

John A. Hopper (Hoppe)

Ancestor ACN#60679

Baptized July 29, 1712 in Hackensack, Bergen, New Jersey

Died after January 29, 1782 in Harrington Township, Bergen, New Jersey

Buried in Paramus Dutch Reformed Churchyard, Ridgewood, New Jersey

Patriotic Service

Paid Taxes to support the war effort.

Patriotic service of John A. Hopper was proven in 2014 by Maria Pratt Hopper, Certified Genealogist, 81 Magnolia Avenue, Montvale, New Jersey 07645

The Hopper Family

John A. Hopper was the 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 John A. 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)

The Patriot John A. Hopper married Elizabeth Kip on April 8, 1736 at Hackensack Reformed Dutch Church, Hackensack, Bergen County, New Jersey. They had 11 recorded children:

1. Geertje 'Gartara' (1737-1741)
2. Andrew J. (1738-1812)
3. Marytje 'Mary' (1741-1741)
4. Annaetjen 'Hannah' (1743-1822)
5. Garrit J. (1748-1829)
6. Abraham J. (1750-1820)
7. John J. A. (1754-1782)
8. Hendrick 'Henry' J. (1755-1821)
9. Nicasie (1755-1760)
10. Jacob J. (1760-1821) - twin
11. Nicausie 'Nicholas' J. (1760-1836) – twin

Patriot John A. Hopper was also a direct descendant of several notable early Dutch families including the Ackermans, VanBlarcoms, VanLaers, DeVilliers and VerPlanks. His wife Elizabeth Kip was a descendant of the VanDiens, Breyandts, Verweys, DeSilles, VanSchaicks, Hendricks and Buyses.

These early Dutch Families produced several President and First Lady cousins to the Patriot John A. 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.