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**DATE:** 16 August 2022  
**REPORT FOR:** Private  
**SUBJECT:** Susanna Krewson of Bucks County, Pennsylvania

**BACKGROUND:** The starting point for this research session is the marriage record of Susanna Krewson and Andrew Bothell on 26 August 1847 in Newtown, Bucks, Pennsylvania.<sup>1</sup> The father is listed as John Krewson, with no mother mentioned. It is the scope of this project to discover the mother of Susanna Krewson.

In Newtown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania during the time frame of this project, there were two John Krewsons. One was a mason and one a carpenter. During a previous research project, it was discovered that John Krewson mentioned in the marriage record was a carpenter.<sup>2</sup> His occupation stayed consistent throughout his life.

The surname Krewson has many spelling variations. The following are just a few: Krewson, Kroesen, Krusen, Crewson, Croeson, Crusen, Cruson, Crusin. The spelling used throughout this research report will be Krewson, except in the case of abstracts or transcriptions. Only then will the author use the spelling that appears in the document.

**OBJECTIVE:** Who is the mother of Susanna Krewson, born about 1829 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and married Andrew Bothell 26 August 1847 in Newtown, Bucks, Pennsylvania?

**LIMITATIONS:** 20 hours for research, analysis, and writing. Online repositories only.

**REPOSITORIES:**

- Ancestry.com
- Familysearch.org
- Findagrave.com
- Genealogybank.com

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<sup>1</sup> "U.S., Presbyterian Church Records, 1701-1970," database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61048/> : accessed 2 Jul 2022), Pennsylvania > Newtown > Presbyterian Church > Baptisms, Births, Marriages, Deaths > 1838-1888, image 128 of 224, Marriage Record #74 for Susanna Krewson and Andrew Bothell; citing Church Registers, Presbyterian Historical Society.

<sup>2</sup> See Research Report on John Krewson by Gray Stabley, 2 Feb 2022.

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

The objective has been met. Jane Parker has been identified as the mother of Susanna Krewson. The following evidence supports this daughter/parent relationship:

- ❖ In John Krewson's will, he listed his children (women by their married names) including Susanna Bothel.<sup>3</sup> John's wife was not included.
- ❖ John Krewson and Jane Parker Krewson have memorials on Find A Grave. They are buried next to each other and list 3 of their 5 children.<sup>4 5</sup>
- ❖ John Krewson and Jane Parker were married in 1814. A marriage announcement was found in the Pennsylvania Correspondent newspaper.<sup>6</sup>
- ❖ Two of Susanna's siblings, Elizabeth and Samuel, had baptism records that listed John Krewson and Jane Parker as their parents. Also, Jane's baptism record was found stating she was the wife of John Krewson.<sup>7</sup>
- ❖ The baptism record for another sibling, Mary, was discovered with John Krewson and Jane Parker listed as her parents.<sup>8</sup>
- ❖ In the 1860 census, John and Jane were in the household with their presumed daughters Elizabeth and Mary. Also in the household was Elizabeth's son, John and Mary's family which consisted of her husband, Mahlon and daughters, Emma and Henrietta.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> "Pennsylvania, U.S. Wills and Probate Records, 1683-1993," *Ancestry.com* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8802/images/005534513\\_00512?pid=1902594](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8802/images/005534513_00512?pid=1902594) : accessed 2 Jul 2022), entry for John Kruson, image 512 of 566; Bucks County Register of Wills, vol. 15-16 (1859-1867), p 376, will no. 11848.

<sup>4</sup> Ancestry, *Find A Grave*, database with images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/25652068/john-krewson> : accessed 8 Jul 2022), John Krewson, memorial 25652068, Historic Presbyterian Church of Newtown Cemetery, Newtown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, created by Mike, contributor 46867680; headstone photo by Little P, contributor 47023172.

<sup>5</sup> Ancestry, *Find A Grave*, database with images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/25652058/jane-krewson> : accessed 8 Jul 2022), Jane Krewson, memorial 25652058, Historic Presbyterian Church of Newtown Cemetery, Newtown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, created by Mike, contributor 46867680; headstone photo by Rebecca Evans, contributor 47327811.

<sup>6</sup> "Married," *Pennsylvania Correspondent, and Farmers' Advertiser*, 7 Nov 1814, p. 3, col. 2; image copy, *Genealogybank.com* ([www.genealogybank.com](http://www.genealogybank.com) : accessed 10 Jul 2022).

<sup>7</sup> "Pennsylvania and New Jersey, U.S. Church and Town Records, 1669-2013," database with images *Ancestry.com* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2451/images/42154\\_331474-00283?](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2451/images/42154_331474-00283?) : accessed 4 Jul 2022), PA – Bucks > Not Stated > Dutch Reformed > North and Southampton Dutch Reformed Club, image 2165 of 2629; citing Historic Pennsylvania Church and Town Records, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

<sup>8</sup> "Pennsylvania and New Jersey, U.S. Church and Town Records, 1669-2013," database with images *Ancestry.com* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2451/images/42154\\_331474-00284?pid=2020046947](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2451/images/42154_331474-00284?pid=2020046947) : accessed 4 Jul 2022), PA – Bucks > Not Stated > Dutch Reformed > North and Southampton Dutch Reformed Club, image 2166 of 2629; citing Historic Pennsylvania Church and Town Records, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

<sup>9</sup> 1860 U.S. census, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Newtown Township, p. 19-20 [penned], 519-20 [stamped], dwelling 145, family 167-168, John Krewson household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7667/images/4288518\\_00112?pid=1698520](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7667/images/4288518_00112?pid=1698520) : accessed 2 Jul 2022); citing National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) microfilm publication M653, roll 1085.

- ❖ The 1850 census listed John and Jane in the household with their assumed daughter Amelia and her husband William S. Scott.<sup>10</sup>

## RESEARCH NOTES:

### **Marriage record - Susanna Krewson and Andrew Bothell - Newtown, Bucks, Pennsylvania<sup>11</sup>**

*Transcription:*

“No. 74 [marginal notation]

“At Newtown, on Thursday evening the 26th of August 1847, Andrew Bothel to Susanna Krewsen, daughter of Mr. John Krewsen, and all of Newtown Bucks Co. Pa. 35 cts [cents] - Returned till better off!”

*Analysis:* This is a derivative record book of baptisms, births, marriages, and deaths from Presbyterian Church Records throughout Pennsylvania. The section of the book that pertains to this research is entitled “Register of Marriages by Robert D. Morris, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Newtown, Bucks Co Pennsylvania.” This section appears to be written by the same hand and possibly at the same time as the ink and penmanship carry over from one entry to another. The entries are in chronological order beginning November 1838 and ending June 1857. Our subject, Susanna Krewson, married within that timeframe. The book is in good condition and the writing is clear and legible.

The father of Susanna Krewson is directly answered in this document. This is direct evidence that John Krewson of Newtown, Bucks, Pennsylvania was her father. From previous research, it was discovered the John Krewson mentioned in this document was a carpenter. There is no mother mentioned, but the record book is not helpful as only fathers are mentioned throughout, no women.

It is unclear as to who paid for the license for this marriage. Each entry in the book has a different amount listed, although the most common charge is \$2. The license for Andrew and Susanna says “35 cts [cents] – Returned until better off!” Researching their financial status can be added to future research.

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<sup>10</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Newtown Township, p. 36b, dwelling 106, family 110, John Krewson household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7667/images/4288518\\_00112?pId=1698520](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7667/images/4288518_00112?pId=1698520) : accessed 2 Jul 2022); citing NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 1085.

<sup>11</sup> “U.S., Presbyterian Church Records, 1701-1970,” database entry for Susanna Krewson and Andrew Bothell, marriage record #74, citing 1847 marriage.

## **Will – John Krewson – Newtown, Bucks, Pennsylvania<sup>12</sup>**

### *Abstract:*

Will of John Kruson

Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Will Book 16:376

Written 3 January 1866; proved 28 February 1866

I, John Kruson of Newtown Township Bucks County. Executor to sell my Real Estate & personal property; to my five children to be equally divided: Elizabeth Bethel, Samuel Kruson, Mary Worthington, Susanna Bothel, and Amelia Scott. I appoint Nicholas W. Willard Executor. 3rd day of January 1866.

Witnesses: Chas. Willard, Robert M'Master.

[Signed] John Kruson

Proved 28 February 1866, on oaths of Charles Willard and Robert M'Master, witnesses.

H. R. Sager Register of Wills, Bucks County, letters testamentary were granted to Nicholas W Willard Executor.

### *Analysis:*

This is a digital copy of a derivative record of the will of John Krewson, written 3 January 1866 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The book is in good condition with legible writing and for the most part, easy to decipher. The entries were most likely recorded by the Register of Wills, H.R. Sager. It was the job of the Register of Wills to maintain documents relating to probate files.<sup>13</sup> Bucks County probate began in 1684, shortly after its creation in November 1682.<sup>14</sup> This document is direct evidence of the parent/daughter relationship between John Krewson and Susanna Bothel, as he directly names each of his children: Elizabeth Bethel, Samuel Kruson, Mary Worthington, Susanna Bothel, and Amelia Scott. The women have all married and are listed by their married surnames. The one person who is not mentioned in this document is his wife. It is presumed that she is deceased at this time, but more evidence is needed to prove this.

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<sup>12</sup> "Pennsylvania, U.S. Wills and Probate Records, 1683-1993," entry for John Kruson no. 11848, Bucks County, vol. 15-16, p 376.

<sup>13</sup> Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Pennsylvania State Archives (<http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bah/dam/rg/coffices.htm#RegisterWills> : accessed 10 Jul 2022).

<sup>14</sup> *Familysearch.org* ([https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Bucks\\_County,\\_Pennsylvania\\_Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Bucks_County,_Pennsylvania_Genealogy) : accessed 10 Jul 2022).

**Find A Grave memorial and headstone – John Krewson<sup>15</sup>**

**Find A Grave memorial and headstone – Jane Krewson<sup>16</sup>**

*Transcriptions:*

John Krewson  
died  
Feb 12, 1866  
in the 80<sup>th</sup> year of  
his age

Jane  
wife of  
John Krewson  
died  
Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1861  
in the 72<sup>nd</sup> year of  
her age

*Analysis:* Both memorials are authored sources with undetermined information, as the informant is unknown. The death date on John Krewson's headstone correlates with his probate record that names his children. Three of his children are attached to him and Jane Parker Krewson on their Find A Grave memorial page. Also, the fact that John and Jane are buried next to each other, and Jane's memorial states she was the wife of John, indicates they were married. The marriage year of 1814 is included with the other vital statistics. The stones are legible enough to read. On John Krewson's memorial, there is only a single photo of his headstone. On Jane Parker Krewson's memorial page, there is a second photo showing the two headstones side by side. Jane's headstone appears to be much cleaner than John's. It is unclear who provided the information included on both of their headstones. It is also unclear as to when these headstones were created.

**1814 Marriage – John Krewson and Jane Parker<sup>17</sup>**

*Transcription:*

“On the 19<sup>th</sup> ultimo, by Derick K. Hogeland, esq. Mr. John Kroesen, carpenter, of Southampton, to the amiable Mrs. Jane Parker, of Newtown. “

*Analysis:* This is a digital image of an original source. The information is undetermined as we do not know who provided this information to the newspaper. This does provide direct evidence for the marriage of John Kroesen and Mrs. Jane Parker on 19 Oct 1814. The print is very clear and

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<sup>15</sup> Ancestry, *Find A Grave*, database with images (<http://www.findagrave.com>: accessed 1 August 2022), memorial 25652068, John Krewson (1786-1866), Historic Presbyterian Church of Newtown Cemetery, Newtown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, created by Mike, contributor 46867680; headstone photo by Little P, contributor 47023172.

<sup>16</sup> Ancestry, *Find A Grave*, database with images (<http://www.findagrave.com>: accessed 1 August 2022), memorial 25652058, Jane Krewson (1789-1861), Historic Presbyterian Church of Newtown Cemetery, Newtown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, created by Mike, contributor 46867680; headstone photo by Rebecca Evans, contributor 47327811.

<sup>17</sup>“Married,” *Pennsylvania Correspondent, and Farmers' Advertiser* (Doylestown, Pennsylvania), 7 Nov 1814, p. 3, col. 2; digital image, *Genealogy Bank* ([www.genealogybank.com](http://www.genealogybank.com): accessed 22 Sep 2022).

legible. Derick K. Hogeland was a Justice of the Peace in and around Southampton, Bucks, Pennsylvania.<sup>18</sup> The fact that Jane Parker is listed as “Mrs. Jane Parker” leads us to believe she had been married before. This can be addressed in a future research session to see if she was married before or if this was a typographical error.

### **1820 Baptism Record – Elizabeth Krewson, Samuel Krewson – Parents John Krewson and Jane Parker and 1820 Baptism Record – Jane Krewson** <sup>19</sup>

#### *Extracted Information:*

Parent’s Names: John Crusen and Jane Parker  
Names of Children: Elizabeth and Samuel  
Baptism Date: 20 May 1820  
Baptism Place: The house of Thomas Dungan

#### Baptism of Adult Persons:

Jane Krusen wife of John Krusen  
Baptized 19 May 1820 at the New Church

*Analysis:* This is a digital copy of a derivative record book containing the baptisms and marriages performed by Rev. Jacob Larzelere, Pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The book is in good condition and the writing is clear and legible. It is unclear as to who copied information into this book. Entries are in chronological order starting in 1797 and ending in 1820, the dates of the pastoral service of Rev. Larzelere.

Pennsylvania did not require statewide registration of births until 1906 with general compliance by 1915.<sup>20</sup> Bucks County began recording births in 1893.<sup>21</sup> Before that date, it was up to other entities such as churches to record births and baptisms. The Dutch had the practice of using a woman’s maiden name in official records and it appeared the Dutch Reformed Church followed that tradition.<sup>22</sup> In each entry in these baptism records, the women are listed by their maiden names. The entry for the parents of Elizabeth and Samuel Krewson are John Krewson and Jane Parker. The fact that Jane is listed with the last name “Parker” makes it even more curious if this was her maiden name or if she was previously married and the recorder of the information only knew her name as Jane Parker.

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<sup>18</sup> “North America, Family Histories, 1500-2000,” digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/3196294:61157> : accessed 4 Jul 2022), entry for Henry Wynkoop, image 117 of 268; *Wynkoop Genealogy in the United States of America*, p. 69. Dirk K. Hogeland is mentioned as the father-in-law of entry “410 Henry” with a footnote as to his residence and occupation.

<sup>19</sup> North and Southampton Dutch Reformed Club, “Pennsylvania and New Jersey, U.S. Church and Town Records, 1669-2013.”

<sup>20</sup> “Bucks County, Pennsylvania Genealogy,” *FamilySearch Wiki* ([https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Bucks\\_County\\_Pennsylvania\\_Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Bucks_County_Pennsylvania_Genealogy) : accessed 4 Jul 2022).

<sup>21</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>22</sup> Yvette Hoitink, “Quick tip: maiden names,” *Dutch Genealogy*, 10 July 2013 (<https://www.dutchgenealogy.nl/maiden-names/> : accessed 4 Jul 2022).

## **1821 Baptism Record – Mary Krewson – Parents John Krewson and Jane Parker <sup>23</sup>**

### *Extracted Information:*

Parent's Names: John Krusen and Jane Parker

Names of Children: Mary

Baptism Date: 21 Mar 1821

Baptism Place: Northampton

*Analysis:* This is the same book as in the baptismal record above. The physical condition of the book and the information contained within is identical. As with Elizabeth and Samuel, the parents of Mary Krewson are listed as John Krewson and Jane Parker.

## **1860 Census – John Krewson and others <sup>24</sup>**

*Analysis:* This is a digital copy of an original record. The information is undetermined because the informant is unknown. The 1860 census did not list relationships, but this can be considered indirect evidence of the relationship between John Krewson and everyone else in the household. Taking this census record and combining it with direct evidence previously stated, John and Jane were presumed to be husband and wife. Elizabeth Bethel was the presumed daughter of John and Jane with John Bethel, Elizabeth's son. The next family in the same household is Mahlon and Mary Worthington with their children Emma and Henrietta. Mary was believed to be the daughter of John and Jane Krewson, and Mahlon was her husband. This family is spread across two pages of the census. The document is clear and legible and easy to read. John was still listed as a carpenter, keeping the consistency of his identity throughout time.

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<sup>23</sup> North and Southampton Dutch Reformed Club, "Pennsylvania and New Jersey, U.S. Church and Town Records, 1669-2013."

<sup>24</sup> 1860 U.S. census, Bucks Co., Pa., pop. sch., Newtown, p. 19-20 [penned], 519-20 [stamped], dwelling 145, family 167-168, John Krewson.

*Extracted Information:*

**1860 Census, Newtown, Bucks, Pennsylvania – John Krewson household**

Family Number	Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Birthplace
167	John Krewson	74	M	Carpenter	Penn
167	Jane “	70	F		“
167	Elisabeth Bethel	43	F	Seamstress	
167	John “	6	M		“
168	Mahlon Worthington	33	M	Asst Farmer	“
168	Mary “	36	F		“
168	Emma “	8	F		“
168	Henrietta “	4	F		“

**1850 Census Record – John Krewson and others <sup>25</sup>**

*Analysis:*

This is a digital copy of an original source with undetermined information as the informant is unknown. The 1850 U.S. Federal Census was the first census that listed all members of the household.<sup>26</sup> The census enumerator was told to begin with the father and mother, then each child starting with the oldest, then lodgers, boarders, or the like.<sup>27</sup> Because the 1850 census did not list relationships, this is indirect evidence of the relationship between John and other members of the household. Adding this record to previous records in this report, it is presumed that John and Jane were husband and wife and that Emily Scott was his daughter Amelia Scott living in the household with her husband of less than one year, William S. Scott. Since the 1850 census was the first census in which Susanna was married, it was not expected for her to be living in the home of her parents. Two households away from John were his presumed daughter Elizabeth Bethel and her husband Fenton Bethel and daughter Anna.

*Extracted Information:*

**1850 Census, Newtown, Bucks, Pennsylvania – John Krewson household**

Name	Age	Occupation	Real Estate	Birthplace
John Krewson	64	Carpenter	400	Bucks Co. Pa
Jane	60			
Emily Scott	19			
Wm S. Scott	22	Tailor		

<sup>25</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Bucks Co., Pa., pop. sch., Newtown, p. 36b, dwelling 106, family 110, John Krewson.

<sup>26</sup> *United States Census Bureau* ([https://www.census.gov/history/www/through\\_the\\_decades/index\\_of\\_questions/1850\\_1.html](https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/index_of_questions/1850_1.html) : accessed 8 Jul 2022.)

<sup>27</sup> *United States Census Bureau* (<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/technical-documentation/questionnaires/1850/1850-instructions.html> : accessed 8 Jul 2022.)



The only other information on the census was the sex of the person and a tick mark for Emily Scott, who was married within the year.

**Conclusion:**

There is direct evidence for the parent/child relationship between John Krewson and Susanna Krewson Bothel through Susanna's marriage record and John's will. The will is also direct evidence of the sibling relationships between Susanna, Elizabeth, Samuel, Mary, and Amelia. There is direct evidence of the parent/child relationship between John and Jane Krewson and their children Elizabeth, Samuel, and Mary through baptism records. There is indirect evidence between the parent/child relationship between John and Jane Krewson and their daughter Amelia through the 1850 census and their daughters Elizabeth and Mary in the 1860 census. Since the relationships are established between John, Jane, and all their other children, and Susanna is directly listed as a child of John Krewson in his will, we can therefore determine that Jane Parker is also the mother of Susanna Krewson Bothel.

**Future research:**

- In the newspaper article giving the marriage date of John Krewson and Jane Parker, Jane is listed as Mrs. Jane Parker. Research to see if Jane had a previous marriage.
- In John Krewson's probate record, the land he owned was to be sold and the money distributed between his five children. Look for land records for this sale and to see if the children are named.
- Andrew Bothel and Susanna Krewson's marriage license cost 35 cents and it was returned because they were so poor. Discover more about their financial life.