

*John Sutton and Elizabeth Conger*  
*Ma's Sutton Family*  
Part Six

*John Sutton, b 1674 d 1750*  
*Elizabeth Conger Sutton b 1678 d 1731*



**Stelton Baptist Churchyard**

**Inscription on Elizabeth Conger Sutton's gravestone:**  
*Here Lyes ye body of EliZabeth wife of ~John Sutton Dec May ye 10~~1731 Aged 52 years*

## John Sutton and Elizabeth Conger

One hundred years before the American colonists rebelled against their mother country and threw off the rule of an English king, John Sutton was born. He was born in 1674, and he died in 1750. The woman he married is Elizabeth Conger who was born in 1678, and she died in 1731. Reportedly, if their former examiners are correct, they were a couple who died in Piscataway, Middlesex Co, New Jersey. It is said they are buried in the Churchyard of the Stelton Baptist Church in present-day Edison, New Jersey where Elizabeth Conger Sutton's departure is carved in stone.



*Here lyes ye body of EliZabeth, wife of John Sutton, deceased May ye 10, 1731, aged 52 years*

Elizabeth Conger Sutton's tombstone stands in the Churchyard of the Stelton Baptist Church in present-day Edison, Middlesex, New Jersey. Stelton Church was founded in 1689 as the First Day Baptist Society of Piscataway. Elizabeth is buried in the church cemetery and has the oldest gravestone. She was buried just a month after the church acquired the graveyard land in 1731.

Her husband's burial is not marked in paper or stone, but his family records can be found on the internet.

*Stelton Church marker, 2007, and cemetery.*



John Sutton (3), son of William (2), was born in Piscataway; married Elizabeth ----- about 1695 and removed from Piscataway to Passaic Valley, near Basking Ridge, Somerset Co., New Jersey. John (3) died in December, 1750. Elizabeth, wife of John, was born 1679; died 1731; they are buried in the Baptist Churchyard at Stelton, Piscataway.<sup>4</sup>

Children of Elizabeth and John Sutton (3):

Moses Sutton (4) b. Feb. 2, 1696-7.

Aaron Sutton (4) b. July 2, 1699.

John Sutton (4) b. Sept. 19, 1701.

David Sutton (4) b. July 31, 1703.

Sarah Sutton (4) b. July 21, 1706.

James Sutton (4) b. May 9, 1709.

Jesse Sutton (4) b. July 6, 1711.

Mary Sutton (4) b. Aug. 15, 1717.

Ephraim Sutton (4) b. Dec. 7, 1719.

Judah Sutton (3). son of William Sutton and

#### *John Sutton and Elizabeth Conger*

*John Sutton in the U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900*

Name: John Sutton

Gender: Male

Birth Place: NJ

Birth Year: 1674

Spouse Name: Elizabeth Conger

Spouse Birth Place: NJ

Spouse Birth Year: 1678

Marriage Year: 1695

Marriage State: NJ

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*Elizabeth Conger in the U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900*

Name Elizabeth Conger

Gender Female

Birth Place NJ

Birth Year 1678

Spouse Name John Sutton

Spouse Birth Place NJ

Spouse Birth Year 1674

Marriage Year 1695

Marriage State NJ

The Elizabeth with no last name is Elizabeth Conger. John Sutton married her in 1695 Piscataway, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

The Conger and Sutton names remained linked in 1800 through their church work. *David Conger, 5 apr 1800*, was appointed or ordained as a deacon according to information listed in the Hopewell and Gaddis license information for the Baptist Ministry. Several Suttons are also mentioned.

Once again the maiden name of a Sutton wife provides continuity as a thread of a clue as to which John Sutton is which. Conger is sufficiently unique as a name to prove some connection to this line of Suttons. John's sons—Moses and James are named in the same article.

### The Suttons with David Conger in Western Pennsylvania 1800, Detail.

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called as a sup-	Philip Pierce, May 17, 1779, o
. 24, 1855, Rev.	May 19, 1781.
he church, and	William Wells, Jan. 20, 1782.
0. On the 8th	Thomas Gaddis, Feb. 14, 1784.
Ferguson was	Moses Carr, Jan. 19, 1790.
which place he	Robert Jackway, Jan. 15, 1791.
ohn Boyd was	— Ker, Oct. 18, 1794.
continued until	David Conger, April 5, 1800.
is next called	John Gaddis March 9, 1805.

John Hopwood and Thomas Gaddis Baptist Ministry License Information  
 RE: The Redstone Baptist Assoc was an assoc of Bapt churches in Western PA.  
 Mentioned are Isaac, Milton, Moses, and James Sutton with David Conger.

With his burial and relationships partially established, a biographical sketch of John's life is possible, to some degree, starting with his parents, William and Damaris Bishop Sutton. His parents were lifelong Quakers, so he grew up in a Quaker home with Quaker traditions and values.

Around the time of his birth, 1674, his family moved to Piscataway, New Jersey Colony from Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and John spent the rest of his life in the general area. He had nine brothers and sisters: Alice (1668–1768); Thomas (1669–1754); Mary (1671–1740); Damaris (1673–1733); Richard (1676–1732); Joseph (1678–1682); Benjamin (1680–1682); and Daniel (1682–1761). One story claims that Richard was given away to be raised by another couple.

Nevertheless, John's father prospered and was well thought of in his community. In 1682 his mother Damaris died, leaving him and all his

young brothers and sisters, motherless children. As if there was some sort of epidemic, two young brothers also died in '82, while another was born. John was only eight. Two years later his father remarried.

By 1695 John had met the Conger family, and he married Elizabeth Conger.

During more than fifty years of marriage John and Elizabeth Conger Sutton had ten children. Moses Sutton 1696–1740; Aaron Sutton 1699–1746; John Sutton 1701–1761; **Rev David Sutton 1703–1775**; Sarah Sutton 1706–1746; James Sutton 1709–1791; Jesse Sutton 1711–1795; Elizabeth Sutton 1713–1746; Ephraim Sutton 1715; and Mary Sutton 1719–1746. It may be that several of their sons became believers in the new Baptist religion, took up their Bibles, and headed for the frontier to spread the Gospel of emersion baptism along with the philosophy involved in a number of social causes, but their records are hard to verify. Other records confirm that at least five of their grandsons followed someone in missionary work into Pennsylvania and Kentucky.

John may have also been a preacher, but unlike his nomadic kinfolk, he stayed in one place.

## The End

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