</sup>, LYDIA<sup>5</sup> WILLETS, TIMOTHY<sup>4</sup>, HOPE<sup>3</sup>, RICHARD<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1771 in Monmouth Co., New Jersey, and died Bef. 1850 in Smithtown, Monongalia Co., West Virginia. He married (1) GRACE MOORE Abt. 1795 in Redstone, Fayette Co., Pennsylvania. She was born Abt. 1775 in Pennsylvania, and died Bef. 1803 in Fayette Co., Pennsylvania. He married (2) ELIZABETH WALKER 10 Mar 1803 in Providence, Fayette Co., Pennsylvania, daughter of EBENEZER WALKER and MARY BRUCE. She was born Abt. 1775 in Pennsylvania, and died in Smithtown, Monongalia Co., West Virginia.

Notes for RICHARD W. SMITH:

Richard, a Quaker, established Smithtown in Monongalia Co. (Marion Co.) West Virginia. We have not established the events of his death, probate, land distribution or a complete list of his children. He had 10 or 11 according to the census records. His children must have moved on extensively. There seems to be little research on his family for being so large.

Children of RICHARD SMITH and ELIZABETH WALKER are:

- i. MARY WALKER<sup>8</sup> SMITH, b. 12 Apr 1804, Smithtown, Monongalia Co., West Virginia<sup>1</sup>; d. 12 Jan 1869, Rivesville, Marion Co., West Virginia<sup>2</sup>; m. LABAN G. RADCLIFF, 12 Oct 1821, Rivesville, Marion Co., West Virginia<sup>3</sup>; b. 07 Sep 1789, Redstone, Fayette Co., Pennsylvania<sup>4</sup>; d. 08 Mar 1877, Rivesville, Marion Co., West Virginia<sup>5</sup>.

Notes for MARY WALKER SMITH:

Have a picture of Mary Walker Smith shortly before she died. She is buried at the Radcliffe Cemetery in Marion Co. WV near Rivesville on the Monongahela River.

More About MARY WALKER SMITH:

Fact 1: Radcliff Cemetery, Rivesville, Marion Co., West Virginia

Fact 3: Quaker

Notes for LABAN G. RADCLIFF:

LABAN RADCLIFFE'S WILL

Marion County Wills

Marion County Courthouse

Fairmont, West Virginia

Written: 15 August 1871

Probated: 8 March 1877

Book ?, page ?

In the name of God, Amen. I Laban Radcliff of the County of Marion and State of West Virginia being in bodily health and of sound and disposing mind and memory and considering the perils and dangers and uncertainty of this life for the sake of avoiding controversy after my decease make and declare and proclaim this to be my last will and testament in the manner following that is to say I dedicate my soul to God who gave it and my body I commit to dust. And as for and concerning all my worldly estate I give and bequeath and dispose thereof as follows to wit:

First I give and bequeath to my oldest daughter Louisa Prickett or to her heirs the following she being deceased the six hundred dollars which she received in her life time the receipt for which I now hold and also a note of two hundred dollars held by me against her former husband Job H. Prickett and also twelve hundred

dollars more out of my estate after my decease.

And I give and bequeath to Richard S. Radcliff my oldest son the following to wit: the four hundred dollars he has already received the receipt for which I now hold and also sixteen hundred more to be paid out of the notes held by me against him of which there are three calling for six hundred dollars each or in case he should pay them off and lift them in my lifetime then to be paid out of my estate after my decease and also I give and bequeath Elizabeth Morgan heirs she being my daughter but now deceased the following to wit: the four hundred dollars that she received in her lifetime the notes for which I now hold against John P. Morgan, her former husband and also nine hundred dollars to be paid out of my estate after my decease. And I also give and bequeath to my 1 CONC daughter Julia Elmy Ross formerly J. E. Radcliff or to her heirs she being deceased the following to wit: the two hundred dollars she received in her lifetime the receipt for which I now hold and also each child namely Thomas Lee Ross and William Brent Ross to receive nine hundred dollars out of my estate after my decease with the provision that if either of the heirs dies without any heir then to return to the other and if both die without heirs the estate to return to his brothers and sisters equally and I also give and bequeath to William Penn Radcliff my second son two thousand dollars to be paid out of my estate after my decease. P.S. William Penn has already received his two thousand dollars thereby making void all claims to my estate after my decease. I also give and bequeath to John Osman Radcliff my third son the following to wit: the farm of which I now reside lying on the Monongahela River and joining lands with John P. Morgan, George Morgan heirs and others with the following conditions namely that he pay to the executor of my estate three thousand dollars to be paid in payment of one hundred fifty dollars per year without interest the first payment to be made one year after my decease. And I also give and bequeath to Sarah Lucinda Rittenhouse my daughter the following to wit: the one half of my farm in which Craft Rittenhouse now resides the same formerly owned by James H. Jolliffe and lying near to and joining lands of Nathan Prickett, Jacob Prickett, and others for the use of her and her heirs to be held by her during her natural life then to go to her heirs and not to be subject to any claims debts or demands of her husband heretofore now or hereafter made not to be rented leased or otherwise disposed of by him but for her use during life then to go to her heirs this to be as her portion of my life then to go to her heirs this to be as her portion of my estate. I also give and bequeath to Mary Jane Radcliff my daughter the following to wit: namely the one half of my farm now occupied by Craft Rittenhouse it being the same of which Sarah Lucinda gets one half and described as above to have and to hold for her use during her natural life time and in case she should have no living heirs to return to the rest of my heirs.

And I do hereby nominate appoint and confirm my sons Richard S. Radcliff and John Osman Radcliff as my sole executors of all my estate to take charge of all my goods, charters, money and notes and all estate of every kind and dispose of all my estate by dispersing the same according to the foregoing bequests after paying my liabilities and my funeral CONC expenses then all the heirs are to share equally in the loss and should all the heirs are to share equal in the surplus these bequests to be paid soon as practicable after my decease this the fifteenth day of August 1871. The notes herein noted to be as interest until lifetime. I have now disposed of all my property to my children then there is one thing more I wish I could give them namely the Christian religion, if they have that and I had not given them one shilling they would be rich and if they had not that and I had given them all the world they would be poor.

Laban Radcliff

Witness: Samuel Harris  
Nimrod Satterfield

More About LABAN G. RADCLIFF:

Fact 1: Radcliff Cemetery, Rivesville, Marion Co., Paw Paw District West Virginia (Source: Marion Co. WV Cemetery Book, Paw Paw District, P.36)

Fact 2: Farming

Fact 3: Quaker

- ii. JANE SMITH, b. 1806, Smithtown, Monongalia Co., West Virginia.
- iii. ANTHONY SMITH, b. 1808, Smithtown, Monongalia Co., West Virginia; d. 26 Sep 1847, Smithtown, Monongalia Co., West Virginia.

#### *Endnotes*

1. Tombstone, Radcliffe Cemetery, Marion Co. WV
2. Marion County, WV Death Records
3. Marion County, WV, Marriage Records.
4. Tombstone, Radcliffe Cemetery, Marion Co. WV
5. Marion County, WV Death Records