

## Chapter 2

### **History of the Richardson – Revey Clan**

Monmouth County, New Jersey marriage records from the 1800s list as many as twelve marriages between the Cherokee Richardsons and the Lenape – Dutch Reveys. 19<sup>th</sup> century tax rolls from Shrewsbury, Eatontown, Tinton Falls and Ocean show property owned by the family-Revey, also spelled Reavy, Revy, Rebee, and Reevy. According to period maps, the Richardsons, sometimes spelled Richison, and Reveys, lived on the same streets and in the same neighborhoods. Misspellings on deeds, tax records, census and maps were common during the 1800s, as records were hand-written and spellings were left up to the person recording the information to spell as best they could. From deeds on file at the Hall of Records in Freehold, one can trace property that was sold or transferred to the Richardson-Revey descendants.

Military records of 1791 listed Thomas Reavy of Shrewsbury, Monmouth County, as enlisted to serve for three months with the American militia. Shrewsbury tax records beginning in 1788, record taxes paid for land owned by Thomas, Benjamin, Richard and James Revey for one hundred and five acres of property along Shafto Road in Tinton Falls. This area was known as Reveytown and is still listed on maps of Monmouth County. Most of this property was located where the Monmouth County Reclamation Center is today. Maps also show the Revey Branch of the Shark River. Revey Avenue across from Memorial School in Eatontown was renamed Victor Street in the 1950s.

A Monmouth County deed from 1826 records Joseph Richardson's purchase of land one-half mile south of Eatontown village along a brook. This property stayed in the family until the 1980s. The 1840 New Jersey Census lists Joseph Richardson-#432 and

Thomas Revey-#433 of Monmouth County, Shrewsbury Township. Isaac Revey Richardson - #298, Joseph Richardson - #290. There is a Rebecca Richardson -#279 listed on the 1850 Census for Burlington County, the village of New Hand. The 1860 census lists Richardsons and Reveys for Monmouth County, Shrewsbury.

Monmouth County Will and Testators records list Joseph Richardson #13018 and Rebecca Richardson, Inventory #17766 and Will P B 1871. During the American Revolution, loyalists removed or destroyed census records for New Jersey for the years 1790, 1800, 1810 and 1820 so tax records, deeds, family birth and death records, must be used to locate inhabitants of Monmouth County.

### **Records Tell the Story**

Property deeds from 1826 list Joseph Richardson, father of Isaac, purchasing land in Shrewsbury from Joseph Lafetra. This property was located one-half mile south of the village of Eatontown on the main road to Shark River, near the brook on South Street and next to the property of Sarah Reevy, who was related by marriage to the Richardsons. It was here that Isaac was born in 1818. Joseph and Rebecca Richardson raised his eleven brothers and sisters. An older brother, William, was born in 1815. Other children listed on later property transactions were Charles, Samuel, David, Mary and Elizabeth Richardson.

The Monmouth County Index of Marriages records lists over a dozen unions between Richardsons and Reveys, beginning in 1800 with Thomas Reavy marrying Margaret on November 16, 1800.

William A. Richardson married Emeline Ray Revey on January 24, 1829. Their children were Andrew, Albert, Theodore and Aria. Their grandchildren were Maude and Evelyn Richardson.

Samuel Richardson married Jemity Revey on September 5, 1829.

Benjamin Revey and Mary married on April 27, 1830.

Robert Revey married Sarah Richardson on July 9, 1836.

David Richardson married Mary Rile (Rial) on August 31, 1839.

John Revy married Catherine Richardson on October 12, 1864.

The New York Census of 1830 lists James Revey as Head of Household; white, and living in the sixth ward in lower Manhattan. New York Public Library Archives Microfilm ZI-106, reel 13, p.450

New Jersey Census for the years of 1840, 1850, 1860 lists Benjamin Revee, #299, Joseph Revee, #299, Richard Revee, #295, Thomas Revee, #289 and William Revee, #289 as living in Shrewsbury, Monmouth County.

From the Monmouth County, New Jersey, Index of Births – May 1848 – 1878 the following births were recorded: Theodore Richardson, 7-20-53 in volume Y, page 184.



Richard Richardson, 5-2-56 in volume Y, page 121. Joseph Richardson, 4-22-65 in Volume Y, page 376.

In November 1826, Joseph and Rebecca Richardson purchased the property from Joseph Lafetra located one-half mile south of Eatontwon village on the main road to Shark River next to the property of Sarah Revey. Joseph Richardson is listed in military records as an inhabitant of Shrewsbury, Monmouth County, and List 1- 1773-1774. Joseph Richardson died in 1854 in Burlington County - #17766. Rebecca Richardson died in 1871 according to Inventory Probate 1871.

The Richardsons purchased a

family burial plot at Mount Prospect Cemetery in 1879 for \$15.00 according to Deed 360-39. Most of the family was buried under a large oak tree in the rear of the cemetery. In December 1900, the Township of Neptune issued a tax warrant for non-payment of property taxes to Isaac R, Richardson for \$10.38 plus \$3.38 interest for 1898 to 1900 taxes. The warrant identified the property as Richardson Heights. Since Elizabeth Richardson's death in 1898, Isaac's health had been failing. His big toe had to be amputated due to ill health.