

# The chronicles of New Brunswick, New Jersey, 1667-1931 record for an ancestor

CHRONICLES OF NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY

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Here, too, were cooper shops, locksmith shops, and warehouses, the north side of the connecting road being almost continuously built up. Miles Smith operated a grist mill on the river at this point and lived in considerable style at the nearby Ross Hall.

Large storehouses occupied the immediate neighborhood and received the grain for shipment down the river. The sloops used in this traffic would sail up the river and take in half a load and then drop down to the city during the high tide, complete their cargoes and proceed to their destination.

The White Hall tavern was headquarters for news for these merchants, where they would congregate to get the one New York paper. They would then agree among themselves as to the price to be paid for grain, and thus make the market.

Many of the merchants owned one or more vessels. John Dennis, whose place of business was on Little Burnet Street, had the "Cluster Valley" the "May" and "Elizabeth," and the "Gen. Lee." The wharf of the latter was where the Rolfe lumber yard now stands. Other vessels were also owned in New Brunswick and plied between this and other ports, in 1792 a boat known as "Duy Knick's Boat," in 1776 the "Gernatia," owned by James Richmond. "The Hope for Peace," of which Nicholas Auten was master and "Independence," in 1784, "The Neptune," a schooner, Andrew Brown master, which was succeeded by the "Poet Moses Guest."

These vessels made voyages to the Bermudas, Bahamas, Jamaica and Charlestown, S. C.; to Wilmington, Del.; to New Bern, N. C.; to Savannah, Ga.; to Edenton, N. C.; to Newport, R. I., and to Sunbury, Mass.

In 1788 we find the "Polly," Barnet D. Kline, owner; in 1796, the "Catherine," a sloop of forty-five tons burden, James Richardson master and probably owner, subsequently John Thompson was master, and following him, Peter Thompson. In 1797 "The Sally," of forty tons burden, John Voorhees master. "The Maria," a sloop of fifty tons burden, Simon Hillyer, master. David Abeel was master of this vessel in the year 1798; during this year was also the "Ranger," a sloop of thirty-four tons burden, Caleb Anthony, master. In 1799 "The Hannah," a sloop of forty-five tons, John Brush, master; and "The Eliza," a sloop of fifty-nine tons burden; James Richmond, master. Also a sloop named the "Lawrence," which was so large that she could not navigate the Raritan above the city. She was owned by Peter I. Nevius.

In 1728 Captain Balding was master of the sloop "Two Brothers" and in 1730 had the "Phoebe."

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