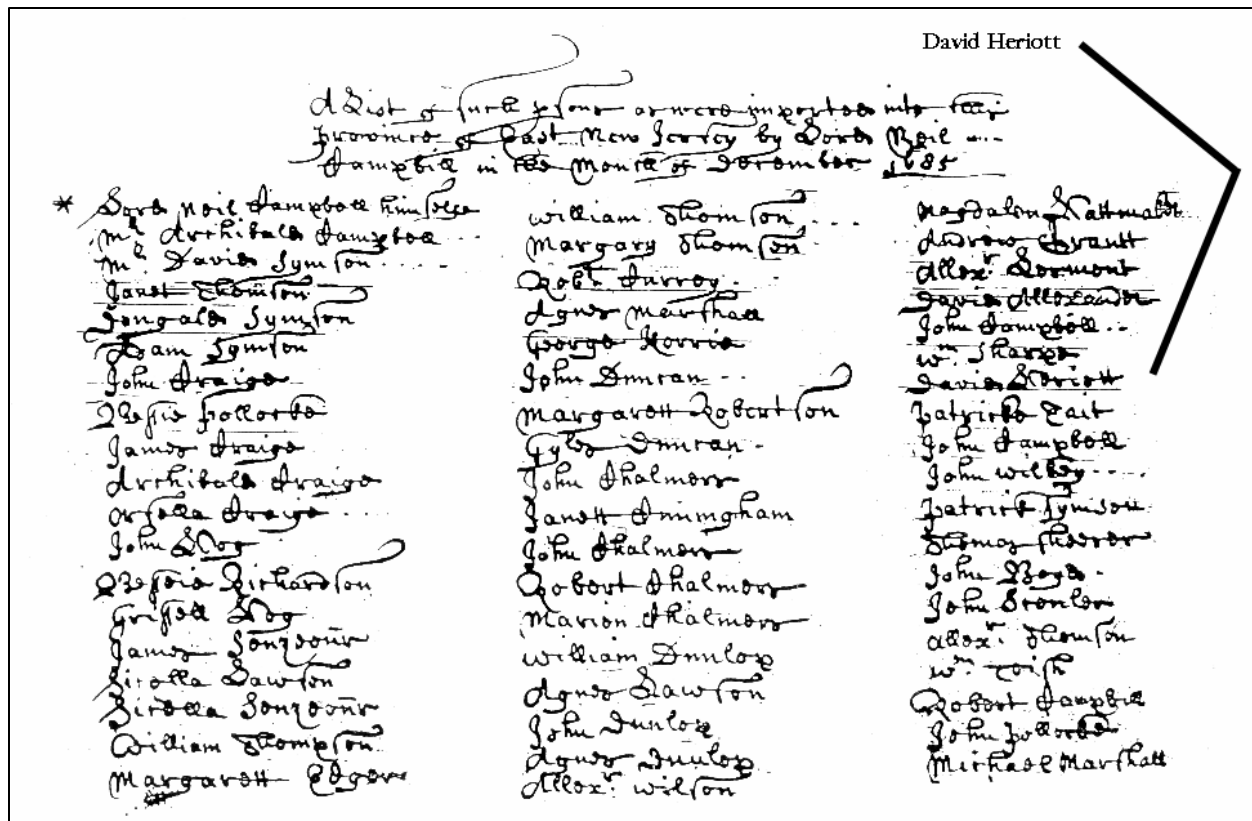




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(OR NOT?)

Previous editions of *A Family Named Herriott* have strongly inferred that our immigrant ancestor David traveled to the new world aboard the ship Henry and Francis with Lord Neil Campbell. This was based primarily on the following document from the New Jersey Colonial Archives, NJ Deeds, Liber A, p225:



The title reads “A list of ? Persons as were imported into the province of East New Jersey by Lord Neil Campbell in the month of December 1685.” The first name states Lord Neil Campbell himself. This list is again cited in *Perth Amboy: First Settlers* where Whitehead states “The list appears on the record in December 1685, and several of them were passengers on board the ship Henry and Francis.” This does not indicate they were **ALL** passengers on the Henry and Francis.

The book *SHIP PASSENGER LISTS*, New York and New Jersey (1600-1825), by Carl Boyer states “A ship of three hundred and fifty tons, with twenty great guns, named the Henry and Francis, was chartered from New castle by Scott or Pittochie, as he was called, with Richard Hutton as master. From the above prisoners, Scott made up a company of 125, of which number 31 died on the voyage.” It then proceeds to list the passengers (Note: there is no David Herriott.)

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NAMES OF THOSE WHO SAILED ON THE HENRY AND FRANCIS 1685

(Those *Italicized* died on the voyage)

Robert Adam	John Harris	John McGhie
Lady Athunie	John Harvie	William Nevin
John Arbuckle	John Henderson	William Oliphant
<i>Rev William Aisdale</i>	Adam Hood	Andrew Patterson
John Black	Charles Honyall	John Pollock
George Brown	<i>John Hutchinson</i>	John Rann
Robert Campbell	<i>John Hodge</i>	<i>Rev Archibald Riddell</i>
David Campbell	<i>Thomas Jackson</i>	<i>Mrs. Archibald Riddell</i>
John Campbell	William Jackson	<i>William Rigg</i>
William Campbell	George Johnston	<i>Marian Rennie</i>
Christian Cavie	John Johnstone	<i>John Renwick</i>
John Crichton	James Junk	James Reston
John Corbet	John King	<i>Thomas Russell</i>
John Casson	<i>John Kippan</i>	Peter Russell
<i>Agnes Corhead</i>	John Kincaid	Christian Strang
Boarbara Cowan	James Kirkwood	William Sprat
Marjory Cowan	<i>John Kirkland</i>	Agnes Stevens
<i>William Cunningham</i>	John Kellie	William Sproull
Patrick Cunningham	<i>Katherine Kellie</i>	Thomas Shelston
Charles Douglas	John Kennie	<i>John Swinton</i>
William Douglas	Margaret Leslie	<i>John Smith</i>
Isabel Durie	Janet Linthron	John Seton
John Frazier	Gaven Lockhart	<i>George Scot</i>
<i>Thomas Finlater</i>	Michael Marshall	<i>Margaret Scot</i>
Elsbeth Ferguson	John Marshall	<i>Eupham Scot</i>
Janet Ferguson	John Martin	Janet Symington
Mary Ferret	Margaret Miller	James Sittingtown
John Ford	George Muir	John Targat
James Forsythe	<i>Gilbert Monerg</i>	John Turpine
John Foreman	Jean Moffat	William Turnbull
John Gray	John Muirhead	Patrick Urie
<i>Thomas Gray</i>	James Muirhead	John Vernor
<i>Thomas Graham</i>	William McCalmont	Mrs. Vernor
Grisel Gamble	John McEwen	John Watt
<i>William Ged</i>	Walter McEwen	Patrick Walker
Fergus Grier	Robert McEwen	<i>James Wardrope</i>
James Griel	John McQueen	Elizabeth Whitelaw
Robert Gilchrist	Robert McLellan	Grizel Witherspoon
John Gilfillan	<i>Margaret McLellan</i>	William Wilson
Bessie Gordon	<i>Andrew McLellan</i>	Robert You
Annabel Gordon	<i>John McKennan</i>	
Katharine Govan	William McMillan	

Further notes indicate that Walter Ker, who states that he was a passenger on the Henry and Francis in *History of the Old Tennent Church*, is banished to the plantations on September 3, two days before the Henry and Francis sets sail. He must have been a late addition.

Although David Herriott's name is not listed, many of the names are familiar and were among his many friends and associates in the Woodbridge/Perth Amboy area. If David did not come over on the Henry and Francis, then he must have come over with Lord Neil Campbell. He was listed above as one of the servants (indentured) who accompanied him.

The *Windows of the Past, History of the Presbyterian Church of Bound Brook, New Jersey* (frequented by several Harriot/Herriott families), provides a history of Lord Neil Campbell and his servants. Following are excerpts:

“We can only imagine the anguish of this nobleman in that terrible summer of 1685. Although he had been freed from prison after the execution of his brother, Lord Neil's lands were declared forfeited and he was ordered into exile.”

“Lord Neil had the foresight in 1684 to acquire some proprietary shares in the Province of East Jersey. He won permission to take with him to America 55 settlers, among whom were some of those who had been imprisoned at Dunnotar Castle and in the infamous tolbooths of Canongate, Leith, Inverneil, Auchindrydie, Carrick, and other places throughout Scotland.”

“In August, 1685, at the same time that Lord Neil Campbell sailed for America, the bond that had been required for the Rev. Mr. Simpson was rescinded because he was preparing to leave for East Jersey.... Mr. Simpson decided to throw in his lot with Lord Neil and go to East Jersey, where he was assured of a warm welcome from the Scots already settled there.”

“Lord Neil had set sail before Scot with a company of 55 persons in August of 1685... both frail vessels carried as passengers some who had been imprisoned at Dunnottar and other tolbooths of Scotland and released to Scot and Campbell. Lord Neil's journey was a much more peaceful one (than Scot's), it seems, although there is no record of the name of the ship or the details of the voyage.”

Since David Herriott is listed as one of these 55 persons, there is a good possibility he was on this unknown ship.

Finally, to add more confusion, the book *Presbyterianism in Perth Amboy* talks about the *Henry and Francis*... then goes on to state “Another colony was brought over in the ship *Caledonia* which landed its passengers in 1715 and was soon wrecked. Some of these emigrants are represented in the Crowells and Harriott's of our city.”

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For years oral history in the George line of Harriot's (who settled in Perth Amboy) indicated that their ancestors came over on the *Caledonia*. There are a few possibilities here. First the Caledonia had made numerous trips across the ocean before the fateful trip in 1715, perhaps as early as 1685. This could have been the unknown ship used by Lord Neil... or since Jennet Foreman, sister to George's mother, Ursula Foreman (wife of David's son David) indicated that she (and probably her sister) came over from Scotland on the Caledonia... those Harriot's would have been descended from a passenger of the Caledonia (as well as another ship).