

# THE PACK FAMILY

George Pack and his family came from England to Connecticut and then went to East Jersey as original settlers of Elizabethtown, New Jersey. It was here that his daughter, Mary Pack married John Scudder III and these two families merged into my line. Their daughter, Mary Scudder married Jonathan Marsh and were my great-great-great grandparents on my father's side.

It is with the immigrant, George Pack, that I begin this family history.

## GEORGE PACK

George Pack was born in England, but there is no knowledge at this time as to where in England he was born and where he lived. He was born in the 1634 to 1635 time period. He probably came to America in the 1650s. As such, he would have been a very young man and may well have come with his parents, but no early record exists of him or his parents.

As he was listed as one of the original eighty settlers or Associators of Elizabethtown, then he must have been living in the New Haven Colony at the time, as all the original families were from that area. In fact, the majority were from the Milford area of what is now Connecticut.

George was married twice. The first time to Anna, whose last name is unknown and then later to Elizabeth Moore. The first marriage to Anna took place about 1660 and so must have been in Milford. The Associators went to Jersey in 1665 immediately after the Dutch were driven from the area.

George Pack took the Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity in Elizabethtown on February 19, 1665. He remained in Elizabethtown for a period and then moved to nearby Rahway when that area was opened for settlement. Anna was alive in 1679 as she was mentioned on a document there. I estimate she died sometime around 1681.

George and Anna had six children: Samuel, Hannah, Mary, Elizabeth, Abigail and Jeziah.

George then moved to Rahway where he married Elizabeth Moore, the daughter of Samuel and Hannah Moore, in March of 1683. For more information, see the MOORE FAMILY HISTORY elsewhere in this Addendum. They had four more children: Bethiah, Thomas, Job and Benjamin.

George Pack died in Rahway on October 2, 1704. His will mentions his wife Elizabeth, sons Samuel, Thomas, Job and Benjamin, daughters Hannah Robbins, Mary Scudder, the late Elizabeth Thorpe, Abigail Springer, Prudence, Keziah and Bethiah. The original Will is in the State House in Trenton, New Jersey. Elizabeth obviously outlived her husband, but I have no idea as to when she died.

The following is what I know about the children of George Pack and his two wives.

George and Anna Pack had six children, all but the first two were born in Elizabethtown, New Jersey:

**SAMUEL PACK** was born on July 24, 1661 in the New Haven Colony. He married an

Elizabeth and died sometime between his father's will in 1704 and March of 1712.

**HANNAH PACK** was also born in Connecticut on May 11, 1663. She married Joseph Robbins in Rahway on June 8, 1692.

**MARY PACK** was born right after the family moved to Elizabethtown on November 2, 1665. She married John Scudder and their lives are told in the SCUDDER FAMILY HISTORY section of this work.

**ELIZABETH PACK** was born on June 4, 1670. She married George Thorpe and obviously died prior to 1704 when her father's will called her 'deceased'.

**ABIGAIL PACK** was born on May 14, 1675. She married a Springer man.

**KEZIAH PACK** was born in 1679 and married a cousin, George Pack.

In the second marriage, George and Elizabeth Pack had four children all of whom were born in Rahway, Essex County, New Jersey.

**BETHIA PACK** was born on June 11, 1684.

**THOMAS PACK** was born in 1687.

**JOB PACK** was born on November 21, 1690. He married Elizabeth Marsh. Elizabeth was a daughter of John Marsh II and Elizabeth Clarke and more on her life is found in my MARSH FAMILY HISTORY in this work. On April 13, 1750 there was an Indian uprising in Rahway and Job, Elizabeth and one son, John, were killed.

**BENJAMIN PACK** was born on May 13, 1694. He died sometime around 1764.

The Pack Family married into both my Scudder and Marsh lines. The Scudder connection is my direct line, however.