

# Garrit I. Hopper

Baptized 2 May 1748 in Paramus, Bergen, New Jersey  
Died January 19, 1829 in Franklin Township, Bergen, New Jersey  
Buried in Paramus Dutch Reformed Churchyard, Ridgewood, New Jersey

## Patriotic Service

Paid taxes to support the war effort.

## The Hopper Family

Garrit I. Hopper was the great great grandson of New Amsterdam trader, Andries Willemzen Hoppe (Hoppen) (born before 1631 in Holland and died after March 25, 1658 but before December 18, 1658 in New Amsterdam) Andries immigrated to New Amsterdam before 1651. His oldest daughter Tryntje was baptized in New Amsterdam on September 10, 1651. Andries and his wife Geertje (Hendricks) had three additional children – all sons: Willem (1654-1685), Hendrick (1656-1737) and Matthys Adolphus (1658-1730). Geertje had one more son, Gerrit Gerritzen by her 2nd husband Dirck Gerritzen Van Dien. Early records of New Amsterdam show that Andries Hoppe was a trader of many types of goods with the Native Americans, with other Dutch settlers (many who lived further up the Hudson) and Europeans who also traded in New Amsterdam. Most of the trades were pure barter transactions, but Dutch money, Indian wampum and beaver pelts were also used. He and his wife purchased property on what is now Broadway in 1653 and the property was recorded on early maps of the city. Andries only lived in New Amsterdam about 7 years preceding his death in 1658, but he left a tremendous legacy of recorded transactions. Many of these transactions are recorded in “The Hopper Family Genealogy” by Maria Jean Pratt Hopper. These records give quite an insight into the lives of Andries and Geertje. Although Andries may never have even seen the age of 30, he became the progenitor of a very large family with thousands of descendants.

The Patriot Garrit I. Hopper’s line  
from Andries Willemzen Hoppe is as follows:

1. Andries Willemzen Hoppe (bef 1631-1658)
2. Hendrick Hoppe (1656-1737)
3. Andries H. Hopper (1680-bef September 7, 1733)
4. Patriot John A. Hopper (1712- after January 29, 1782)
5. Patriot Garrit I. Hopper (1748-1829)

The Patriot Garrit I. Hopper married twice:

First Marytje Zabriskie (1754-1781) in 1771 in Paramus, Bergen, NJ. Their known children are:

1. John (1772-1825)
2. Jacob G. (1776-1843)
3. Mary (1781-1837)

Second Marytje “Mary” Polly Ackerman married about 1783 in Paramus, Bergen, NJ. Their known children are:

1. Jacomyntje “Jemima” (1784-1869)
2. Elizabeth (1785-)
3. Gerrit G. (1786-1873)
4. Abram “Abraham” Gerritzen (1788-1862)
5. Aaron “Arie” (1789-1862)
6. Geerthe “Charity” (1790-1862)
7. Hendrick “Henry” (1792-1886)
8. Nicausie “Nicholas” (1795-1854)
9. David G. (1798-1866)
10. Andrew G. (1799-1853)

Patriot Garrit I. Hopper was the son of Patriot John A. Hopper (P-334070) and was also a direct descendant of several notable early Dutch families including the Ackermans, VanBlarcoms, VanLaers, DeVilliers, VerPlanks. VanDiens, Breyandts, Verweys, DeSilles, VanSchaicks, Hendricks and Buyses His wife Mary Ackerman was also a descendant of the Ackermans, VanBlarcoms, VanLaers, DeVilliers, VerPlanks. Springsteens and Theunises.

These early Dutch Families produced several President and First Lady cousins to the Patriot Garrit I. Hopper including: Theodore Roosevelt, Eleanor Roosevelt, Gerald R. Ford, George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush.

Other notable Hopper cousins are American painter Edward Hopper and Actor Humphrey Bogart.