

# The Meek/Meeks Family

## Groups H Introduction

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**Robert Meek** came from Edinburg, Scotland and settled in Cumberland Co., PA according to an article by Elizabeth Breckenridge Meek of Bellefonte, PA published in the Democratic Watchman dated 1 May 1931. The name Robert Meek of Hopewell, (a member of the militia in 1748) is mentioned in the History of Cumberland Co., PA (Chap. 5, page 33). A letter of administration was granted 20 May, 1777 in Cumberland Co., PA according to the article which has not been verified. The source for the names of his children is unknown.

Note: Contrary to popular opinion it is NOT believed that this is the same person as Robert Meek born 1732 who married Elizabeth Alexander. His name first appeared in the 1783 tax list of Washington Co., PA. DNA tests from a single descendant of each ancestor named Robert Meek indicates that they were different men.

His son **George Meek** was born in 1741 in MD. He died 10 Jan 1801 in Centre Co., Ferguson TWP., PA. His will was dated 23 Nov 1801 and probated 19 Jan 1802. He served in Revolutionary War, 5th Battalion, PA. 1778-1781. He came to Centre County in 1784 on a surveying expedition. On 21 Jan 1790 he took up a 1,000 acre tract of land, some of which still belongs to his descendants (in 1962). He was listed in the 1790 census of Huntingdon Co., PA. He was listed in the 1800 census of Centre Co., PA. He married Rachel Herron. She was the daughter of David Herron based on his 18 Mar 1778 will where her husband is mentioned.

One reported son of George was **Robert Meek** was born 1769 in Cumberland Co., PA. Some sources give a date of birth of 1770. He died 2 Aug 1826. He married Jane Young (Source is unknown). A descendant of his son, George Y. Meek was born Oct 1800, has the 37 marker Y-DNA test.

Another reported son of George was **David Meek** born between 1760 and 1769 based on the 1830 census of Fountain Co., IN. A descendant of his son, William Meek born about 1805 in Centre Co., PA and a likely descendant of his son, John Meek born about 1808, have the 37 marker Y-DNA test.

The Y-DNA test indicate that the descendants of William and John shared a common ancestor, presumably David Meek. They were related. The descendant of Robert Meek born 1769 did not match the other two and is not related to them. With only one descendant of Robert there is no assurance that the descendant's Y-DNA represents Robert. There could be a break in the Y-DNA line, the genealogy may be wrong or the ancestors Robert and David may not have been related. Additional testing is required.

