

## **NORTHROP:**

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As with all names in the early records, the name will be spelled many ways and often in the same document. You will find it spelled “Northrup”, “Northrap”, or any other way you can imagine.

Colonial and Revolutionary Lineages of America, The American Historical Co., Inc., N.Y. 1953, Vol. 17, pg. 407:

“Northrop is a surname of English origin, though tradition has it that just before the founder of the American line came to the New World, three of the name found a temporary home in Holland. A parish so called is in the county of Norfolk, England, from which it is believed the family took its name. The word is derived from Northrop)e) meaning the north farm or hamlet. (Surnames of the United Kingdom).

I George Northrop 1<sup>st</sup> died in 1707 and is buried with his wife in Pennypack Baptist Churchyard. His will was probated May 26, 1707. About 1682 he came to Pennsylvania and located in Lower Dublin Township, in what is now Montgomery County, where he acquired a plantation of a hundred acres. George married Susanna \_\_\_, who died November 12, 1748. They were the parents of four daughters and a son.

II George 2<sup>nd</sup>, son of George and Susanna, died in December 1780. He is named on the tax list of 1734 as holding one hundred acres, probably the plantation which his father had owned. Later he acquired one hundred and fifty more acres in Lower Dublin Township and parcels in High Street Ward Philadelphia. He joined the Pennypack Baptist Church, March 31, 1739. George married Elinor de Nyce, daughter of Hans and Janneken de Nyce. Hans de Nyce, a native of Crefeld, Germany, founder of Nicetown and a Menonite preacher of Germantown, died May 23, 1708. His wife died in September 1742. Among the children of George and Elinor de Nyce Northrop was Jeremiah...who died in Dublin Township prior to Jan 24, 1785. He also owned two hundred and thirty acres in Mooreland Township...”

Abstracts of Philadelphia County Wills 1682-1726; Family Line Publications; page 95:  
Will of George Northrop; Dublin Township, Philadelphia County, Yeoman. Will dated May 12, 1707; Prob. May 26, 1707. Book C; pg. 54. Names Children: *George, Susannah, Alice, ELIZABETH and Mary*. Executrix: Wife Susannah; Trustees: Henry Stirke and Joseph Fisher. Witnesses: John Thomas, William Owen, Dorothy Edwards.

(The name “Hans” was changed to “John” in English; “Hanneken” became “Jean” or “Jane” and the “de” was dropped. Later records spelled the name “Nice” instead of “Nyce.”)

Abstracts Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania Wills, 1726-1747; Family Line Publications; page 125:

Will of Jean Nyce , Philadelphia. Widow. November 15, 1740; probated Sept. 16, 1742. Book F. page 315. Children John, Anthony, and Elinor Northrup. Grandchildren John and William Nyce. Ex. Son John and George Northrup. Witnesses: John Johnson and Thomas Rose.

Elizabeth Northrup, daughter of George, married 16 September 1720, William Brittan, in the Christ Church, Philadelphia County. She would have been the daughter of George 1<sup>st</sup> and sister of George 2<sup>nd</sup>, assuming that she was 20 years old at the time of her marriage she would have been born in 1700. George 2<sup>nd</sup> deceased in 1780 (will book R, page 499) and assuming that he had lived to be 75 years old, he would have been born in 1705, and no later than 1707 when his father deceased,- much too young to have been the father of Elizabeth. She was undoubtedly the Elizabeth mentioned in the will of George 1<sup>st</sup>. This would make Jeremiah her nephew and not her brother.