

Bio: Amelia Mathews
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Amelia Mathews appears in several Mathews family databases along with her husband, John Corbett Ritchie, who she married in 1807 in Sydney, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. She is shown as a daughter of David Mathews and Sarah Seymour. If this is correct, Amelia Mathews would likely be the last born children of Mathews and Seymour, perhaps born around 1780, and married in her late twenties. It seems possible that Amelia Mathews might be a grand-daughter of David Mathews and Sarah Seymour.

An entry for John Corbett Ritchie at the WikiTree website gives this brief, but helpful, biography:

John, born about 1775, was the eldest son of John Ritchie and his first wife, Jennet Corbett. His parents emigrated from Scotland in 1770, living first in Boston, then in Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia, where his mother died the year of his birth. John became a Halifax merchant. In 1804 he was appointed superintendent of the coal mines near Sydney, Cape Breton. He married Amelia Mathews in Sydney. Amelia Ritchie died in Sydney, April 14, 1816.

John Ritchie was first married to Alexis Campbell and had several children. After her death he married Amelia Mathews in 1807. Researchers name one daughter for Amelia Mathews and John Ritchie - Caroline Maria Ritchie.

On the ninth of February 1821, Harriet Mathews Green placed a "petition" in The American, a New York City newspaper. She was seeking members of her near family who would be involved in the division of property that had been bequeathed by her grandfather, Vincent Mathews in his 1784 Will. The name of Amelia Ritchie does appear, and she is noted as "Amelia Ritche, now deceased, at the time of her death, was seized . . . leaving as her sole heir, one child, of whose name and place of residence your petitioners are ignorant."

Do you want to know more?

[Link to Amelia Mathews in database](#)

[Sketch: Petition of 1821, David Mathews' Descendants](#)

Further Reading:

John Corbett Ritchie in, History of the County of Annapolis: Including Old Port Royal and Acadia . . . William Arthur Calnek, 1897.

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