

**191 ABRAHAM J./I. HOPPE(R)**, son of John A. Hoppe(r) (#55) and Elizabeth Kip, was b. 3 Feb 1750, and bap. as "Abram" on 23 Sep 1750, at Par.RDCh. He d. 7 Jun 1820, aged 69y-4m-29d; bur. with his wife in the Ram.RDChyd., Mahwah, NJ (p. 70). Abraham inherited "1/4 part of my farm on east side of Saddle River, where I live, plus 4 acres of meadow," from his father in 1801. In 1806, Abraham Hopper, yeoman, of Harrington Twp, purchased a house and 250 acres of land along the Ramapo River in Ramapo [now Mahwah]. He and his descendants were to live in this home for more than 43 years. The house at 398 *Ramapo Valley Road*, Mahwah, known as the Hopper-Van Horn house, formerly part of Ramapo College, was a private residence in 2004. (For more details about this house see Reginald Mc Mahon's *Ramapo - Indian Trading Post to State College*, pp. 1-44, and Bailey p. -313). In 1816 he was taxed in Franklin Twp. (on this property) on 140 improved acres, 120 unimproved acres, 2 horses, 3 cows and 1 dog.



**HOPPER-VAN HORN HOUSE**  
**398 Ramapo Valley Rd., Mahwah, NJ;**  
 National and NJ Register of Historic Places  
*(Photographed in 1997 by Cheryl Hopper Todd.)*

He m. his second cousin, **Charity (Geertje) Zabriskie**, dau. of Jacob H. Zabriskie (#102) and Wyntje Terhune and gr.dau. of Geertje H. Hoppe (#25) and sister of his brother Garret's wife. She was bap. as "Geertrui" on 17 Oct 1756, at Par.RDCh.(p. 48). She was mentioned in her father's will, da. 13 Jul 1795, as Charity wife of Abraham I. Hopper to receive £30 (NJA 38:431). On a list of members of the Par.RDCh. dated "about May 1, 1799," were "Abraham I. Hopper and Geertie" (p. 144). She d. 24 Sep 1839 aged 82y-11m-27d (gs.), entered in MAZ's Diary of same date, "old Charity Hopper, widow of Abraham Hopper in Ramapo [sic]."

The will of Abraham Hopper, Twp. of Franklin, Brg.Co., NJ; da. 30 May 1820 and pro. 24 Jun 1820 mentioned: wife Charity; all real estate and personal property. At her death or remarriage or sooner if she sees fit, to sell property at Public Vendue [sic]; daus. Melvina (wife of Abraham Rutan) \$240, Maria (wife of Garret S. Hopper) \$750, and Charity (wife of John G. Hopper) \$750; after estate is settled rest divided into four equal parts going to three aforementioned daus. and the children of dau. Elizabeth (Abraham, Barent, Cornelius and Charity), the children of Elizabeth to give her decent support out of same should she need it. Exr: wife, son-in-law John G. Hopper and Henry B. Hageman (Bergen County Will B-275). The inventory of Abraham Hopper, late of Ramapo, was da. 23 Jun 1820 and totaled \$806.10. It included household goods, farm equipment, crops and stock (including 13 swarms of bees). It is interesting to note the description of his wardrobe; 2 great coats, 3 coats, 3 vests, 7 trousers, 15 shirts, 1 hat, 6 pair of hose, 4 cravats, 1 pair of boots, and 2 pair of shoes for a total of \$73.00! (Brg.Co. Inv. C-156). In 1823 Charity settled the estate, by selling the property to her son-in-law John G. Hopper (#517) and his father. Mentioned in the deed were her daus. and their husbands and the heirs of her dec'd son-in-law John Van Horn (not named), heirs were to pay her \$60 a year for life (Deed T2-563-573).

References: Hendricks #190; Zabriskie #204, #712-717; TAG "Van Horn" #66, pages 204-205; Hopper (HSA) #5-56; MAZ and CCA Diaries; BC Stone House #81, Bailey p. 369, plate #102, Inv. abstracted by Dawn Hopper Wentworth: See Appendix B, 1816 Franklin Twp. Ratables p.2; Brg.Co.Historic Sites Survey Mahwah; Find A Grave #6027178

Children of Abraham J./I. **HOPPE(R)** and Charity (Geertje) Zabriskie - order of birth uncertain:

- +480 Wyntje (Melvina) - m. **Abraham J. Rutan** on 14 Sep 1798.
- +481 Elisabet (Elizabeth) - b. abt. 10 Aug 1778 (age/gs.), bap. 6 Sep 1778 at Schr.RDCh.(p. 270)(father: Abraham Hoppe, mother not given, wit: Andrus Hoppe and wife); m. **John B. Van Horn**.
- 482 Marietje (Maria) - b. 26 Oct, bap. 9 Nov 1788 at Par.RDCh.(p. 102)(wit: Jan and Marietje Zabriskie); m. **Garret S. Hopper (#534)**.(See his record.)