

Chapter 00088 **1798**

ELIZABETH 'BETSEY' PEARCE

and

Abraham JACOBUS

and

Jeptha W. WILLIAMS

Horseneck Road, Fairfield NJ

Edward Pearce branch #3, generation #3.

Betsey is a granddaughter of Henry Pearce #1

Betsey is the same generation as brother Joseph Pierce.



8/24/2024

Elizabeth 'Betsey' PEARCE, 3rd generation, was born 3/31/1798 and died 6/12/1868 in the Fairfield/Caldwell NJ area. She was the 2nd of 12 children born to Edward Pearce and Hannah Stagg.

Betsey was named after her grandmother Elizabeth Lucinda Spear Pearce, the first lady in our tree. Betsey was age 14 when the grandmother died in 1814. Both rest at Hillside Cemetery.

Betsey grew up at a home near Hillside Cemetery on Horseneck Road. Her first husband was **Abraham Jacobus**. They married 9/30/1815 at the Caldwell Presbyterian Church in Caldwell NJ. They had at least one child who was **Richard Jacobus** born 11/19/1890. They were married about **30 years**. Abraham died around 1848-1851.

Jetha Williams' first wife Betsey died 9/15/1854, 9 months earlier. That Betsey raised 7 children with ages 11 to 23. Two of the children were married by 1854. Her 3rd child **Cyrus C. WILLIAMS** married Mary Jane VAN NESS exactly one year later on

Our Mrs. Betsey Pearce Jacobus age 57 then married **Jeptha W. Williams** 6/21/1855 at the Montville NJ Dutch Reformed Church . The wedding was performed by Rev Nathaniel Conklin. The couple both lived in Fairfield NJ.

Jun/21/1855 Montville Dutch Reformed Church, Montville, NJ. Reverend Nathaniel Conklin

At Montville, June 21st, by the Rev. H. Conklin, Jeptha Williams to Mrs. Elizabeth Jacobus, both of Fairfield.

So our Betsey Pearce Jacobus Williams became a **step-mom** to the Williams children who still lived at Jeptha's home.

Jeptha's parents **Arle and Phobe WILLIAMS** built this 1780 home at **293 Horseneck Road**, Fairfield NJ. In 1933, Jeptha's son Nick was the last Williams' to live at the home.



Jeptha Williams and first wife Mrs. Elizabeth 'Betsey' Bush Williams had 7 children:

1—**Phebe Jane WILLIAMS** died Nov/17/1911 age 87;

husband **Cornelius A. VAN NESS**, son of Aaron Van Ness and Nancy VANDERHOOF. Phebe and Cornelius are at Prospect Hill Cem, Caldwell NJ.

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Mrs. Harriet Bush, of Fairfield, is the guest of Mrs. Phebe J. Van Ness, of West Caldwell. Mrs. Bush is 93 years of age, and Mrs. Van Ness is 85. The two aged women took a long auto ride yesterday and were delighted with the novelty.

She is Mrs. Phebe Jane WILLIAMS Van Ness 7/29/1824 - 11/17/1911 age 87. Her husband Cornelius A. VAN NESS died in 1907.

Phebe's parents were Jeptha W. WILLIAMS and Elizabeth Bush.

2—**Israel WILLIAMS** died Nov/11/1857 age 30;

wife **Rachel M. DOREMUS**. Israel was a well digger. He caught a cold and "died from disease of head".

Rachel remarried 3 years later to **Stephen W. HUSK** of Fairfield.

3—**Cyrus C. WILLIAMS** died Nov/01/1907 age 76;

wife **Mary Jane VAN NESS**. Cyrus was wounded at the 1863 Battle of Gettysburg PA. The gun shot wound hindered his career as a Mason builder. Both are at Hillside Cem.

4—**Henry Bush WILLIAMS** died Apr/27/1864 age 30.

I believe that Henry age 29 was drafted into the **NJ 8th Infantry** in July 1863 (see registration below).

Notice that his younger brother **Nicholas Bush Williams**, now age 20, was considered for the 1863 draft. But Nick had already served, voluntarily and been badly wounded, for life, in May 1862. Nick was not drafted.

The Union Army drafted thousands of soldiers around 7/13/1863, especially after the heavy 3-Day Gettysburg Union casualties of **3,100** men killed, 14,500 wounded and 5,300 missing.

U.S., Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863-1865 for Henry B Williams					
New Jersey > 4th > Class 1, L-Z, Volume 1 of 3					
RESIDENCE	NAME	DESCRIPTION			
		AGE 1st July, 1863.	WHITE OR COLORED.	PROFESSION, OCCUPATION, OR TRADE.	MARRIED OR UNMARRIED.
Cauldwell	1 Williams John H	44	W	Stone Keeper	W
	2 Williams Henry B	29	"	Sailor	S
	3 Williams Nicholas B	20	"	Farmer	"

On 7/1/1863, Henry is age 29 and Nicholas age 20.



Henry Bush Williams
stone mostly wrecked
by snowmobiles

The 1860 US Census shows Jephtha Williams with his second wife named Mrs. Elizabeth 'Betsey' Pearce Williams and two children named Jeanette WILLIAMS and Nicholas Bush 'Nick' WILLIAMS from his deceased first wife Mrs. Elizabeth 'Betsey' Bush.

Jephtha W. Williams died 8/30/1881 age 81 at his home in Fairfield NJ. Both wives had already died and 3 of his 7 children too.

The surviving family members were Mrs. Phebe Van Ness (died 1911), Cyrus Williams (died 1907), Mrs. Catherine Van Duyne and Nick Williams (died 1933).

The funeral was at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Clinton or Horseneck Road & Hollywood Ave, Fairfield, NJ. Clinton was a nickname for the Fairfield section by Horseneck.

Fairfield farmer in 1850 Fairfield Census but Mason per death register at Trenton Archives.

Jephtha died 12 days after the Will was made out. He gave everything to his youngest child Nick Williams who lived in the house. Two older married siblings did not receive an inheritance, probably because his youngest son Nick had a physical problem due to his Civil War wound.

Jeptha W. Williams 1881 death certificate. He was born 2/24/1800 and died 8/30/1881 age 81.

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY **W5** RM C.

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.

SEE PENALTY FOR NON-REPORT.

- Full name of deceased Jeptha W. Williams
(If an infant not named, so state, and give sex.)
- Age 81 years 6 months Color N
- Single, married, widow or widower. [Cross out all but the right one.] Occupation Mason
- Birthplace N.S. [State or country. If of foreign birth, give how long in United States.]
- Last place of residence Caldwells - Essex Co. [If a city, give name; if not, give county and township.]
- How long resident in this State 56 years 6 mos.
- Place of death Caldwells - Essex Co.
(If in a city, give name, and street and number; if in township, give name and county; if in an institution, so state.)
- Father's name Asa Williams Country of birth N.S.
- Mother's name Phoebe Williams Country of birth N.S.
- I hereby certify that I attended Jeptha W. Williams
during the last illness, and that he died on the 30 day of Aug, 1881; and
that the cause of death was Thrombosis of Popliteal Artery of right leg

Requested, but Optional.

a. Primary disease <u>Stroke - Senile</u>	Length of sickness <u>13 days</u>
b. Secondary disease, (how long) <u>Thrombosis</u>	<u>R. B. White</u> M.D. Medical Attendant.
c. Remarks <u>Appeared 4 days before death</u>	Residence <u>Verona - N.J.</u>
	Date <u>Aug 30th 1881</u>

Name and residence of Undertaker George Canfield Caldwell, Essex Co. N.J.

Place of Burial Clinton Burying ground, Clayton, N.J.

Clinton Cem means Hillside Cem

I received this from Dave Millison around 1998 or so. Dave did not prepare the paper. I see a few errors.

Jeptha Williams Homestead

Jeptha Williams ~~built~~^{farm} the house and store on Horseneck Road (now No. 293, occupied by Millison).

Jeptha Williams, born 1800. Died August 31, 1884, in ^{81st} 81st year.

- Married 1. Elizabeth Bush, died 9/15/1854, in 50th year
Daughter of Henry & Deborah Bush and Penney Lou
2. Elizabeth - , died 6/12/1868, 70 yr., 2mo., 12 da.

Children of Jeptha and Elizabeth Bush:

- a. Henry Williams, d. 3/12/1864, aged 39 yrs., 5 mo.
Wife m. Rachel M. Doremus, b. 9/16/1830, d. 4/9/1903
She remarried Stephen Husk, b. 12/10/1831, d. -
b. Israel Williams, d. Nov. 1857, aged 30 yrs., 4 mo., 5 days
c. Cyrus Williams, born 7/21/1831, died 11/1/1907
m. *Mary J. Van Ness, b. 9/28/1837, d. 10/2/1918
of Caldwell Township.
d. Phebe Jane Williams, born 7/29/1834, died 11/17/1911
m. Cornelius A. Van Ness, b. 10/27/1823, d. 4/7/1907
Both buried Prospect Hill Cemetery, Caldwell
e. Nicholas B. Williams, b. -(sup. area 1837) d. 4/26/1933
Civil War Veteran: Co. C, 7th N. J. Vols.
m. 1. Janette - d. 9/12/1896, aged 57 yr., 6 mo.

2. Jeanette Burger, 1869 - 1956

Had adopted son, Clifford Lelarg, who lived in California and inherited the property.

Garret Van Ness, b. - d. (at 94 years -from news item)

- m. 1. Margaret Doremus
2. Elizabeth Nafie (predeceased him by 6 years)

Garret and Elizabeth lived and died in Clinton.

Their children:

- a. *Mary J. Van Ness, b. 9/28/1837, d. 10/2/1918
m. Cyrus Williams (son of Jeptha). Lived Newark.
b. Aaron Van Ness, b. - d. - Lived Newark.

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Elizabeth 'Betsey' Pearce
3/31/1798 - 6/12/1868 (70) daughter of
Edward Pearce - Hannah Stagg

Hillside Cem

Betsey married Abraham Jacobus and Jephtha Williams.



Jephtha W. Williams 2/24/1800 - 8/30/1881 (81)



Jeptha W. Williams Feb/24/1800 - Aug/30/1881 (81)
Hillside Cem, Fairfield, NJ