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1746, Gloucester, #598	Thomas Atkinson, father of Rebecca Atkinson (pregnant) v Reuben Hains	seduction	£200	£60 damages	?
1748, Monmouth, #9177	John Conrey, step-father (?) of Elizabeth Layton (pregnant) v James Wilson	seduction	£200	not indicated	?
1748-1749, Burlington and Gloucester, #13180	Thomas Foster, father of Content Foster (pregnant) v Alexander McGee	seduction	£200	£33.15s damages	John Jones, 26 Mar 1749, Christ Church, Philadelphia
1752, Hunterdon, #42092	Tetus Tytas, father of Mary Tyas (pregnant) v Phillip Welsh	seduction	£100	not indicated	?
1752, Gloucester, #31898	Jermiah Risley, father of Sarah Risley (pregnant) v Robert Doughty	seduction	£200	not indicated	? Thomas Wiggins, 26 Dec. 1760, Swede's Church, Philadelphia
1763, Salem, #27350	David Meeker, father of unnamed daughter (pregnant) v Thomas Woodruff	seduction	£200	not indicated	?
1764, Burlington, #15101	Thomas Humphries, husband of Hannah Humphries (pregnant) v Joshua Anderson	seduction	£300	not indicated	?
1769-1770, Hunterdon, #8362	Walter Cane, father of Patience Cane (pregnant) v William Rockefeller Jr.	seduction	£500	not indicated	Daniel McCann (her mother's will, <i>Abstr. N.J. Wills</i> 39:70-71).
1770, Middlesex, #16632**	John Hull, father of Rachel Hull (pregnant) v Peter Job	seduction	£150	not indicated	?
1783-1785, Sussex County, #21441*	John and Barbary Kline, step-father and mother of Mary Sharp (pregnant) v Jasper Vliet	seduction	£200	not indicated	?
1788-1790, Hunterdon, Monmouth, and Somerset. #19678. See also #19716 (breach of promise).	John Johnson, Esq., father of Elizabeth Johnson (pregnant) v Thomas Millet	seduction	£500.00	£63.00	?
1789-1791, Hunterdon, #6250. See also 6397 (breach of promise)	Cornelius Coryell, father of Eleanor Coryell (pregnant) v John Coolback	seduction	not indicated	£75 damages & child support	Joseph Coryell (of Pa.)
1789-1790, Hunterdon, #37442; 37446 (breach of promise). Reported: 1 N.J. L. 79-80 (1791), (exemplary damages).	Cornelius Stout, father of Joannah Stout (pregnant) v Thomas Prall	seduction	£300 (£100 childbirth)	£100 damages	James Lowry (findagrave 103695950)
1791-1793, Monmouth, #22507	William Lawrence, grandfather of Hannah Lawrence (pregnant) v Samuel Holmes	seduction	£500	not indicated	?
1792, Hunterdon, #39010	Samuel Smith, father of Rachel Smith (pregnant) v John VanCampen Jr.	seduction	£1,000 (£100 childbirth)	not indicated	?
1792-1793, Hunterdon, #3223	Joseph Baker, father of Mary Baker (pregnant) v Jacob Hutchinson	seduction	£200 (£100 childbirth)	not indicated	No (father's will, 1806, <i>Abstr. N.J. Wills</i> 41:22)
1792-1798, Essex, #42684; #39035 & #25174. 6 N.J.L. 322-330 (1796), (challenge to damages unrelated to pregnancy)	William VanHorn, father of Anne VanHorn (not pregnant; claim of sexual coercion) v Alpheus Freeman	seduction	£1,000	£250 damages	No.
1795-1796, Cumberland, #3418.	Jeremiah Brooks, father of Abigail Brooks (pregnant) v Jonathan Holmes (circumstances sound like rape?)	seduction	£800	not indicated	Samuel Holmes, 24 Feb. 1798, Cumberland, N.J.

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1798-1799, Sussex, #14795.	Josiah Tingley, father of Sarah Tingley (pregnant) v Enos Goble, guardian of John Goble	seduction	£400 (£50 expenses)	\$61.00	?
1803-1811, Monmouth, #43195. 3 N.J.L. 299-305 (1811).	Samuel Vaughan, father of Mary Vaughan (pregnant) v Peter Perine	seduction	\$1,000	\$290 damages	Michael Mount, 16 Dec. 1801, Middlesex, N.J.
1805-1814, Burlington and Gloucester, #32714	William Roberts, father of Susan Roberts (pregnant) v Edward O'Boyle	seduction	\$1,000 (£300 childbirth)	\$1,000 damages	?
1806, Sussex, #15157*	Joseph Hendrie, father of Mary Shaw Hendrie (pregnant) v William T. Anderson	seduction	\$3,000 (£500 childbirth)	not indicated	?
1807-1809, Somerset, #24952*; #7853 (appeal). 3 N.J.L. 169-183 (1809).	Sarah Moffit, mother of Elizabeth Moffit (pregnant) v David Coon	seduction	\$1,000	\$100 damages	?
1810-1813, Hunterdon and Somerset, #34329. See also #34330 (breach of promise).	Samuel Stillman, father of Ann Stillman (pregnant) v William Cool	seduction	\$400 (\$100 childbirth)	\$275 damages	John Barber, 19 Dec. 1812, Hunterdon, N.J.
1811-1814, Hunterdon and Somerset, #39035. See also #43502, 3 N.J.L. 636-638 (1811), (child support).	William Spader, father of Phebe Spader (pregnant) v William C. Van Horn	seduction	\$2,000 (\$200 childbirth)	Plaintiff to pay costs.	No (father's will, 1815, <i>Cal. N.J. Wills</i> 13:400)
1815-1817, Burlington, #384. 4 NJL 391-397 (1816).	James Allen, father of Ann Allen (pregnant) v Ebenezer Deacon.	seduction	\$2000.00	\$500.00	?
1817-1818, Hunterdon, #36472	Henry G. Schamp, father of Mary Schamp (pregnant) v John Low	seduction	\$5,000 (\$500 childbirth)	\$750 damages	?
1825-1827, 1845, Middlesex, #16148	Thomas Hooper, father of Sarah Ann Hooper (pregnant) v John Grover Jr.	seduction	\$3,000	\$600 damages	George Washington Carson, 18 Dec. 1834
1828, Warren, #12568	James Brugler, father of Hannah Brugler (pregnant) v Jacob R. Fries	seduction	\$1,000 (\$100 expenses)	\$300	
1835, Bergen, #34807*; #34807**.	John E. Smith, father of Phebe H. Smith (pregnant) v Isaac C. Cooper	seduction	\$10,000	not indicated	No (1850 census)
1835-1838, Essex, #38748*	Washington Squier, father of Hannah Eliza Squier (pregnant) v John Squier	seduction	\$5,000 (\$500 childbirth)	\$800 damages	No (1850 census)
1839, Bergen, #22739*	Stephen Lutkins, grandfather of Eliza Lutkins (pregnant) v George D. Hooper	seduction	\$2,000 (\$100 childbirth)	not indicated	John Vreeland, 16 Sept. 1843, Bergen Reformed Dutch Church
1841, Bergen, #20479*	Richard Berdan, father of Ellen D. Berdan (pregnant) v John Kipp	seduction	\$4,000	\$1900	
1770, Essex and Middlesex, #29939	Margaret Price (pregnancy not mentioned) v Cavalier Jouet, for breach of promise	breach of promise to marry	£1,000	not indicated	No (findagrave.com 6079368)
1789, Hunterdon, Monouth, and Somerset, #19716. See also #19678 (seduction).	Elizabeth Johnson v Thomas Millet	breach of promise to marry	£1,000	£400	?
1789, Hunterdon, #6397; see #6250 (seduction). 1 N.J.L. 77-78 (1791), (overlap with previous seduction suit?).	Eleanor Coryell (pregnant) v John Colbaugh, for breach of promise	breach of promise to marry	£1,000	£77 damages	Joseph Coryell (of Pennsylvania)

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1790, Hunterdon, #37446; see #37442 (seduction)	Joanna Stout (pregnant) v Thomas Prall, presumably for breach of promise	breach of promise to marry	not indicated	not indicated	James Lowry (findagrave.com , 103695950)
1796, Gloucester, #23155	Mary Lawrence (pregnancy not indicated) v John Marshall Jr., for breach of promise	breach of promise to marry	£4,000	not indicated, but see marriage	John Marshall, 28 Aug. 1796, Gloucester, N.J.
1806-1807, Cumberland, #16606	Elizabeth Hann (pregnant) v David Irelan, for breach of promise	breach of promise to marry	\$3,000	£75	George Danzenbaker, 28 Jan. 1809, Cumberland, N.J.
1810-1812, Hunterton and Somerset, #34330	Ann Stillman (pregnant) v William Cool, for breach of promise	breach of promise to marry	\$1,000	\$200 damages	? John Barber, 19 Dec. 1812, Hunterdon, N.J.

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