

PIONEER FAMILIES

Darby Family

Perhaps no family has had a more honorable record for continuous service in our community, than has the Darby family. From the time when William Darby was chosen the first Ruling Elder in the Baptist Church, in 1747, to the present day, some one of the old Deacon's descendants—in every generation—has served his town-people; in affairs of church, village, county, State, or Federal Government.

The records show that Benjamin, William, and John Darby were living probably, in Essex County before 1730, at which time their names appeared in the will of John Blanchard, of Elizabeth Town

William Darby, the first, was born in 1693, died Feb. 26, 1775; married.

Mary ——— who died April 13, 1761, in her 62nd year. (Cemetery Ins.)

Their children were:

John², born January 17, 1736, died June 28, 1820.

William², died Nov. 10, 1793, in his 62nd year.

Elias², died 1770. Ref New Jersey Wills.

Samuel²,

Ephraim²,