

David Falkinburg b. 1735
Jacob Henry Falkinburg, father
Penelope Stout, mother
Faith Cook b. 1774 d. 1826
Ebenezer Cook, father
Sarah Tilton, mother

Children of David and Faith: David (b. 1735), Deborah (b. 25 MAR 1729, d. 25 MAR 1829)

These are notes to support my Ancestry.com family tree

<http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/931824/>

In most cases the citations and documentation is contained in the profiles of a tree entry. However, in some cases there are conflicting citations or facts posted in related trees. At times, the evidence is only circumstantial. These notes are intended to support the facts which I have posted in my ancestry tree. In using these notes I am indicating that there is some uncertainty in the facts, and this documents my decision for inclusion of certain data in my tree.

If anyone has any additional information or corrections to these notes, please let me know.
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In her seminal history of Little Egg Harbor Township (an on-line copy can be found on ancestry.com)¹ Leah Blackman lists the children of Jacob and Penelope as: John, David, Jacob, Henry, Hannah and Mary.

According to Blackman

David, son of Henry Jacobs Falkinburg, Jr., married Faith Cook, of upper Burlington county.

David Falkinburg built the first tavern and was the first landlord in Tuckerton. The tavern stood where the late Dr. Thomas Page's cottage now stands. It was erected some time before the commencement of the Revolutionary War. Falkinburg had occupied the tavern but a short time before he sold it to Solomon Rockhill, of Moorestown, and removed to the West.

The last statement is the reason many citations on ancestry.com state that David died in "the west". What is meant by "the west"? Certainly, it is not the west by today's standards. Likely, this would have meant the western part of Colonial America. In the mid 18th century, settlement of lands stopped at the Appalachian Mountains. By 1775, there were a few settlers who had moved toward the frontier in western Pennsylvania.

¹ [Leah Blackman on ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com)

Finding data on the family of David Falkinburg is difficult. There is a record for David Falkinburgh in Gloucester County, Galloway Township. A Wikipedia² article states:

"The Township of Galloway was created by Royal Patent of King George III of Great Britain on April 4, 1774. At that time it was part of Gloucester County, and comprised what is now Hammonton, Mullica Township, Egg Harbor City, Port Republic, Brigantine, Atlantic City, and the northern portion of Absecon."

We also have a citation showing David Falkinburg as witness to his brother Jacob's will. Both David and Faith Falkinburg are mentioned in the document. Dated 10 FEB 1787 the document states:

From this document it appears that David is alive and living in the area of coastal New Jersey as late as 1787.

29 FALKINBURG'S ISLAND - NJ Archives Vol 39, Calendar of Wills No. 10, p. 157:1787, Feb. 10. FALKINBURG, Jacob, of Little Egg Harbour T wsp, Burlington Co; will of. Wife, Phebe, use of lands and stock, for 15 years during her widowhood, for her support and the support of my children. Sons, Charles and Caleb, my plantation on the one equal half of the island called "Falkenburg's Island"; they to pay my son, James, each L100. Son, James, a tract of land over John RIDGWAY's Run, held by a conveyance from Richard OSBORN. Daughter, Sarah, L40, a bed and bedding. My other daughters (unnamed), each L25, a bed and bedding with one room in my dwelling house, while single. Should wife marry before the end of 15 years, sons, Caleb and Charles, to take possession of lands and estate and support the other children. Residue to sons, Caleb and Charles. Executors - daughter, Sarah, and sons, Caleb and Charles. Witnesses - David FALKINBURGE, Faith FALKIBURGE, Levi GARRISH. Proved Oct. 12, 1802. Lib. 40, p. 179.1795, May 29. Inventory, L648.2.0; made by Samuel BROWN and David FALKINBURG. File 12034 C

David's wife Faith (Cook) Falkinburg died in 1826 and is interred in the [Gravelly Graveyard](#), Laurelton, Ocean County, New Jersey, USA. This is about 35 miles north of Little Egg Township in Brick Township. This appears to be the resting place for several members of the Cook family. However, husband David does not appear to be buried there. It is likely that he pre-deceased Faith. She may have moved in with one of her children in Brick township.

² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Galloway_Township,_New_Jersey

Children of David and Faith Falkinburg

Most family trees on ancestry.com display one child of David and Faith Falkinburg—a son named David b. 1786 and d. 1870.

DAVID FALKINBURG JR.

1850 Census: The name is spelled Falkenburgh (David age 64 and Hannah age 57, both born in New Jersey). The record is for Brick Township, Ocean County, NJ. This David would have been born about 1786 which is consistent with the Ancestry family tree records. Four children in this Falkenburgh home range in age from 15 to 25. Ebenezer (M,25, b.~1825), John (M,15, b.~1835) Ezediah (F,20,b.~1830), and Mary (F,17). The next residence records David Falkenburgh (age 20, b.~1830) and Jane Falkenburgh (age 17, b.~1833). This is most likely another child of David and Faith.

1860 Census: David and Hannah are again listed; computed birthdates are comparable to the 1850 Census. One child Isadora is listed (age 31, b. 1829) This is likely Ezediah listed in the 1850 Census. I have chosen to list the name as Isadora (makes more sense for a female) in my tree.

1840 Census: A listing for Dover Township, Monmouth County NJ appears. This is in the same general area as the earlier census records. The transcription of the written record is Davies Falkinburg. This is almost certainly David. The age distribution of residents at the address is the same as the earlier census records with one exception. Males: (1) 5-9 (John); (2) 10-14 (David, jr. & Ebenezer) (1) 50-59 (David sr.) Females: (1) 5-9 Mary; 10-14 (Isadora); 15-19 (unknown); 40-49 Hannah. The 15-19 y/o female is likely a housekeeper who lives with the Falkinburgs.

OTHER CHILDREN DAVID (sr.) AND FAITH

There is a family tree (<http://person.ancestry.com/tree/6866913/person/6855390875/facts>) that lists two other children of Faith Cook and David Falkinburg. **Deborah** 1769-1829 and **Anna** (1777-1862). There is documented evidence³ from the Sons of the American Revolution that this Deborah married Pvt. Enoch Jones with a marriage date of 1789. However, this family tree shows that the cited David Falkinburg married Mary Somers first and then Faith Cook. There is well documented evidence that Mary Somers married John Falkinburg (David's brother). The children of this reported first marriage are, indeed, the children of John and Mary. This leads me to not have much confidence in the accuracy in the tree. However, the evidence in the application for the Sons of the American Revolution seems to support the fact that there was a Deborah Falkinburg who married Enoch Jones. The question is what family does this

³ http://interactive.ancestry.com/2204/32596_242308-00385?pid=724942&backurl=http%3a%2f%2fsearch.ancestry.com%2f%2fcgi-bin%2fsse.dll%3findiv%3d1%26dbid%3d2204%26h%3d724942%26ssrc%3dpt%26tid%3d6866913%26pid%3d6855363136%26usePUB%3dtrue&ssrc=pt&treeid=6866913&personid=6855363136&hintid=&usePUB=true

Deborah come from. The family tree also states that this Deborah was born in 1769 Colony, Laurel, Kentucky. First, Kentucky was not a colony. Settlers did not reach this area by 1769, so I have serious concerns that this fact is correct.

Another fact, however, **lends support** to the fact that Deborah may have been the child of David Falkinburg and Faith Cook. Exploring all interments in the Gravelly Graveyard, Laurelton, Ocean NJ where Faith (Cook) Falkinburg is buried, we find Enoch Jones⁴ b. 16 NOV 1762 d. 15 DEC 1834. It is possible that after David sr. died, Faith went to live with her daughter Deborah and husband Enoch??? There is no listing for Deborah on findagrave.com. The photograph of the headstone of Enoch is too small to be readable. However, the usgwararchives⁵ does have a listing for Deborah along with Enoch in the Gravelly Graveyard. The date of death is given as 25 MAR 1829 age: 60. In addition the Inscription Notes for Faith Cook reads wife of David Falkinburge, d/o Ebenezer Cook & Sarah Tilton.

At this time I have found no additional evidence of the reported child of David & Faith named Anna, and have decided not to include Anna as a child in my tree.

Death of David Falkinburg b. 1735

I note that quite a few ancestry trees give David's death place as Nimba, Liberia. Nimba is in the north-central portion of the current West African nation of Liberia. The only citations on any of these trees reference to other ancestry trees. I am more than certain that somehow this unlikely information got copied from tree to tree. I have decided not to include it in my family tree. Since the family appears to be clustered in Brick Township, I have decided not to include the fact that David died in "the west". When Blackman wrote her history, I am sure that she relied on some statements that may not in fact be true.

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Home	The Falkenburgs:An American Colonial Family	Research	Resources

⁴ <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GScid=2140869&GRid=17055999&>

⁵ <http://files.usgwarchives.net/nj/ocean/cemetery/gravelly.txt>