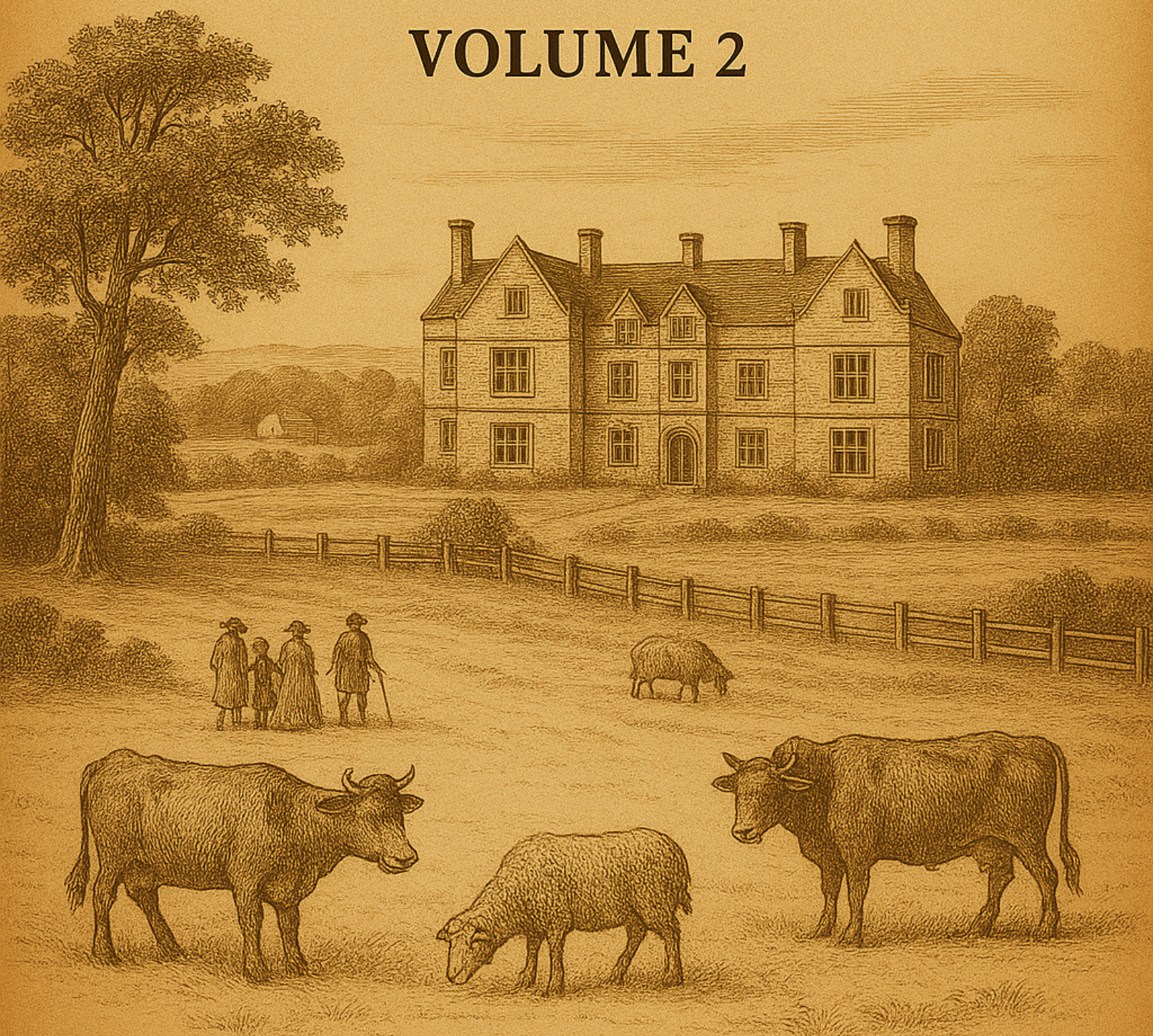


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FAMILIES
OF THE 17TH CENTURY
VOLUME 2



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Foreword

The production of Volume 2 of *Worthington Families of the Seventeenth Century* is the result of the dedication of Ian Worthington and a great number of very worthy Worthington Family History Society members. A book on family history of this calibre is only achieved through thorough, proven, primary research, dedication, persistence and a love of family history, especially when they are one's own ancestral connections.

It may have taken a long time to achieve production of Volume 2 as the members of the original group who started up the *Worthington 17th Century Project* in 2005, later merged into the *Worthington Family History Society*, have dwindled due to illness, old age and death. It is all thanks to Ian Worthington, our current President of the *Worthington Family History Society*, who has kept the momentum going. The completion of Volume 2 is a huge achievement of which he and the small group assisting him, namely Heather Lawrence, Sidney Worthington, and me, plus the late Stuart G Worthington, all founding members of the Project and Society, should be justly proud.

When I was a child one of the biggest treats I was given, was when my father took me out into the garden in the dead of night to look at the moon, especially a full moon. Under his arm he carried an old oblong wooden box with a bronze plaque on the lid bearing the Royal Coat of Arms of His Highness Frederick, Duke of York, King George III's second son. Out of the box he would lift a beautiful old telescope. Etched on the bronze barrel was inscribed 'Presented to Mr Worthington by their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York in appreciation of his assistance at their landing at Dover 18th November 1791'. Mr Worthington is my 3 times great grandfather, Benjamin Jelly Worthington (1763-1822), a Customs Cutter Commander. The Worthingtons of Dover are my ancestors. I am thrilled that after forty years of research the ancestry of Benjamin Jelly Worthington is published in Volume 2.

I am sure that many of you will have similar memories and thoughts, and I trust that you will be equally as thrilled to find your own ancestors within these pages.

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Methodology

This volume was created using a similar (but not exact) methodology to that of Volume one: Pedigrees were initially compiled from the information contained in the eleven volumes of *The Worthington Register of References*. Evidence documents showing the particular reference or references in the *Register* or an external primary source were produced to go with each chart. They were then independently examined for accuracy by two other members of the Society with no personal connection to the pedigree. As many of the pedigrees which make up this volume were originally produced at the same time as those for volume 1 - i.e. up to 20 years ago, it was agreed that each pedigree should be reviewed and re-examined to allow for any new information, either from the *Worthington Register of References* or indeed any other source (many of the parish registers and wills are now viewable as images of original documents on line). This process of review and re-examination took place between 2019 and 2023. Extensive use was made the on line images now available on Ancestry, FindMyPast and others to verify information and data which had originally been gleaned from the *International Genealogical Index* (IGI).

Throughout the whole process of compilation and examination, where there was any disagreement, efforts were made to resolve the issue between compiler and examiners. On the rare occasion that this was not possible, that entry was *not* included in the pedigree chart (but the argument put forward by the compiler or examiner may have been used at a later stage and included in the narrative to the pedigree when it was drafted).

It was decided by the WFHS council in 2020 that this volume would not be published in the same hard back format as Volume one, but would be made available to members only on the Society's website. However a regrettable, but inevitable, decline in the numbers of the core membership caused a rethink of this policy and a decision was made in 2021 to publish initially electronically (e-publishing), and subsequently, in, a limited run, paper format. It is the current intention of the President and Council to make this and a third volume, which will cover the Worthington families of Cheshire and Montgomeryshire, freely available on line. This will enable any researchers with an interest in the Worthington family name to have full access to this valuable body of work.

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Introduction

The following chapters and Pedigrees are arranged in county order beginning with Leicestershire, which after Lancashire and Cheshire was the area of England with the largest number of Worthington families in the 17th century.

The images of the county maps at the head of each chapter are those produced by Jan Jansen and cover the period 1588-1684.

Each family group has a coloured pedigree chart (each colour denoting a different generation). If viewing these on line or electronically they can be magnified for easier reading. These are followed by more detailed notes about the individuals within the charts.

**The
Worthington
Families of
Leicestershire**



The county of Leicestershire by Jan Jansen 1588-1684

The County of Leicestershire

There has been a place named Worthington in Leicestershire since Saxon times. But it is not known exactly when the first Worthington family arrived in the county. *The Worthington Families of Medieval England* by Philip M Worthington states that the earliest reference to a Worthington in Leicestershire was Peter de Worthington about the middle of the thirteenth century. But thereafter there was little or nothing about the family name until the sixteenth century when several branches of Worthingtons existed in Leicestershire. One of these lived in Belton, just two and a half miles from Worthington.

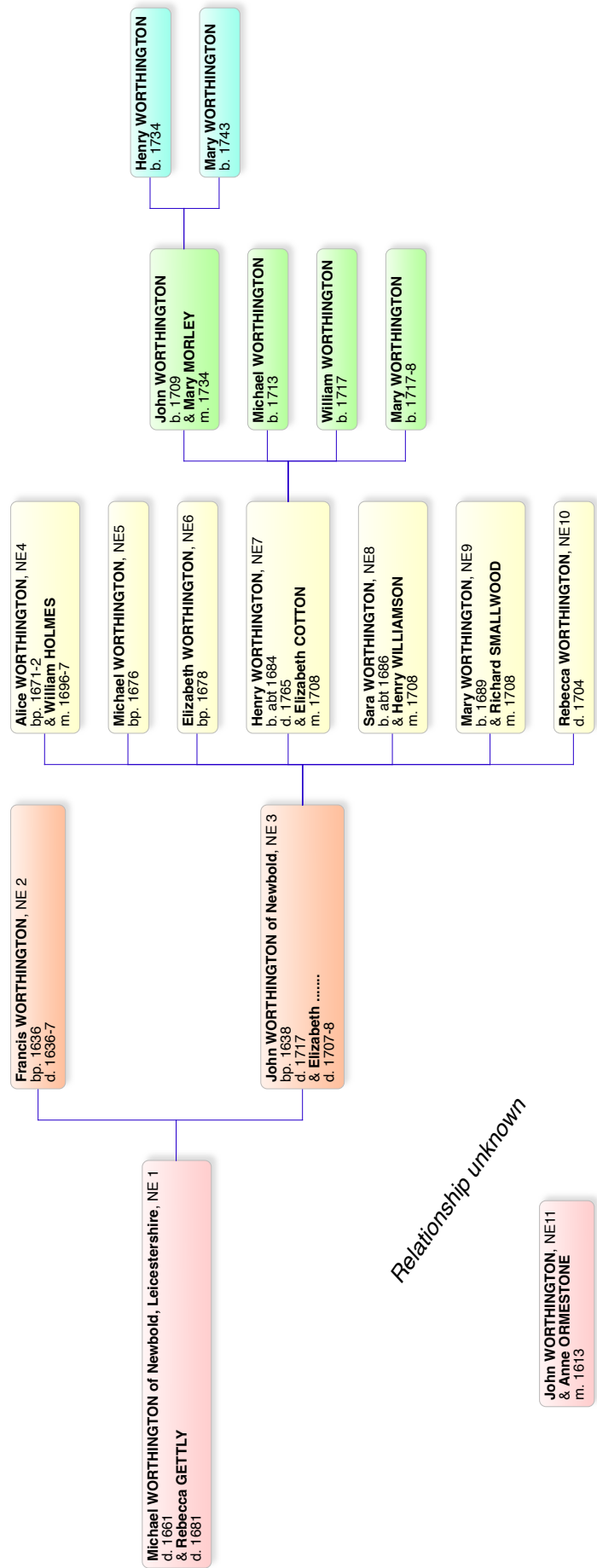
We know that by the seventeenth century there were at least five Worthington family groups living in the county: in Lockington; Leicester St Margaret's; Newbold, Worthington and Coleorton; Norton Juxta Twycross and Orton on the Hill. Each has its own narrative and pedigree in this series.

Further connections outside Leicestershire

There is some compelling, but as yet unproven evidence that the Worthingtons who settled in and around the village of Worthington during the seventeenth century, specifically Newbold, arrived from Staffordshire, and in particular, Hopwas and Tamworth. It includes some speculation (from online, and other, as yet unproved sources) that **Michael NE1** was from Tamworth, Staffordshire and the son of a brother of John b1545 and Hugh b1550 Worthington of Hoppas, near to Tamworth. The name of that brother (Michael's alleged father) is not known. But there was a third named brother, Christopher b1555. The same source records a brother to Michael called John b1590 and Michael's birth as 1600. This would fit with **John NE4** and **Michael NE1** in this pedigree, but remains unproven for the time being. The same source develops the line from Michael bap 1676 (the eldest child of **John NE3**). It shows Michael and his family living in Markfield, some 10 miles to the south east towards Leicester.

Furthermore, there are other credible connections between Staffordshire and Leicestershire, specifically between Tamworth and Orton on the Hill. Council member William C (Bill) Worthington in the US has a collection of his grandfather's journals and transcriptions which contain a lot of information about this area and the families living in it.

Worthington Family of Newbold, Worthington and Coleorton, co. Leicester



Relationship unknown

John WORTHINGTON, NE11
m. 1613
& Anne ORMESTONE

Thomas WORTHINGTON, NE12
living 1633

Chapter 1 - Newbold, Worthington and Coleorton

Newbold was one of three main hamlets, the others being Worthington and Coleorton, in the parish of Breedon on the Hill. The parish church in Breedon is dedicated to St Mary and St Hardulph and is known as the Priory church. It has a long history dating back as a priory (to around 1120) and a monastery (during the seventh century). Parish records survive from 1562-3 for baptisms, marriages and burials and are deposited at Leicester Record Office. Many are nowadays also viewable online from a number of websites.

The hamlet of Worthington had its own chapelry as far back as the thirteenth century and was part of Breedon parish. It became a parish in its own right in the eighteenth century and is dedicated to St Matthew. There are registers recording baptisms from 1636 but there is only one entry for a Worthington, at least during the seventeenth century (Francis in 1636). Marriages and burials appear to have taken place at the "mother" church of St Mary and St Hardulph in Breedon on the Hill.

Coleorton also had its own church, St Mary's, and there is a register there of christenings, marriages and burials from 1660 - 1700. These include several entries for Worthington family members during this time, indicating that at least one family was settled there.



St Mary's Coleorton

The hamlets are situated just over 5 miles NNE of Ashby de la Zouch and close to the bordering county of Derbyshire. Newbold is about 1 mile south west of Worthington, with Coleorton nestled in between. It should not be confused with Newbold Vardon, Leicestershire which is situated some 11 miles south of Coleorton.

Generation 1

Michael and Rebecca

NE1 Michael Worthington

There is no record of Michael's birth or baptism in Breedon, but given he married Rebecca Gettly on 14 November 1626 at Breedon parish church¹, we can presume that he was born around the beginning of the 17th century. The marriage register records his name as Myhill and that he was a labourer. Michael and Rebecca had two known sons, Francis and John. Their first known born child was baptised some 10 years after their marriage, so perhaps there were other children who similarly perished as infants? Michael died in 1661 and was buried at Breedon on 16 October¹. Rebecca died in 1681. Her burial is recorded as *Widow Worthington* buried 16 July 1681¹. There are no other known Worthington widows around at that time, so this is presumed to be her.

Generation 2

Family of Michael and Rebecca

NE2 Francis

Francis was baptised in the chapel at Worthington². The register entry reads "*Michael Worthington, labourer and Rebeckah his wife and their sone Francis baptysed the 9th day of October 1636.*" He only lived a few weeks and was buried at Breedon on the Hill on 19 January 1636-7¹.



St Matthew's church, Worthington

NE3 John

John was baptised on 7 December 1638 at Breedon on the Hill¹. The entry records his parents as Michael, a labourer and "Rebecka". John married someone called Elizabeth but her surname is not known and nor is the date or place of their marriage. The couple had seven known children. John died in 1717 and was buried on 5 May that year at Breedon on the Hill¹. The register described him as being "*John WORTHINGTON of Newbold*". Elizabeth, his wife had pre-deceased him, and was buried on 25 January 1707-8 also at Breedon¹.

Generation 3

Family of John and Elizabeth

NE4 Alice, the eldest child of John and Elizabeth was baptised at Coleorton on 24 March 1671-2³. Alice married William Holmes, also at St Mary's Coleorton on 28 January 1696-7³.

NE5 Michael was baptised on 27 August 1676, as were his younger siblings, at the Priory church in Breedon on the Hill¹.

NE6 Elizabeth was baptised on 26 May 1678¹.

NE7 Henry was baptised on 18 May 1684¹. He married Elizabeth Cotton on 1 May 1708 and they had at least four children: John (1709), Michael (1713), William (1717) and Mary (1717-8). John, Henry's son, married Mary Morley in 1734 and had at least one son Henry (1734) and one daughter Mary (1743).

NE8 Sara was baptised 14 March 1685-6¹. She married Henry Williamson on 1 May 1708¹, the same day her brother Henry married Elizabeth Cotton.

NE9 Mary was baptised on 21 October 1689¹. She married Richard Smallwood on 21 October 1708, at Breedon on the Hill¹, this was the same year, but on a different date than her sister Sara and brother Henry.

NE10 Rebecca was the possibly their youngest child and died in 1704. The register reads "*Rebecka, daughter of Joⁿ Worthington of Newbold, buried April 7th*".



St Mary & St Hardulph Breedon on the Hill

Unknown relationship

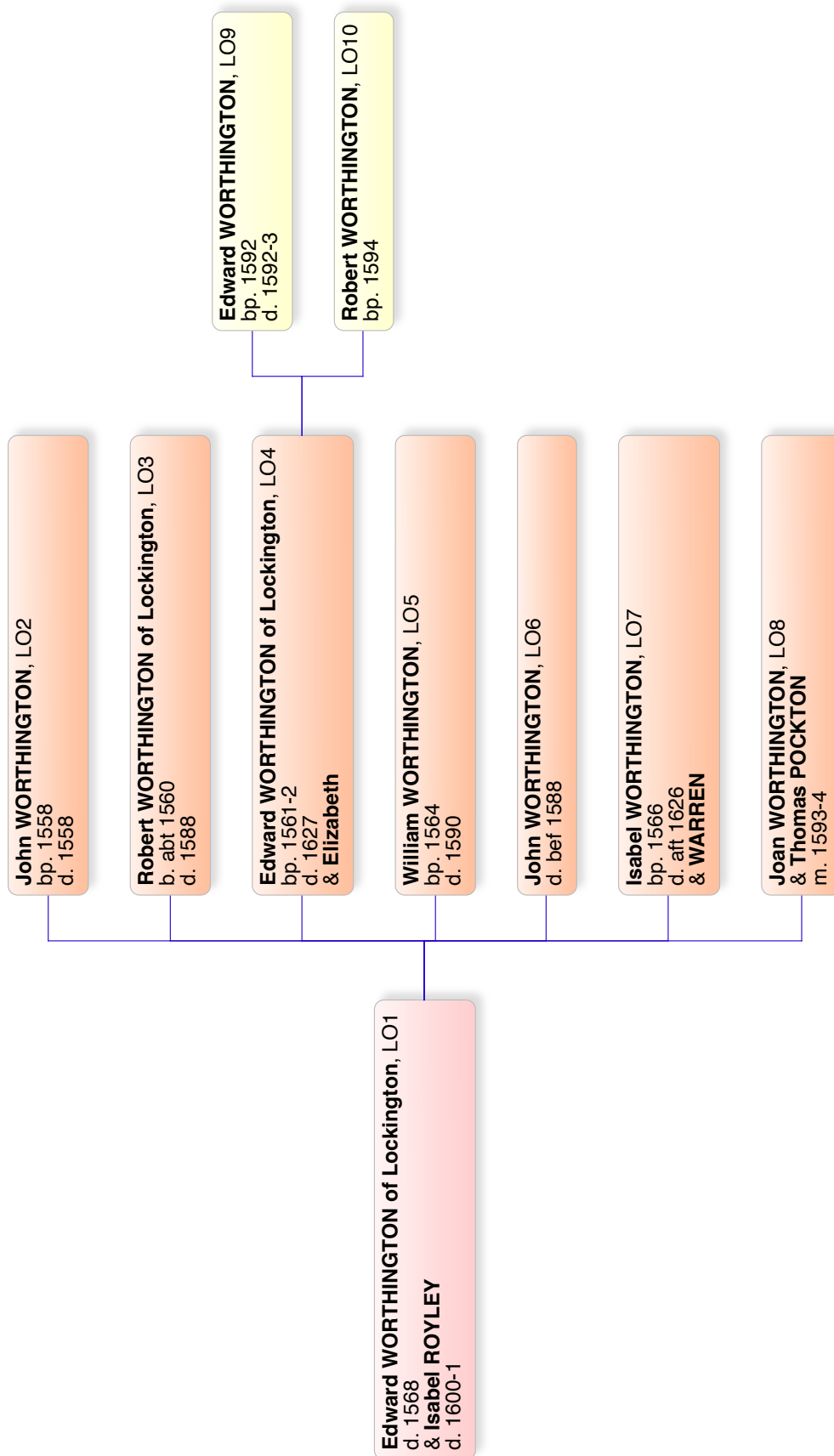
NE11 John

There is a marriage in the Breedon on the Hill register between John Worthington and Anne Ormestone on 10 July 1613¹. It is not known who this is, but it is the earliest known entry in this parish. Was John a brother of **Thomas NE12** and **Michael NE1**? The age range makes it feasible.

NE12 Thomas

All that is known of Thomas is that he was the father of an unnamed child, who died in 1633. Given the register describes the burial of a child and not an infant, would imply that Thomas was born at least sometime around or before 1610. This would make him of an age to be the brother of **Michael NE1**.

The Worthington Family of Lockington, co. Leicester



Chapter 2 - Lockington

Lockington is situated in the far north of the county, along the border with Derbyshire, and about 10 miles to the north east of the villages of Newbold, Worthington and Coleorton.

The parish church is dedicated to St Nicholas and the original building was constructed in the 13th century. A tower was added in the 15th century. There was an associated chapel/church in nearby Hemington, founded in 1200 but closed in 1590. Parish records for St Nicholas date back to 1557, and many of those between 1557 and 1686 can be found on line at *FindMyPast*. There is a graveyard next to the church in which most of the family below were laid to rest.

Generation 1

Edward and Isabel

LO1 Edward

It is not known when or where Edward was born, nor anything about his parents or siblings. He may have come from Cheadle, Cheshire. He certainly had connections there and held land in the 16th century as shown in his will dated 1568². The will describes him as a husbandman and he made bequests of tenanted land, livestock and malt to his family, neighbours and the churches at Lockington and Lincoln.

His wife Isabel was a Royley and also had connections to Cheadle, Cheshire. Edward mentions his brother-in-law John Royley in his will. It may be coincidence but worthy of further research, as Royle and Ryle are surnames associated with the Worthingtons of Crossacres, in Etchells, Cheshire. Crossacres is in the parish of Northenden which is next to the parish of Cheadle, being only 3 miles apart. Roger Worthington of Crossacres married Elizabeth Ryle in 1587. Was Roger a nephew of Edward?

We do not know when they married but Edward and Isabel had seven known children: five sons and two daughters. The eldest was born around 1558 so a marriage just before then seems likely. Edward died in 1568 and was buried at the parish church of St Nicholas, Lockington on 21 April¹. His age is unknown but given his first known child by Isabel (assuming it was his only marriage) was born around only 10 years before his death, he is unlikely to have been much more than 40 years old.

His wife Isabel was made executrix of her son Robert's will³, which was proved on 4 June 1588. She died in 1600-1 and was buried at St Nicholas church, Lockington on 27 January¹. The entry reads *Isable widow Worthington was buried...*

Generation 2

Family of Edward and Isabel.

LO2 John

John was the eldest son of Edward and Isabel but died an infant. He was baptised on the 5th and buried on 15th December 1558 at Lockington¹.

LO3 Robert

Robert's baptism date is not known, but he is mentioned in his father's will as the eldest living son in 1568. Given his brother John was born and died in 1558 and brother Edward was baptised in 1561-2, it is logical that Robert was born sometime between these two dates around 1559-60. He died quite a young man, his own will being proved on 4 June 1588³ when he must have been around 28 years old. He was buried at St Nicholas church, Lockington on 4 May 1588¹. Given no mention of a wife or children in his will, it is assumed he was unmarried and had no issue.

LO4 Edward

Edward was baptised at St Nicholas church, Lockington on 15 February 1561-2¹. He married someone called Elizabeth and they had two sons, Edward and Robert. **Edward LO4** died in 1627 and was buried at St Nicholas church on 30 September¹.

Elizabeth remarried by licence only two months later on 27 November 1627⁴. Her second husband, John Cook, had himself only just become a widower, having buried his first wife, also named Elizabeth, on 4 October 1627. For the two of them to lose their spouse at about the same time and remarry each other within eight weeks seems a little unusual. Was this just coincidence or had they known each other for some time?

One consideration is that Edward's will was written some months before his death and he was evidently ill, so perhaps the death was not unexpected. (The plague had been ravaging Europe since 1624 and had killed 35000 in London in 1625. The summer of 1626 was very hot and it continued to ravage in many parts of Europe.) In his will³ Edward left the majority of his estate to his wife with provisions for his son Robert. It showed, like his father, that he also owned property in Cheshire, although not in Cheadle, but in "Chethame". Cheetham (Hill) is nowadays northern Manchester and would have been in Lancashire in the 17th century. Notwithstanding, the fact he owned property in the region merits further investigation as to the links between the Worthingtons of Lockington and those of Manchester and northern Cheshire.

LO5 William

William was baptised on 25 September 1564 at St Nicholas church, Lockington¹. The parish register records him as the son of Edward Wyrthington. He is believed to have been buried at the same church on 19 June 1590 when he would have been 26 years old. There is no record of a marriage or that he had any children. "Believed to have been buried" as there is no proof in the register that the William buried that day was the son of **Edward LO1**. But that there were no others in the family in Lockington known as William during this period makes it more likely. We know he was alive in 1588 when he was mentioned in his brother Robert's will but he was believed to have died before 1626 as he is not mentioned in his brother Edward's will of that year.

LO6 John

John is assumed to be the son of **Edward LO1** as recorded in the latter's will². Edward does mention his two elder sons Robert and Edward by name but William Worthington and John Worthington are named in the will but not as his sons. Why not? They were young, aged just 3 or 4 years but Edward and Robert were not much older at 7 or 8 years. The fact that there are no other known Worthington families in the area at that time by those names, and the fact we know that William was the son of Edward from his baptism, leads to the assumption that both were his sons. Unlike William, there is no further mention of John in his brothers' wills and he probably died before 1588.

LO7 Isabel

Isabel was baptised on 2 September 1566 at St Nicholas, Lockington¹. The entry reads *Isable daughter of Edward Worthington was bapt. 2 Septemb*. The scribe who wrote in the register misspells all the entries with the name Isabel to Isable. She was also the eldest daughter and probably named after her mother. Isabel is mentioned by name as the sister of Robert Worthington in his will proved in 1588³ and of Edward Worthington in his will dated 1626². By then she had married a Mr Warren of Melbourne co. Derby. Where and when is not known, but certainly between 1588 and 1626.

LO8 Joan

Joan was probably the youngest of Edward and Isabel's children, and born shortly before her father's death. She is named in her brother Robert's will in 1588³. She married Thomas Pockton on 4 February 1593-4 at Lockington¹. It is not known whether they had children. Joan is not mentioned in her brother Edward's will unlike her married sister Isabel. Whether this means she had died before then is not clear.

Generation 3

Family of Edward and Elizabeth

LO9 Edward

Edward was the elder son of Edward and Elizabeth and was baptised at St Nicholas church Lockington on 1 November 1592. He died as an infant and was buried at the same church 4 months later in March 1592-3¹.

LO10 Robert

Robert was also baptised at Lockington as the son of Edward on 26 May 1594¹. He is recorded in his father's will in 1626². He evidently lived into adulthood but what became of him is unknown.



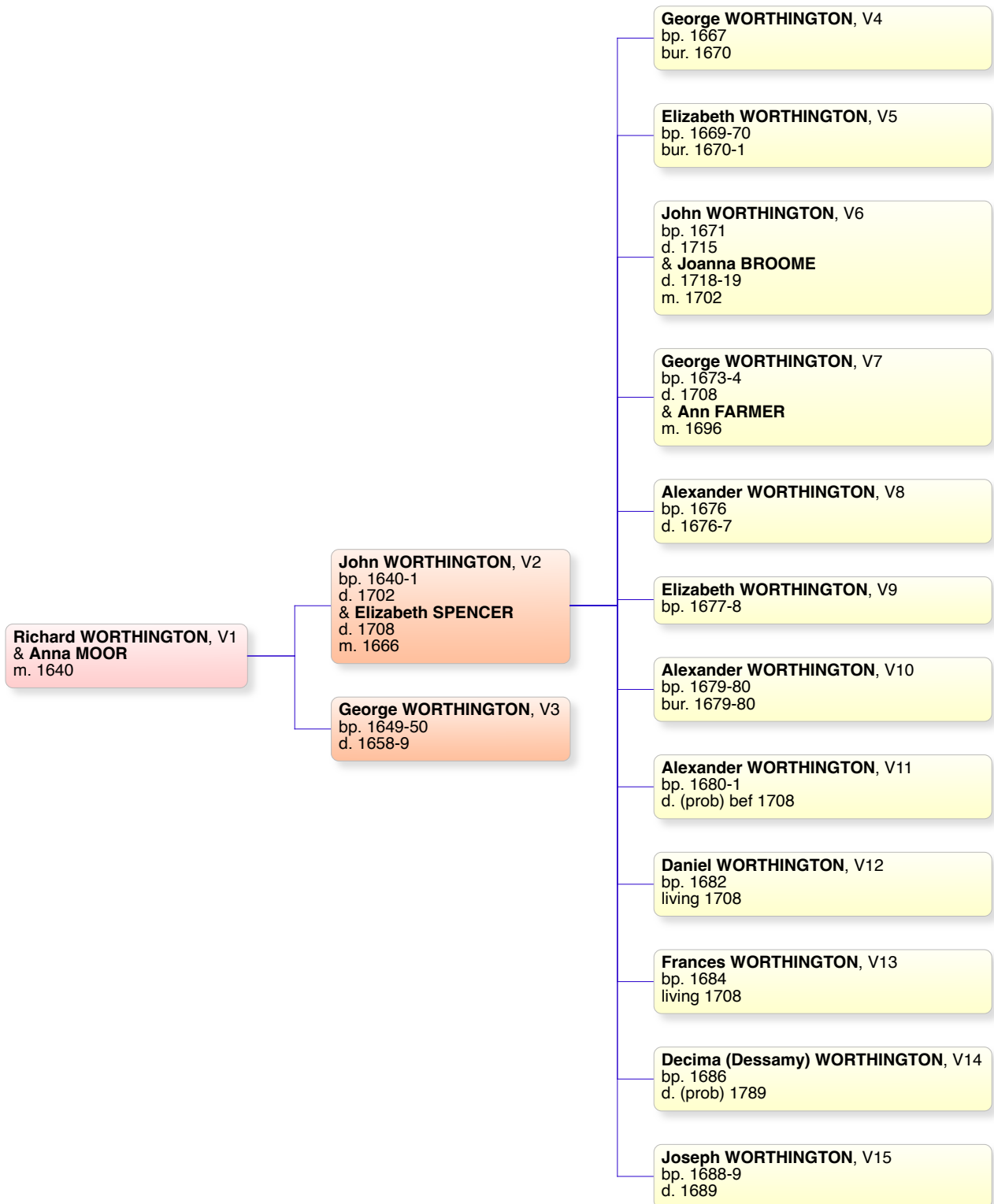
St Nicholas Lockington

The end of the Worthingtons of Lockington?

The last entry in the registers at St Nicholas Lockington which mentions a Worthington is that of the marriage of Edward's LO4 widow, Elizabeth, to John Cook in 1627. A search until that register ends in 1686 has no other record of a Worthington. Either the family moved away from Lockington or it died out there.

Of the known sons of Edward and Isabel, only two survived to adulthood and only one, Edward, married and had just one son Robert, who lived long enough to have his own children. After 1626 there is no trace of Robert either.

The Worthington Family of Leicester St Margaret's, co. Leicester



Chapter 3 - Leicester St Margaret's

St Margaret's was an ancient parish consisting two parts: one within the borough boundary and the other outside the walled town, extending over the East Field of Leicester. St Margaret's today is within the city centre of Leicester. It is some 17 miles to the south east of Newbold, Worthington and Lockington and about 21 miles east of Orton and Twycross.

Historically the Prebendal Church of St Margaret's had been a peculiar, exempt from the jurisdiction of the Archdeacon of Leicester, but remained under the Bishop of Lincoln who could visit the parish in his primary and triennial visitations. In practice an official of the dean and chapter or the prebendary was the judge in all matters (including wills), although the right of appeal to the Bishop remained. The prebend and peculiar were abolished in 1878.

Parish registers begin in 1615 and Bishop's transcripts from 1604. The former are available online at *FindMyPast*.

There appears to be no link between this Worthington family line and those in Newbold or Lockington at the time. Nor is there any indication where the family detailed below originated.

Generation 1

Richard and Anna

V1 Richard Worthington

Little is known of Richard other than he married Anna Moor at St Margaret's church on 3 June 1640¹. They had two sons, John and George, but given the 9 year gap between their baptisms, there may have been other children.

Generation 2

Family of Richard and Anna

V2 John

John, the eldest known son of Richard, was baptised on 7 February 1640-1 at St Margaret's Leicester¹. He married Elizabeth Spencer on 20 May 1666¹ at the same church and they had twelve children. John died in 1702 and was buried on 29 May at St Margaret's¹. The burial register records that he was a slater. His wife Elizabeth was granted his estate in an Admon and Bond at St Margaret's².

Elizabeth died in 1708 and was buried on 7 June at St Margaret's¹. Her will was thought to have been lost when research was originally undertaken in 2009 at the Leicestershire Record Office, but an image now can be found on line³. The date of the will is unclear but it appears to have been proved on 21 June 1708. In it there are references to a number of her children vis: John, Daniel, George (and his wife Ann), Elizabeth, who was the executor, Frances and "Dorina", who is presumed to be **Decima V18**.

V3 George

George was the second son of Richard and Anna. He was baptised at St Margaret's Leicester on 3 March 1649-50¹. But he died as a child and was buried at the same church on 24 March 1658-9¹.

Generation 3

Family of John and Elizabeth

John and Elizabeth are known to have had twelve children, but five of them, George, Elizabeth, Alexander, Alexander and Joseph died as infants. It seems that it was the practice for John and Elizabeth to name younger children after their dead elder siblings, hence this family had multiple Georges, Elizabeths and Alexanders.

V4 George

George, the eldest son, was baptised at St Margaret's Leicester on 29 September 1667 and buried there on 21 August 1670¹.

V5 Elizabeth

Elizabeth, the eldest daughter, was baptised at St Margaret's on 9 January 1669-70 and buried there 23 January 1670-1¹.

V6 John

John was baptised on 5 November 1671 at St Margaret's¹. There he married a widow, Joan (Joanna) Pole, née Broome on 21 September 1702¹. John Pole, Joan (Joanna)'s first husband, had been granted a marriage licence to Joanna in 1688. John Pole died in 1702 and his will dated 2 May⁴ that year mentions his wife and two daughters, Elizabeth and Mary. His daughters were made executrices of his will but he also appointed overseers as trustees for them, indicating that they were under the age of 21. John Pole was buried on 3 June 1702 at St Margaret's¹ and Joan (Joanne)'s marriage to John Worthington took place only three months later.

John Worthington was buried at St Margaret's on 30 November 1715¹. He did not leave a will, but an Admin and Bond was granted at St Margaret's to his widow Joanna in 1715. There are no known children of this union, nor any mention of any step children.

Whilst examining this pedigree, the possibility arose that the two daughters of John Pole and Joanna Broome may have been raised by, or at least remained in contact with, their mother and step father and maybe even taken on the name of Worthington. If so then the burial of Elizabeth Worthington at St Margaret's in 1747 may have been one of these children. The author acknowledges that this is only speculation and an outside possibility with no proof.

On 24 July 1716 Johanna was named as: "*Master: Johanna, widow of John Worthington of Leicester, Fr.Wk.Kn. (Frame Work Knitter). Apprentice: Tho. son of Thomas Barrett*".⁵ In 1589, a stout, wooden-framed device was invented, which did "straight" (not "tubular") knitting. By 1598 the mechanism was improved, so that a fabric could be produced with 20 needles to the inch - such as knitted stockings in silk or wool. Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Derbyshire were the centres for the industries.

Johanna died in 1718-9 and was buried on 25 March at St Margaret's¹. Her will⁶ was dated 17 March 1718-9 and she appointed her brother George Broome as executor and sole beneficiary. There is no mention of the children from her first marriage. The burial register records Susanna Worthington, widow and not Johanna, as being buried on 25 March 1719. This must have been an error by the clerk or scribe as it is evidently Johanna who was buried that day, there being no other mention of a Susanna in the parish records for that period.

V7 George

George was baptised at St Margaret's Leicester on 14 January 1673-4¹ and was the second of the children to be given this first name - his elder brother had died the year before George's baptism. George married Ann Farmer on 22 May 1696 at St Helen's church, Ashby-de-la-Zouch⁷. He was buried at St Margaret's on 31 August 1708¹. He did not appear to have left a will. His widow Ann remarried Jonathan Ross on 29 July 1710 at St Margaret's¹. George and Ann had a daughter Mary, but she died an infant, being baptised on 24 July and buried on 3 September 1698¹.



St Margaret's, Leicester

V8, V10 and V11 Alexander

Alexander, V8, was baptised on 13 July 1676 and buried on 5 March 1676-7 at St Margaret's Leicester¹. The burial date indicates that Alexander died aged just 8 months. He was the first of three children to be given the name by George and Ann. His brother **Alexander, V10**, was baptised on 18 January 1679-80 and buried just six days later also at St Margaret's. The third **Alexander, V11**, was baptised on 9 February 1680-1¹. It is not known when he died but is presumed to have been before 1708 as he is not mentioned in his mother's will.

V9 Elizabeth

Elizabeth was baptised on 5 January 1677-8 at St Margaret's Leicester¹. She was mentioned in her mother's will³ in 1708 and therefore presumed living at that time. There is a burial of an Elizabeth Worthington at St Margaret's on 29 August 1747¹. There is no indication in the register if she was a widow or spinster, but probably an adult. There is no proof that this was **Elizabeth V9**.

V12 Daniel

Daniel was baptised on 5 November 1682¹ at St Margaret's Leicester. He was mentioned in his mother's will³ in 1708 and therefore presumed living at that time.

V13 Frances

Frances was baptised on 17 November 1684 at St Margaret's Leicester¹. Like her siblings Daniel and Elizabeth she was mentioned in her mother's will³ and presumed to be living in 1708.

V14 Decima

Decima was baptised on 7 September 1686 at St Margaret's Leicester¹. (*The Register of Worthington References* gives conflicting years of 1685 and 1686 in different volumes from different sources, but the image is now available on line and confirms 1686). Given her name, one would think that she was the tenth child of John and Elizabeth. But she appears to have been the eleventh! Unless Alexander V13 was still born (he was buried just 6 days after his baptism) and was not counted? Little is known of her save she was alive in 1708 as she is mentioned in her mother's will³ that year. She may have died a spinster in 1759: There is a burial register at St Margaret's¹ which shows a Dessamy Worthington aged 81. Perhaps the clerk misheard or misspelt her name and while not an exact fit to a birth around 1686 it is certainly a possibility. Another, but less likely, option is that Dessamy, buried in 1759, was the wife of either **Alexander V11** or **Daniel V12**.

V15 Joseph

Joseph was the youngest known child of John and Anna and like four of his siblings he died an infant, only a few months old. He was baptised on 27 January 1688-9 and buried on 30 June 1689. Both events took place at St Margaret's¹.

Relationship Unknown

V16 Bryan/Brian

The provenance of Brian is not known, but he probably married Elizabeth Carter on 26 October 1606 at St Margaret's Leicester¹. He was buried at the same church on 21 February 1634-5¹. There is no trace of a will or other information about him. His widow Elizabeth was also buried there, on 2 February 1638-9. They had a daughter **Anna V17**, who was baptised on 21 February 1607-8, similarly, at St Margaret's¹.

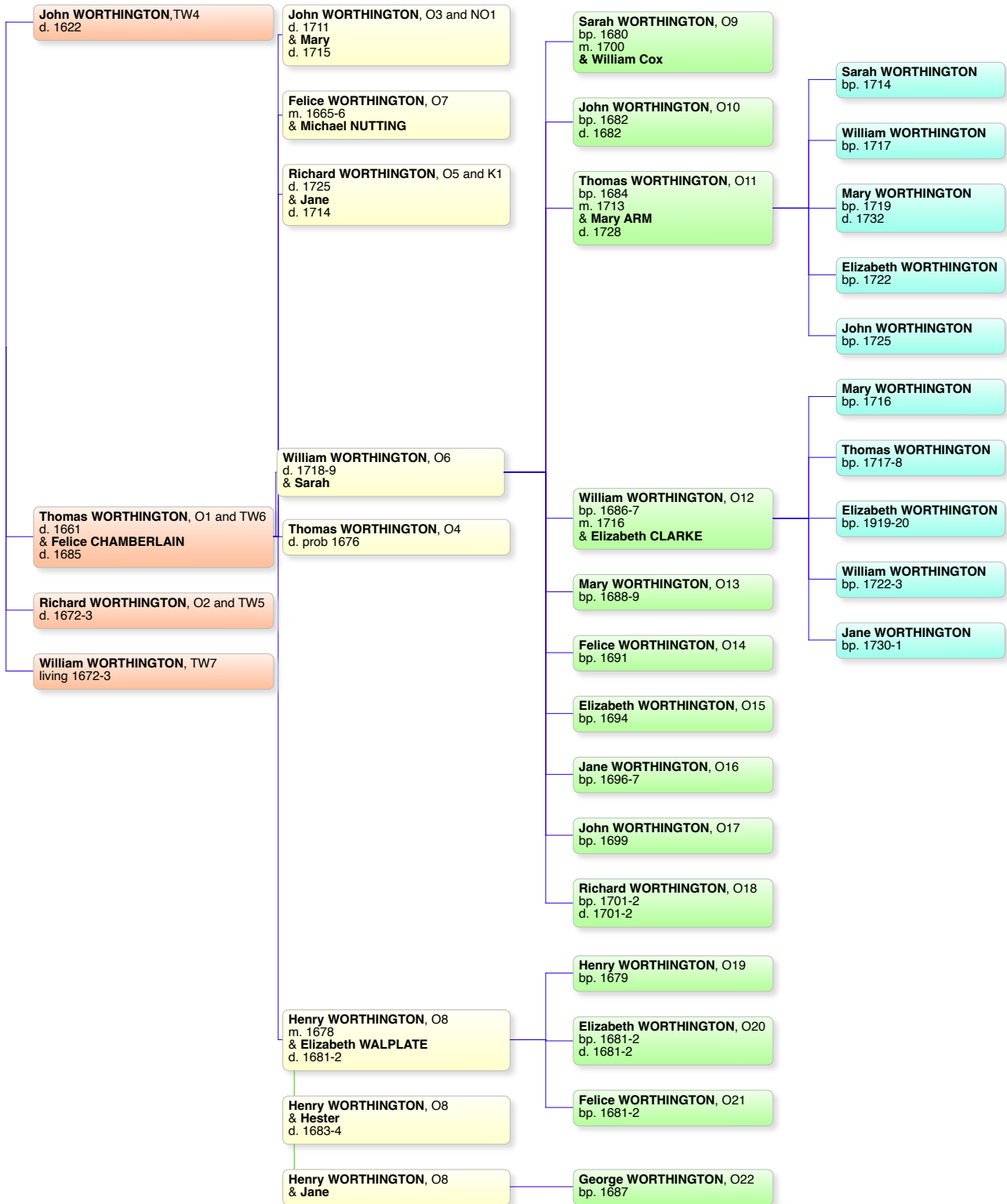
V18 George

There are two other entries in the St Margaret's register¹ for which a relationship to Richard and Anna above cannot currently be established. Firstly, Margerie Worthington was buried on 3 January 1650-1 as the wife of George. Margerie's husband George could be related to Brian. But that is just speculation.

V19 Elizabeth

The other is a marriage on 23 January 1663-4 of Elizabeth Worthington to Francis Green. Could she be a descendant of **Bryan V16** or **George V18**?

The Worthington Family of Orton-on-the-Hill, co. Leicester



Chapter 4 - Orton-on-the-Hill

Orton-on-the Hill is a village in the west of Leicestershire about eight miles east of Tamworth, Staffordshire and about ten miles to the north west of Kingsbury, Warwickshire. The parish church, which is dedicated to Saint Edith of Polesworth, dates back to the early 14th century. Its parish registers start from 1594 and the Bishop's Transcripts from 1604. Orton-on-the-Hill is so named as it sits high geographically and in such a position, that it has commanding views of the four counties of Leicestershire, Warwickshire, Staffordshire and Derbyshire.

The Worthingtons of Orton are thought to have originated in neighbouring Tamworth, with two brothers, Richard and Thomas, moving to Orton sometime in the mid seventeenth century. Only Thomas had a family and two of his sons moved further afield to Kingsbury and Norton-Juxta-Twycross to begin new lines, with each of these having their own pedigrees.

*Note: The four brothers John, Richard, Thomas and William appear on the pedigree chart, but only Richard and Thomas are developed further in this narrative. Details of **John TW4** and **William TW7** and their ancestors and descendants can be found on pedigree TW, Tamworth.*

Generation 1

O1 and TW5 Richard Worthington

Richard, an elder brother of Thomas **O2**, was a husbandman of Orton-on-the-Hill at the time of his death in 1672-3. He was born in Hopwas, close to Tamworth, Staffordshire at the beginning of the 1600s and baptised there in 1601¹. When he and his brother Thomas moved to Orton, and why, is not known, but probably around the mid 1640s. Richard never married nor did he appear to have had children. At least none was provided for in the will he wrote on 29 January 1672-3². Richard however made provision for his nephews, the sons of his brothers Thomas and William. He also made a bequest to Felice Nutting, his niece. Richard made his widowed sister in law, Felice, executrix of his will. He was buried at St Edith's of Polesworth, Orton-on-the-Hill on 31 January 1672-3³.

O2 and TW6 Thomas

Thomas was born in Hopwas, near Tamworth in Staffordshire. He was the third of four brothers, John, Richard and William being the others. Like his brother Richard (see above), Thomas moved to Orton-on-the-Hill probably around the mid to late 1640s. He married Felice*, where and when is not known. Felice's surname was probably Chamberlain. This is the name Richard used in his will when referring to his sister in law. Thomas and Felice are thought to have had five children: four sons; John, Richard, William, Henry and Thomas and a daughter Felice. John and Richard have their own pedigree lines (Norton-Juxta-Twycross and Kingsbury respectively). William and Henry remained in Orton-on-the Hill. Thomas died in 1661. An inventory was made of his property, goods and chattels on (date not found). In an Admon dated 9 December 1661 awarded to Felice⁵, it was stated that Thomas had died intestate. He was buried at Orton-on-the-Hill on 13 December 1661³. The parish register described him as a yeoman. Felice survived Thomas for nearly 25 years. She remained in Orton-on-the-Hill and was buried there on 25 April 1685³.

Note: Felice being an unusual name appears in this line several times firstly as a daughter and then as granddaughters in the next generation. The rarity of the name is deemed strong evidence that the Felice/Felicia born in that part of Staffordshire/Leicestershire around that time were related.*

Generation 2

Family of Thomas and Felice

With Parliamentary support growing even more strongly, it was only a matter of time before Civil War broke out - which it did in 1642. From 1640 to 1660, church records were scant. None of the six children of Thomas and Felice Worthington was registered as being baptised. John, we believe, was the eldest of the children followed by Thomas, then Richard, then William, then Felice and finally Henry, being the youngest. Felice may have been the second born, but without any documentary proof we can only speculate.

03 (and NO1) John

John was the eldest child of Thomas and Felice and had moved away from the family home by the time of his uncle Richard's will in 1672-3². His siblings were described as living with their mother. John was of Orton-on-the Hill and later Norton-Juxta-Twycross. His birth and baptism details are not known. But given he was left a bequest in his uncle's will, when he should have been older than 21 years, would indicate he was born before 1651. John leads his own line from which a further line and pedigree, Newton Regis (NE), develops. For further information, please see **pedigrees NO and NE**.

04 Thomas

Thomas's birth or baptism details are not known. He was mentioned in his uncle Richard's will in 1672 as living in the same house as his mother Felice, but the inference was that Thomas was an adult and the second eldest of Thomas and Felice's children. He was therefore probably born in the late 1640s. Very little is known of Thomas. He was living in 1672-3 (his uncle's will²). There is a burial in the Orton register for a Thomas Worthington, yeoman on 19 March 1676-7³. There is a note in latin in parenthesis in the parish register which reads *Iuvenis et Coelebs* (juvenile and unmarried). A note in the Bishop's Transcript referred to a "young man". The question is whether this Thomas qualifies as a juvenile.... But if it is not **Thomas 04** who is it?

05 (and K1) Richard

Richard was of Orton-on-the-Hill and later Kingsbury, co. Warwick. Like his brother, and for the same reason, details of his birth and baptism are not known, but similarly he was probably born before 1651.

Richard leads his own line. For further information, please see **pedigree K**.

06 William

William was of Orton-on-the-Hill. His birth/baptism details are unknown, but he was probably born before 1651. William married Sarah although no trace of the marriage has so far been found. We know her name as there were several baptisms to parents William and Sarah found in the Orton-on-the-Hill parish register³. These began in 1680 (with daughter Sarah) so perhaps the marriage took place some time before this. They had another 10 children. William died in 1718-9 at Orton-on-the-Hill. The register reads "*William Worthington (sen^r) bury'd March ye 14th*"³. No will has been found for William.

07 Felice

Felice was the only known daughter of Thomas and Felice. Like her siblings the exact details of her birth or baptism are not known. Felice was an unusual name but one which appears often in this branch of the family. Each of the married brothers named a daughter Felice. This carried on into the next generation too. She married Michael Nutting of Carlton, co. Leicester on 26 February 1665-6 at Market Bosworth, Leicestershire⁴. He died in 1698 and his will on 28 March 1698 mentioned his wife Phyllis (it seems the spelling changed over the years to one which is more familiar today) and three of their children⁵. Where and when Felice/Phyllis was buried is not known. Some of the children were buried at Carlton like their father but there is no trace of a Felice/Phyllis in that register.

O8 Henry

Henry's birth or baptism details are not known. But when referred to in the will of his uncle Richard², he was last of the brothers to be named, so perhaps was the youngest. Henry married three times: Firstly to Elizabeth Walplate on 16 December 1678 at Saint Helen's church Ashby-de-la-Zouch⁶. They had three children: Henry, Elizabeth and Felice, all baptised at St Edith of Polesworth church³. Elizabeth died after the birth of her daughters and was buried at St Edith's on 7 February 1681-2. Secondly, Henry married Hester, the only details of whom are her burial at Orton-on-the-Hill on 8 January 1683-4³. There were no known children from this marriage. Thirdly, he married Jane, surname unknown, probably between 1684 and 1687, when their son George was baptised. Henry was a church warden at St Edith's of Polesworth in 1681³. A second reference appears in 1699 but that may be his son Henry³?

Generation 3

Family of William and Sarah

O9 Sarah

Sarah was baptised at Orton-on-the Hill on 3 June 1680³. She married William Cox of Cherington, co. Warwick at the same place on 1 August 1700.

O10 John

John only lived for 3 days. He was baptised on 3 November and buried on 6 November 1682 at Orton-on-the Hill³.

O11 Thomas

Thomas was baptised at Orton-on-the Hill on 11 April 1684³. He married Mary Arm of Orton in 1713 and they had several children. Mary was buried on 9 April 1728. Thomas may have died in 1738 and was buried at Orton-on-the-Hill. Further research of this line is necessary, but the accompanying chart does list their children.

O12 William

William was baptised on 27 January 1686-7³. He married Elizabeth Clarke at St Mary de Castro church, Leicester on 20 May 1716 following the granting of a licence which stated they were both of Orton-on-the-Hill^{7,8}. William and Elizabeth had at least five children: Mary, Thomas, Elizabeth, William and Jane born between 1716 and 1730-1.

O13 Mary

Mary was baptised at Orton-on-the-Hill on 3 January 1688-9³.

O14 Felice

Felice was baptised at Orton-on-the-Hill on 15 October 1691³.

O15 Elizabeth

Elizabeth was baptised at Orton-on-the-Hill on 26 April 1694³.

O16 Jane

Jane was baptised at Orton-on-the-Hill on 10 February 1696-7³.

Note: there are two entries in the Register of Worthington References for the baptism of Jane daughter of Wm and Sarah Worthington. Firstly 10 February 1696-7 and secondly 10 February 1698-9. Inspection of an image of the original register, shows that the second entry appears on the facing page of the first entry and has been crossed out by the scribe as a duplicate. There was no second daughter named Jane as earlier thought.

O17 John

John was baptised on 16 November 1699 at Orton-on-the-Hill³. Nothing further could be found about John in Orton. However given his birth year, it is feasible that he is the John who married Mary Wright of Appleby, Leicestershire in May 1729 and had a family in *Newton Regis*,

(*pedigree NE*). They had children John, Mary, Elizabeth, Ruth, Thomas, Lydia, James, John and Richard between 1730 and 1749 (see the note at the end of the Newton Regis narrative).

O18 Richard

Richard, the last known of William and Sarah's children, was baptised on 12 March 1701-2 and buried a month later on 15 April 1702 at Orton-on-the-Hill³.



St Edith of Polesworth, Orton-on-the-Hill

Family of Henry and Elizabeth/Henry and Jane

O19 Henry

Henry was born and baptised the same day 11 November 1679 at St Edith of Polesworth church³. Why he was baptised so early is not clear. Perhaps he was thought unlikely to survive, yet no burial record has been found for him.

O20 Elizabeth

Elizabeth was baptised the same day as her sister Felice on 26 January 1681-2. They could have been twins. She only survived for about 2 weeks and was buried at Orton-on-the-Hill on 15 February 1681-2³.

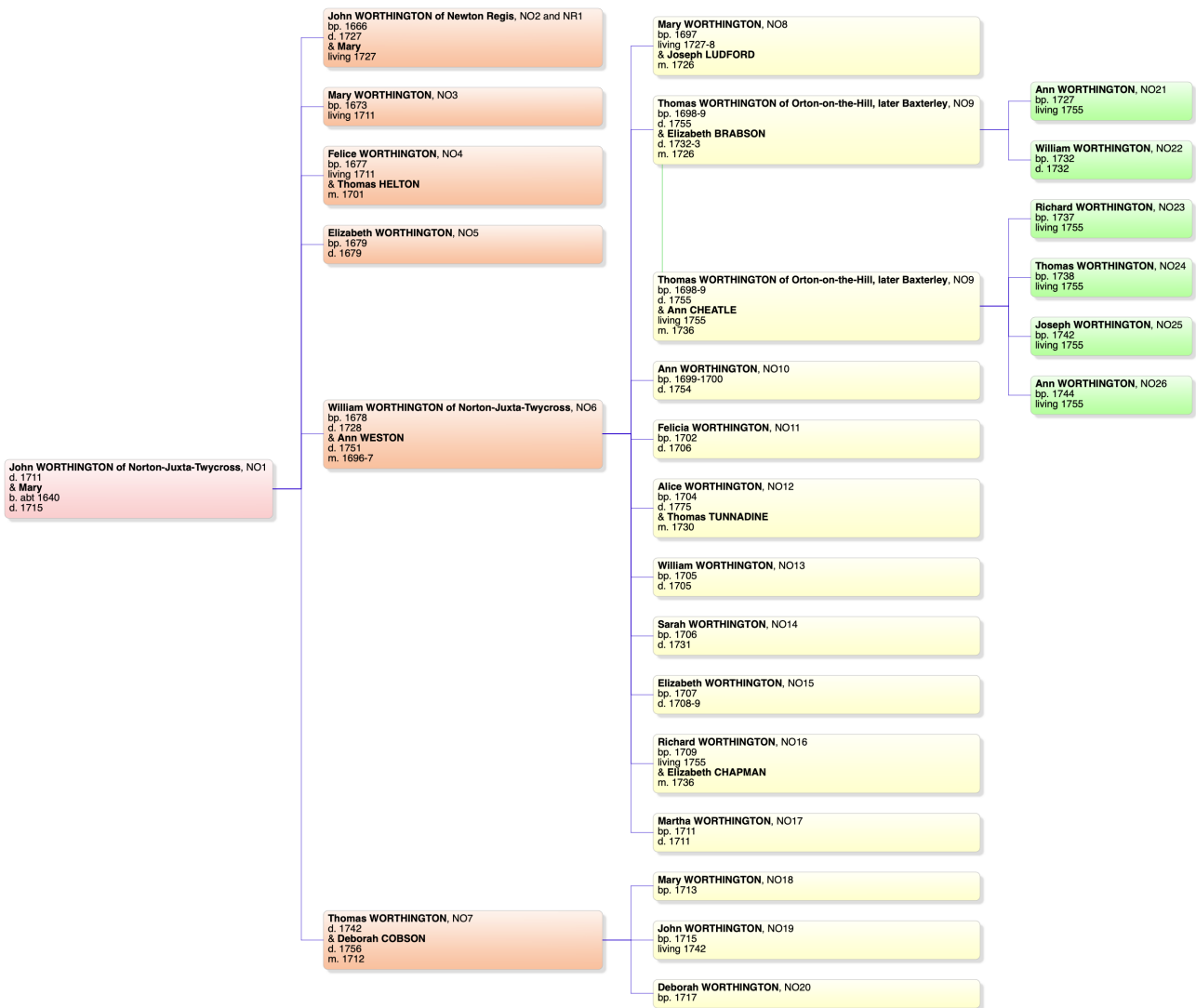
O21 Felice

Felice was baptised with her sister Elizabeth on 26 January 1681-2³. Her naming carried on the apparent tradition of naming daughters after their grandmother Felice Chamberlain, wife of **Thomas O2**

O22 George

George was the son of Henry and his third wife Jane. He was baptised at Orton-on-the-Hill on 26 May 1687³. Nothing more is known about him.

The Worthington Family of Norton-Juxta-Twycross, co Leicester



Chapter 5 - Norton-Juxta-Twycross

Norton-Juxta-Twycross is a small village in the east of Leicestershire. It lies only two miles north east of Orton-on-the-Hill. The parish church, which is dedicated to The Holy Trinity, dates back to the 14th century. Its parish registers start from 1564 but are incomplete.

The Worthington family of Norton was closely associated with the those of Orton-on-the-Hill, Newton Regis and Kingsbury in neighbouring Warwickshire. They also branched out to other villages such as Baxterley and Appleby Magna.

Generation 1

NO1 (and O3) John Worthington

John was described as a husbandman at the baptism of two of his daughters at the Holy Trinity church in Norton-Juxta-Twycross¹. He is believed to have been the eldest son of Thomas Worthington of Orton-on-the-Hill, but details of his own birth or baptism have not been found and are unlikely to exist given he was born during the Commonwealth period when church records were particularly scarce. His wife's name was Mary, but details of the marriage date and place are also unknown. John and Mary had six known children but we only know the baptismal dates of his three daughters and his eldest son. They were probably all born before 1685 when Mary would have been 45 years old. John wrote his will on 14 October 1711 and described himself as of Norton-Juxta-Twycross². He made bequests to his wife Mary and all his children still living at the time, vis: Thomas, Mary, John, William, and Felicia. He was buried at Holy Trinity church, Norton-Juxta-Twycross on 19 October 1711¹. The burial register records him as being a yeoman. Mary, his wife died four years later and was buried at the same church on 15 December 1715¹. Her gravestone records she was 75 years old.

Note: One of the witnesses to the will was John Hinks. This may have been the same John Hinks who married Ann Worthington (NR2), John's granddaughter from the Newton Regis pedigree.

Generation 2 Family of John and Mary

NO2 (and NR1) John

John was the eldest child of John and Mary and was baptised at Holy Trinity church, Norton-Juxta-Twycross on 21 June 1666¹. He married Mary, probably around 1690, and later became resident in Newton Regis, where he heads that pedigree. For further details please see **Pedigree NR** and the accompanying narrative.

NO3 Mary

Mary was baptised at Holy Trinity Norton on 18 May 1673¹. It is thought she did not marry, and had not married by 1711, when she was mentioned in her father's will².

NO4 Felice

Felice was baptised at Holy Trinity, Norton on 11 April 1677¹. She married Thomas Helton, a yeoman of Norton-Juxta-Twycross on 7 November 1701 also at Holy Trinity¹. She was still alive in 1711 when she was mentioned in her father's will².

NO5 Elizabeth

Elizabeth was also baptised at Holy Trinity on 22 June 1679, but buried there a few days later on 2 July¹.

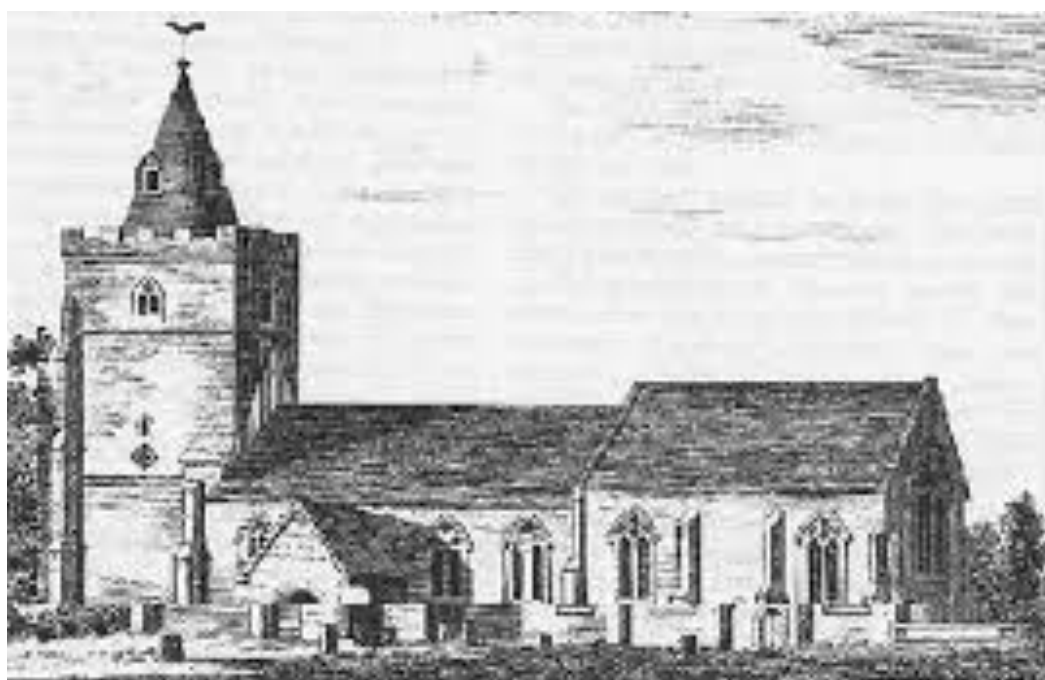
NO6 William

It is not known where or when William was born or baptised, but it was probably in the early to mid 1670s given the baptisms of his sisters and the year of his marriage. William was of Norton-Juxta-Twycross as noted in the baptism registers of his children. He married Ann

Weston of Baxterley, Warwickshire at Baxterley church on 28 March 1696¹⁰. They had 10 children, all baptised at Holy Trinity in Norton-Juxta-Twycross¹. William wrote his will on 5 March 1727-8. He described himself as husbandman and yeoman³. He made his wife Ann and youngest son Richard the executors and also mentioned his surviving children: son Thomas and daughters Mary, Alice, Sarah and Ann. William died a few months later and was buried at Holy Trinity church on 14 August 1728¹. An inventory of his estate was valued at £370 2s 6d by William Harcourt and Thomas Worthington¹⁴. Ann died in 1751. Her Admon⁴ was granted to her daughter Ann, described as a spinster. Also mentioned was Thomas Tunnadine (Ann's son in law through Alice).

NO7 Thomas

Thomas was possibly the youngest of the three sons: he died some 14 years after the death of his two brothers. The details of his birth or baptism are not known, but were probably around the early 1680s when his mother was still of child bearing age. He married Deborah Cobson of Measham, co. Derby on 1 January 1712⁵. Measham is just five miles north of Norton-Juxta-Twycross. They had three children (see below). Thomas, who was a husbandman, died in 1741-2 and was buried at Holy Trinity church on 20 February¹. His wife Deborah was sworn as his relict in connection with an Admon dated 17 April 1742⁶. The inventory taken after Thomas's death was signed by a Richard Worthington, possibly his nephew (**NO16**). Deborah died 14 years later and was buried at Norton-Juxta-Twycross on 4 January 1756¹.



Norton Church, by John Glover 1791 in Nichols IV Pl. 2.

Holy Trinity Norton-Juxta-Twycross

Generation 3

Family of William and Ann

NO8 Mary

Mary was the eldest child of William and Ann. She was baptised at Norton-Juxta-Twycross on 27 November 1697¹. Mary married Joseph Ludford of Willesley, co. Derby at Holy Trinity church Norton-Juxta-Twycross on 2 January 1726-7¹. But she was a widow a year later when she was mentioned in her father's will of 5 March 1727-8³. The inventory taken after Joseph's death was valued at £285 7s and the subsequent Admon would have left Mary a wealthy widow. It is not known if she remarried nor are the details of her death.

NO9 Thomas

Thomas was baptised at Holy Trinity church, Norton-Juxta-Twycross on 25 January 1698-9¹. He married Elizabeth Brabson at St Peter's church, Swepstone on 18 April 1726⁷. Swepstone and Snarestone are neighbouring villages to Norton-Juxta-Twycross. His father left him a guinea in his will dated March 1727³, with the rest of the estate being shared amongst his other siblings. Thomas seemed either to have been left out, or perhaps, as the eldest son, was already self sufficient. He was described by his father as being of Orton-on-the-Hill, but he was eventually of Baxterley, probably after his second marriage. Thomas was still alive in 1754 when his younger sister Ann wrote her will⁸. She left him one shilling and described him as her eldest brother, but like her father left the bulk of her bequests to other family members.

There are baptisms in Orton-on-the-Hill for two children of Thomas and Elizabeth named Ann and William see **NO21** and **NO22** below. But Thomas had more children by his second wife as indicated in his will, which he wrote on 3 February 1755⁹. In it he made bequests to his three sons Richard, Thomas and Joseph and to two daughters both named Ann, one from his first marriage and one from his second. He made his current wife sole executrix and also appointed his brother Richard, of Norton, and Richard Cheatle of Witherley to be trustees of his will. Probate was granted on 2 March 1756 to Ann Worthington, his widow. Thomas was buried at Baxterley on 13 February 1755¹⁰.

Thomas's first wife Elizabeth was buried at Orton-on-the-Hill on 9 January 1732-3. He remarried Ann Cheatle at Baxterley on 17 March 1736¹⁰. (Baxterley is about 10 miles southwest of Norton-Juxta-Twycross.)

NO10 Ann

Ann was baptised on 4 February 1699-1700 at Holy Trinity church Norton-Juxta-Twycross¹. She never married. She was sworn on the Admon of her mother in 1751⁴, and wrote her own will⁸ just 3 years later just before she died in 1754. She left bequests to her eldest brother Thomas, brother Richard and sister Alice. She also mentioned her niece Sarah, who was probably Richard's daughter and Ann Tunnadine, Alice's daughter. Lastly there were two bequests to godchildren: Mary, daughter of John Worthington and William Worthington. Although it is not possible to identify the godchildren with certainty, they could be children of the Worthingtons of Newton Regis.

NO11 Felicia

Felicia was baptised on 24 April 1702 at Holy Trinity church¹ and was buried there as an infant on 26 November 1706.

NO12 Alice

Alice was baptised at Holy Trinity church, Norton-Juxta-Twycross on 1 September 1704¹. She married Thomas Tunnadine of Appleby Magna, co. Warwick at Ibstock, co. Leicester on 29 December 1730¹¹. Thomas was a cooper. They had children. Alice was mentioned in her sister Ann's will in 1754⁸. There is a burial at Appleby Magna of Alice Tunnadine on 25 August 1775¹².

NO13 William

William was baptised at Holy Trinity church on 31 August 1705 and buried there on 14 November 1705¹.

NO14 Sarah

Sarah was baptised at Holy Trinity church on 3 November 1706. She was alive in March 1727-8 when her father wrote his will, but died three years later. She did not appear to have married as she was buried as Sarah Worthington at Holy Trinity church on 6 July 1731¹.

NO15 Elizabeth

Elizabeth was baptised at Holy Trinity on 5 November 1707 and buried there on 19 January 1708-9¹.

NO16 Richard

Richard was baptised at Norton-Juxta-Twycross on 21 August 1709¹. He probably married Elizabeth Chapman of Newton at Shenstone, Staffordshire on 20 May 1736. They had children, but further research is required. Richard was appointed the executor of his sister Anne's will in 1754⁸ by which time he was the only surviving son of William and Ann.

NO17 Martha

Martha was baptised on 26 March and buried three days later at Holy Trinity on 30 March 1711-12¹.

Family of Thomas and Deborah

NO18 Mary

Mary was baptised at Holy Trinity church, Norton-Juxta-Twycross on 11 December 1713¹, the eldest child of Thomas and Deborah. Nothing more is known of her.

NO19 John

John was baptised at Norton-Juxta-Twycross on 10 July 1715¹. He possibly took over from his father in 1742: A John Worthington, farmer, was mentioned in the Admon sworn to his mother Deborah. Nothing further is known of him.

NO20 Deborah

Deborah was the youngest known child of Thomas and Deborah. She was baptised at Norton-Juxta-Twycross on 19 June 1717¹.

Generation 4

Family of Thomas and Elizabeth

NO21 Ann

Ann was baptised at St Edith of Polesworth's church in Orton-on-the-Hill on 31 March 1727-8¹³. She was the elder child of Thomas and his first wife Elizabeth. Ann was alive when her father wrote his will in 1755⁹.

NO22 William

William was baptised at Orton-on-the-Hill on 1 July 1732¹³. He only lived a few days and was buried at the same church on 10 July. He like Ann was the child of Thomas and his first wife Elizabeth.

Family of Thomas and Ann

NO23 Richard

Richard was the eldest child of Thomas and his second wife Ann. He was baptised at Baxterley on 12 July 1737¹⁰. Richard was living at the time his father wrote his will in 1755⁹. Provision was made for him once he had reached the age of 24.

NO24 Thomas

Thomas was the second son from **Thomas NO9's** marriage to Ann Cheadle. He was baptised at Baxterley on 12 November 1738¹⁰. He was mentioned in his father's will in 1755⁹.

NO25 Joseph

Joseph was baptised on 18 July 1742, like his siblings, at Baxterley church¹⁰. He was also mentioned in his father's will⁹ and therefore alive in 1755.

NO26 Ann

Ann was the second child of **Thomas NO9** to be so named, but she had a different mother to her sister **NO21**. Ann was baptised at Baxterley on 13 May 1744¹⁰ and was provided for in her father's will⁹ in 1755.

Other Worthingtons in Leicestershire

Coleorton

There were possibly two other families who were resident in Coleorton at the time but it has not been possible to link them to a family in the Newbold pedigree. They were both named William. One married Mary (surname unknown) and had two daughters who died as infants: Mary (b1696 - d1696) and Susannah (b1702 - d1702). The other married Ann (surname unknown) and had daughters Mary (b1705) and Elizabeth (b1707). There is also a son William b1700 but the register does not record his parents. He could be the son of either of these couples.

Where did the two Williams come from - and indeed were there two or is it just one person who married twice?

Lockington

Did the Worthington line really die out in Lockington?

The last entry in the registers at St Nicholas parish church Lockington, which mentions a Worthington, is that of Edward's **LO4** widow Elizabeth to John Cook. A search until that register ends in 1686 has no other record of a Worthington. We have to presume that either the family moved away from Lockington or it died out there.

Of the known sons of Edward and Isabel, only two survived to adulthood and only one, Edward, married and had just one son Robert, who lived long enough to have his own children. After 1626 there is no trace of Robert either.

Keyham

Just to the east of Leicester lies the township/chapelry of Keyham (or Keame) in the parish of Rothley. The church, dedicated to All Saints, has registers dating from 1574. Its burial ground is about a mile to the east of the church. There were two groups of Worthingtons around Keyham in the late sixteenth and during the seventeenth centuries:

William Worthington and Marie Burdett

Documents from the Leicestershire Record Office relating to the *manor and soke of Rothley*, record the granting of land from John Burdett to William Worthington as part of a settlement on the marriage between William and Burdett's daughter Marie. The grant of land was dated 1605, but there is no trace of either a marriage licence or register recording the event.

The baptism register at All Saints Keyham however shows the following four children of William and Marie/Mary:

Isabel - baptised 1595
Ann - baptised 24 July 1608
Joane - baptised 18 August 1611
Peter - baptised 24 September 1619

It is worthy of note that Isabel was baptised in 1595 yet the grant of land was some 10 years later. Was Isabel not the legitimate daughter of William? Or did the land transaction only get completed many years after the marriage? Was Isabel the daughter of another William Worthington?

William Worthington of Keyham wrote a will in 1628 which was proved the same year. He mentions his wife Marie (Mary) and children William, Peter, Anne and Joane. There appears to be no baptismal record for William junior. Isabel had presumably either married or died. William senior was buried at Keyham on 8 June 1628. Mary, his widow, was buried at Keyham on 1 February 1648.

There is a further entry regarding an inventory and bond in the name of William Worthington in 1664. Could this be William junior from the same family?

Further back in the registers are the baptisms of William 1573, Ann 1574 and Mary 1575 of parents Richard Worthington and Ann. But all three died as infants (see below) ruling out that Richard was the father of William above.



All Saints, Keyham

Peter Worthington and Ann

Another family group in Keyham may have been Peter Worthington and his wife Ann. They had two known children: Thomas baptised 1563 and Ann baptised 1571.

There is a burial at Keyham of Peter Worthington on 2 January 1613. The entry gives no indication of his age or status.

The following may have been Peter and Thomas (father and son) above. Thomas would have been about 40 years old and perhaps taking over his father's estate prior to the latter's death?

Item 03.06.22 in 17 C Volume 4 of the *Register of Worthington References*, dated 22 June 1603 records: "*Gift from Peter Worthington of Keyham, co. Leicester, husbandman, to his son Thomas Worthington of Keyham, husbandman: half a messuage and tenement with the appurtenances in Keyham: half the garden, orchard, crofts, tofts etc belonging to the above messuage, and half the lands, tenements, meadow, pasture etc, all now in the tenure of Peter Worthington*".

Couples with connections to Keyham and Rothley: (Source: All C Vol1 1580.2)

1582-3 Thomas Worthington of Keyham, husbandman and Jane his wife

1582-3 William Worthington, the eldest son of Thomas and Jane.

1597 Peter Worthington of Keyham, husbandman and his sister Alice (marriage of Alice to Rector William Keye)

1597 Henry Worthington of Rothley, husbandman and Elizabeth his wife.

Marriages Keyham

Ann Worthington and Edward Huffen 30 July 1621

Ann Worthington and William Persgrave 16 Apr 1638

Burials Keyham

All Worthington.....

1573	10 May	William	parents Richard & Ann (baptised 26 Apr 1573)
1574	29 Jun	Ann	father Richard (baptised 18 Jun 1574)
1575	19 Jul	Richard	
1576	17 Sep	Mary	father Richard (baptised 6 Nov 1575)
1601	14 Oct	Dorotie	
1603	17 Apr	Mary	
1613	2 Jan	Peter	
1622	2 Mar	Alse	
1626	28 SepJ	Ane	
1626	29 Sep	Thomas	
1628	8 Jun	William	
1648	1 Feb	Mary	

Evington

Evington is situated just four miles to the east of Leicester St Margaret's.

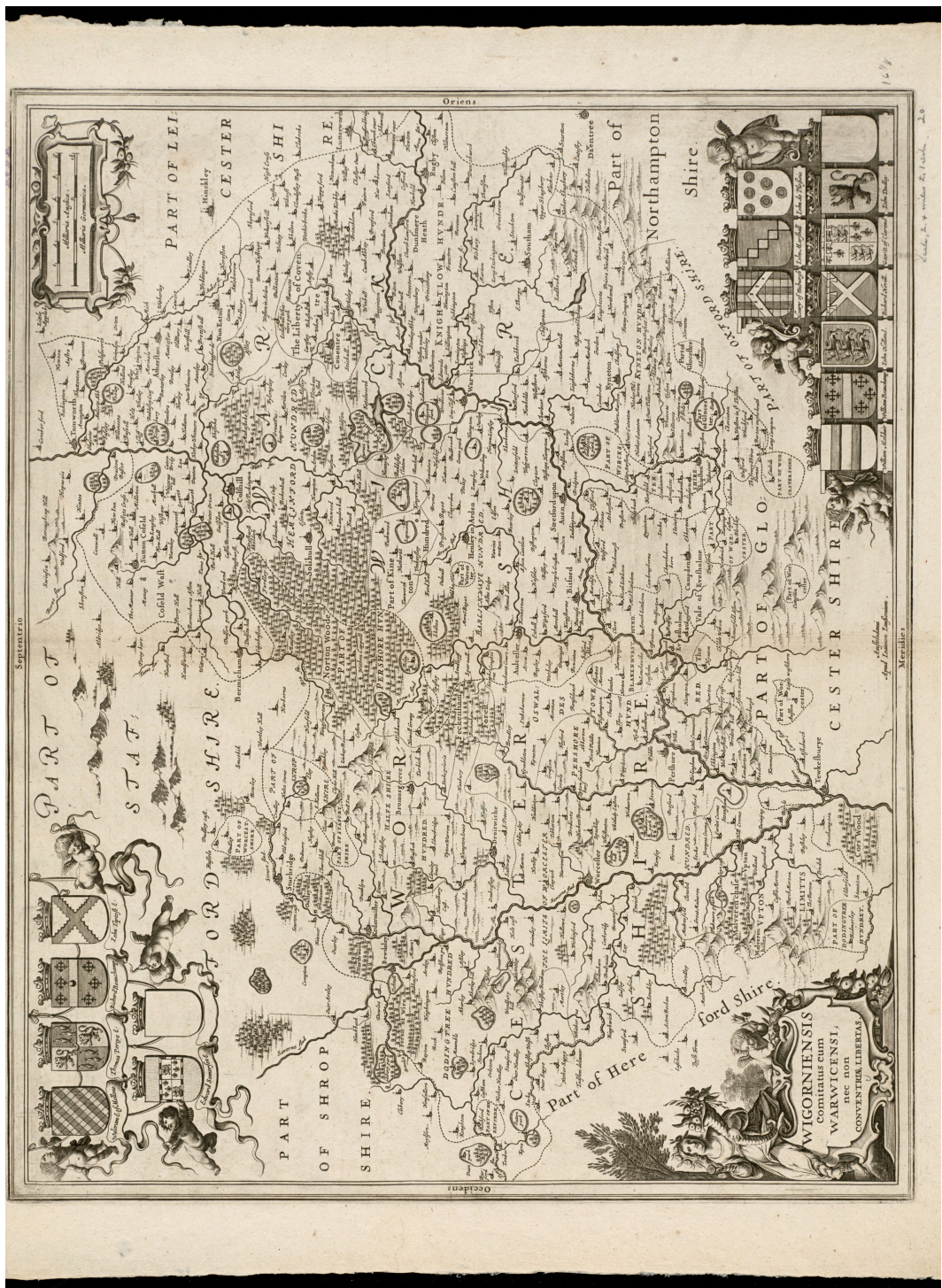
No pedigree has been compiled for Evington as there was insufficient information to do so from the *Register of Worthington References*. However it is probably worthy of note that there are two entries of interest in the London Apprenticeship Abstracts 1442-1850 listed under item AII C Vol2 1594.2

3 October 1594 - Thomas Worthington, born in Leicestershire, son of Brian of Evington, husbandman, deceased, apprenticed to Thomas Brickwood of Brewers' Company to train as a brewer.

18 February 1607-8 - Thomas Atkins, born in Leicestershire, son of William of Evington, husbandman, apprenticed to Thomas Worthington of Brewers' Company to train as a brewer.

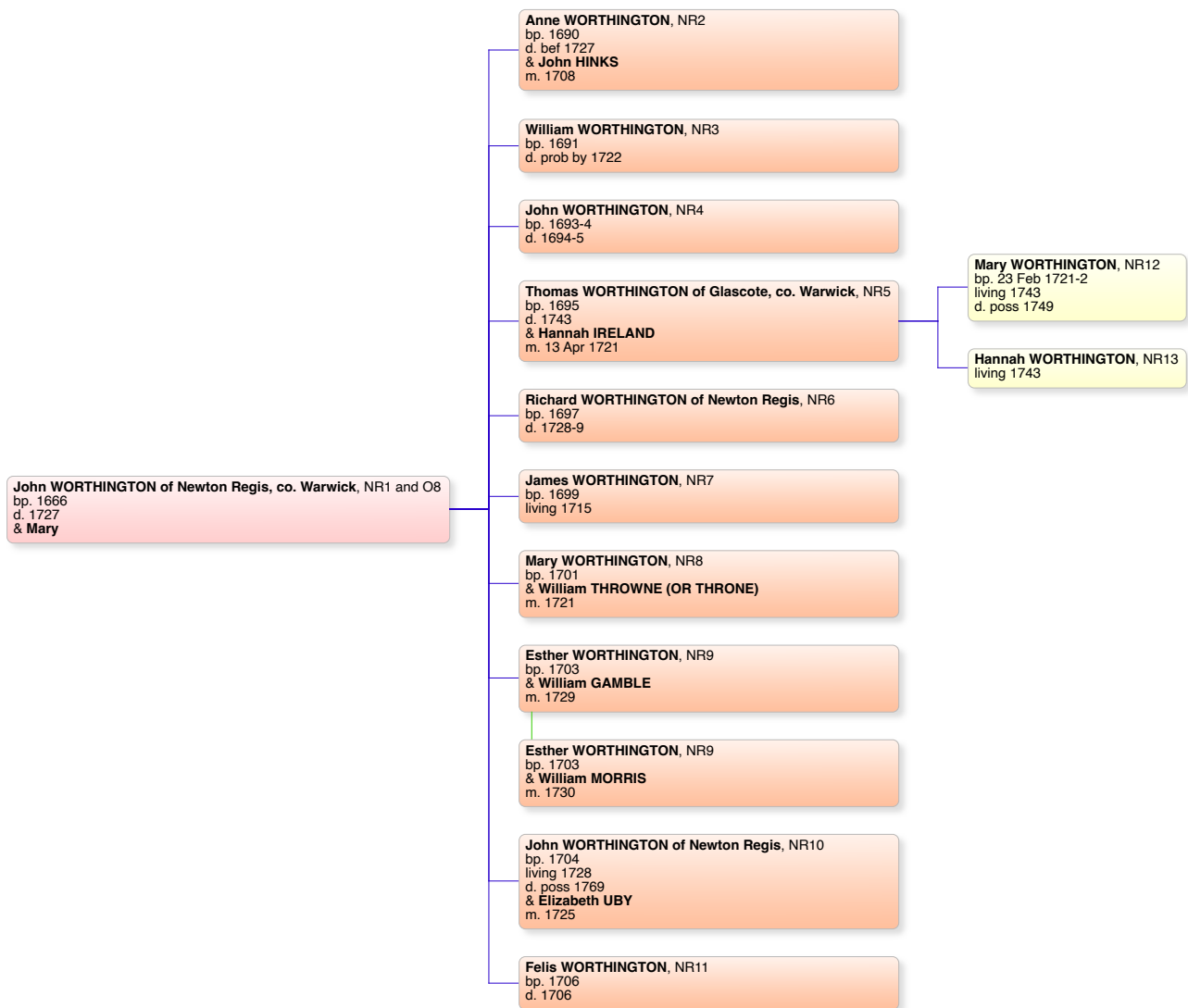
The apprentice in 1594 appears to have become a master in 1607. Were these the founders of, or at least linked to, the Worthington Brewers of Burton, still in existence in the 21st century?

**The
Worthington
Families of
Warwickshire**



The county of Warwickshire by Jan Jansen 1588-1684

Worthington Family of Newton Regis, co. Warwick



Chapter 6 - Newton Regis

Newton Regis is a small village in the far north of Warwickshire. It lies about five miles north east of Tamworth in neighbouring Staffordshire. The royal connection "Regis" comes from the twelfth century when the village was owned by King Henry II. The parish church, which is dedicated to St Mary the Virgin, dominates the village and dates back to the 14th century. Its parish registers start from 1591 and the Bishop's Transcripts from 1663.

Newton Regis stands within one and a half miles of the county boundaries of Staffordshire and Leicestershire. It is not surprising therefore that the Worthington family of Newton Regis had close links with families in both these counties as well as within Warwickshire. Norton-Juxta-Twycross is about 3 miles to the west of Newton Regis and Glascoate is about 5 miles to the south east on the outskirts of Tamworth.



St Mary the Virgin, Newton Regis

Generation 1

NR1 (and NO2) John Worthington

John was originally of Norton-juxta-Twycross in Leicestershire and baptised there at Holy Trinity church on 21 June 1666¹. He was the eldest known son and child of John Worthington of Norton-juxta-Twycross and his wife Mary. He had two brothers William and Thomas and three sisters, Felice, Elizabeth and Mary (see pedigrees **O Orton** and **NO Norton**). There may have been other siblings as there was a gap of eleven years between John's baptism and his sister Felice in 1677. This may be because the registers for those years are missing or that any children died in infancy or at least before their father wrote his will in 1711.

John married Mary, but the date and place of the marriage is unknown, although it was probably around 1690. They were presumed to be living near to Norton-juxta-Twycross in 1690 when their first child was baptised. Thereafter, there was a series of baptisms at Orton-on-the-Hill, possibly as they had moved there, and finally the last four children were baptised at Newton Regis. They had ten children between 1690 and 1706. John wrote a will on 21 October 1727⁴ describing himself as a husbandman and being of infirm health but of sound mind. It mentioned his wife, but not by name, and children John, Hester, Mary, Thomas and Richard. (Note: there is a typo in the *Register of Worthington References* 18C Vol2 22.10.21 which records the will being dated 1722 not 1727). John died just a few days later and was buried at Newton Regis on 25 October¹. Probate of his estate was granted at Lichfield on 10 November 1727 to his son John. The inventory of his goods and chattels was valued at £413 5s 0d and included a dwelling, farm, cheese chamber, brewhouse as well as livestock.

Generation 2

Family of John and Mary

NR2 Ann

Ann was baptised on 7 April 1690 at Holy Trinity church, Norton-Juxta-Twycross¹. She was the eldest of the known children of John Worthington and Mary. Ann married John Hinks at St Mary's, Newton Regis on 25 October 1708³. They had a child Thomas, who was mentioned in his uncle Richard's will in 1729⁵. By that time Ann had died (she was described as deceased in Richard's will) and had probably died before her father wrote his will in 1727⁴, as she is not mentioned in that either. There is a burial of Ann Hinks at Twycross on 27 June 1710¹, which is probably her.

NR3 William

William was baptised at St Edith of Polesworth's church, Orton-on-the-Hill on 6 December 1691². He died shortly before his father and was buried at Newton Regis on 19 October 1727³.

NR4 John

John was baptised at Orton-on-the-Hill on 3 January 1693-4 and buried there 3 days later on 6 January².

NR5 Thomas

Thomas was baptised at Orton-on-the-Hill on 9 October 1695². He was of Glascode, as recorded in his brother Richard's will in 1729⁵, and his own will dated 29 September 1743⁶. He married Hannah Ireland, a widow, at Tamworth on 13 April 1721⁷ when he was described as being of Glascode and about 24 years old. If correct then he may have been born a couple of years before he was baptised. They had two daughters, Mary and Hannah, who are both mentioned in Thomas's will. Thomas's exact date of death and burial are not known but probate was granted to Robert Cooper and Joseph Villars (each described in the will as his brother in law) on 11 November 1743, so it must have been very shortly after he wrote his will.

Note

The reference to brothers in law is confusing as Thomas's two known sisters, Mary and Hester, were married to William Thrown and William Gamble respectively. Either there were other sisters we know nothing about, or the use of the term "in law" was being used more loosely than it is in the 21st century.

NR6 Richard

Richard was a husbandman of Newton Regis and baptised at Orton-on-the-Hill on 18 November 1697². He was probably unmarried and died relatively young in 1729. His will was dated 10 March 1728-9, in which he mentions his siblings, nephews and nieces but not a wife. Probate was granted to his brother John on 15 May 1729⁵.

NR7 James

James was baptised on 25 July 1699 at St Mary's, Newton Regis³, the first of his siblings to be baptised there. He was apprenticed to William Foster, a short cutter in Birmingham for the sum of £12 0s 0d in 1715⁸.

Note

Some time after the original pedigree was compiled, we found an entry in the Apprentices of Great Britain indexes (1710-1773) for a James Worthington, son of John of Newton R, yeoman, apprenticed to William Foster of Birmingham. But the only child baptised around that time and son of John Worthington in Newton Regis had been transcribed as Thomas. The pedigree had been compiled based on the Registers of reference but the images of baptisms at Newton Regis are now available on line and on checking them we found a mistranscription of a poor image, which actually reads James was baptised on 25 July 1699 and not Thomas. This also dispels the assumption that Thomas NR5 had died an infant.

NR8 Mary

Mary was baptised on 17 October 1701 at St Mary's, Newton Regis³. She married William Throwne (or Throne) on 27 June 1721 at the same church. Mary and William had two known children, William and Elizabeth mentioned in their grandfather John's will and named by their uncle Richard in his will in 1729⁵.

NR9 Esther

Esther or Hester was baptised at St Mary's, Newton Regis on 29 March 1703³. She married William Gamble of Austrey (about a mile south east of Newton Regis) at the same church on 29 May 1729. William must have died shortly after the wedding as Hester Gamble remarried on 12 November 1730. Her second husband was William Morris. Both were widowed according to the affidavit sworn by her brother Thomas on their marriage bond⁹. There was also an indenture dated 29 May 1729¹⁰ between William, Esther, John Worthington of Newton Regis and John Gamble of Donnington being a settlement before marriage of the lands in Austrey occupied by William.

NR10 John

John, the youngest son of John and Mary was baptised at St Mary's, Newton Regis on 2 July 1704³. He married Elizabeth Uby at the same church on 23 March 1725-6, and was still living in 1728 when he was appointed executor and the main beneficiary of his brother Richard's will⁵, but he may have died in 1769: There is a burial of a John Worthington at Newton Regis on 4 August 1769³. He had been the "Keeper of the turnpike gate on this side Tamworth" according to the burial register.

NR11 Felis

Felis was the youngest known child and daughter of John and Mary. She was baptised at St Mary's, Newton Regis on 12 May 1706 and buried at the same church a few weeks later on 4 July³.

Generation 3

Family of Thomas and Hannah

NR12 Mary

Mary was baptised at Tamworth on 23 February 1721-2 (daughter of Thomas Worthington of Glascote)⁷. She was mentioned in her father's will in 1743⁶. There is a burial at St Mary's, Newton Regis of a Mary Worthington of Glascote on 13 September 1749³. If this were Mary, then she probably died unmarried.

NR13 Hannah

Hannah's birth or baptism date is unknown. Like her sister Mary she was mentioned in her father's will in 1743⁶. Nothing more is known about her.

Unknown relation

Family of John O17 and Mary?

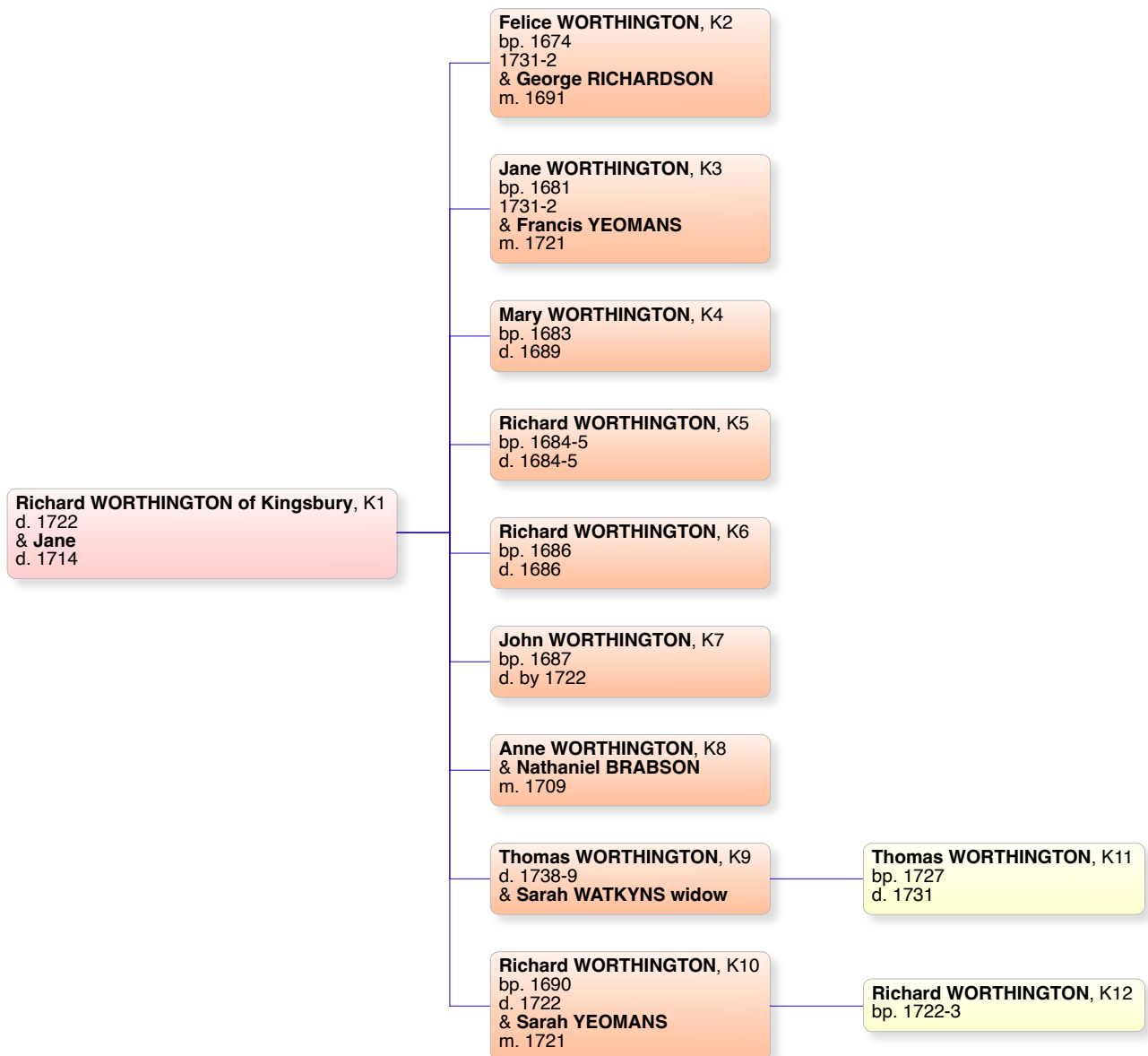
While researching the Newton Regis pedigree, the compiler came across several entries in the St. Mary the Virgin registers relating to children of John Worthington and Mary. This could not be **John NR1** and his wife, given they were both dead by the time most of the children were baptised. Their son John married Elizabeth Uby in 1725-6 and the entry in the marriage between John and Mary Wright stated they were both unmarried, so it is unlikely to be him. It is however feasible that the John concerned was from Orton and appears in the pedigree as **O17**. John, of *King's Newton**, Warwickshire married Mary Wright of Appleby, Leicestershire in 1729 and together they had ten children between 1729/30 and 1749, all baptised at St Mary the Virgin, Newton Regis. They were John 1730-1742, Mary 1731, Elizabeth 1733, Ruth 1735, Thomas 1737-8, Lydia 1740, James 1742-1742, John 1743, Ann 1746 and Richard 1749.

** Kings Newton was another name for Newton Regis. It was also known as Newton in the Thistles*

There is a second, but less likely, explanation. The children listed above were those of **John NR10** and the marriage attributed to him (Elizabeth Uby) was a late marriage of his father **John NR1**, who does not name his wife in his will and just refers to her as "beloved wife". However the marriage between John Worthington and Mary Wright indicates that John was 30 years old at the time of the marriage and so born in 1699, as was **John O17**, but not **John NR10** who was born about 1695.

A note to this effect has been added to the Orton narrative.

The Worthington family of Kingsbury, co. Warwick



Chapter 7 - Kingsbury

Kingsbury is a village in the north west of Warwickshire about five miles south of Tamworth in neighbouring Staffordshire. The parish church, which is dedicated to Saint Peter and Saint Paul dates back to the 14th century. Its parish registers start from 1591 and the Bishop's Transcripts from 1663. Kingsbury lies about ten miles to the south east of Orton-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire.

The Worthington family in Kingsbury seem to have settled sometime in the late 1670s. There remained a presence until at least the 18th century and probably longer. The Kingsbury Worthingtons had direct links to those in Orton-on-the-Hill and in Tamworth.



St Peter and St Paul, Kingsbury

Generation 1

K1 (and O5) Richard Worthington

Richard was the son of Thomas Worthington and his wife Felice Chamberlain. Records of his date and place of birth have not been found, but he is presumed to have been born in Orton-on-the-Hill. (It was common at the time for the eldest child to be baptised in the mother's parish.) This is also where his first child was baptised before he moved to Kingsbury. The reason for his move is not known for certain but possibly linked to land he inherited from his father and/or grandfather. He was named in his uncle Richard's will in 1672-3². The fact that (uncle) Richard made provision for other nephews under the age of 21 to have their inheritance held for them, and not for Richard **K1** or his brothers, indicates he was born before 1651. Richard married Jane (surname unknown) probably around 1673. He was single at the time of his uncle's will in March 1672-3, but the father of a child baptised in May 1674. Richard and Jane had at least nine children. The eldest, Felice, being baptised in Orton¹ and the second (recorded) Jane in Kingsbury in 1681³, indicating that Richard moved to Kingsbury

after 1674 but before 1681. Richard is listed as a juror and a yeoman in Kingsbury in 1696⁴. Richard's wife Jane died in 1714 and was buried at St Peter and St Paul's Kingsbury on 22 July³. The entry in the register reads "Jane the wife of Richard Worthington". Richard died in 1725. He was buried at Kingsbury on 28 March³. No trace of a will has been found.

Note: the order of Richard's children is not known for certain and it is possible that Anne and Thomas were born before Jane, i.e. between 1674 and 1681 where there is a gap in the baptisms of the children.

Generation2

Family of Richard and Jane

K2 Felice

Felice was the eldest child of Richard and Jane. She was baptised at St Edith of Polesworth's church, Orton-on-the-Hill on 28 May 1674¹. She married George Richardson at Wishaw, about 5 miles southwest of Kingsbury, on 17 December 1691⁵. The marriage was by licence and guaranteed by John Richardson, possibly George's father. George and Felice had several children and lived in Kingsbury.

K3 Jane

Jane was baptised at St Peter and St Paul's church, Kingsbury on 28 December 1681³. She married Francis Yeomans on 2 November 1721 at St Philip's church, Birmingham⁶. The entry in the register (image is on Ancestry) shows Jane to be of Kingsbury parish and Francis to be of Middleton parish.

K4 Mary

Mary was baptised at Kingsbury on 11 October 1683. She died an infant and was buried at St Peter and St Paul's church on 2 May 1689³.

K5 Richard

Richard was the first of three sons to be given that name. He was baptised at Kingsbury on 9 February 1684-5 and buried there 6 days later on 15 February³.

K6 Richard

The second child of Richard and Jane to be so named also died young. He was baptised at Kingsbury on 5 April 1686 and buried there just 6 months later on 22 October 1686³.

K7 John

John was baptised on 21 December 1687 at Kingsbury³. He is not mentioned in his brother Richard's nor brother Thomas's will in 1722 and 1731 respectively and may have died by then.

K8 Anne

Anne was possibly Richard and Jane's second daughter, but her birth and baptism records have not been found. She married Nathaniel Brabson at St Peter's and St Paul's in Kingsbury on 9 May 1709³. They had a daughter Anne, baptised at Kingsbury in 1713 and buried there in 1722³. Anne was still living in October that year as she was mentioned in her brother Richard's will as his sister. Similarly in 1731 she is referred again as the sister of **Thomas K9** in his will. The year of her death is not known but her husband Nathaniel was buried at Kingsbury in 1755.

K9 Thomas

Thomas was another of Richard and Jane's children for whom we do not yet have a date or place of birth or baptism. Thomas married Sarah Watkyns, a widow of North Kidworth at Misterton, Leicestershire on 11 December 1723. He described himself as a gent of Kingsbury when he wrote his will on 8 March 1731-2⁹. He did not state he was in poor health but he was of sound mind. He mentioned his wife Sarah, to whom he left the majority of his estate as well as making her sole executrix. He also left bequests to his sisters Felicia Richardson, Anne

Brabson and Jane Yeomans. Thomas did not die until 6 years later, and was buried at Kingsbury on 17 January 1738. Perhaps he wrote his will early as his (only) son Thomas had recently died (in June 1731). His wife Sarah may have died in 1764 and was buried at Kingsbury, but see the note attached to **K10** below.

K10 Richard

Richard was baptised on 1 December 1690 at Kingsbury³. He married Sarah Yeomans, the daughter of Francis Yeomans of Middleton, co. Warwick at Lichfield Cathedral, Staffordshire on 11 December 1721⁷. Richard and Sarah had a son Richard, but he was born after his father's death in 1722. Richard wrote his will on 30 October 1722⁸. In it he referred to his wife Sarah being "ensient and big with child" and made provision for the child (also named Richard). He also referred to the farm and lands he held by lease and the tithes thereon purchased by his father and conveyed to him and his heirs. He also mentioned his sisters Phellicia Richardson, Ann Brabson, Jane Yeomans and brother Thomas. Richard was buried at St Peter and St Paul's church on 27 November 1722³.

Note:

1. *Some pedigrees published on line (Ancestry etc) have confused the two Richards father and son, assuming, falsely, that the will and death in 1722 was that of Richard father.*

2. *There is a burial registered at Kingsbury on 2 August 1764 for Sarah Worthington, gentlewoman. That could be Richard's wife or indeed his brother Thomas's wife also named Sarah (see **K9** above).*

Generation 3

Family of Thomas and Sarah

K11 Thomas

Thomas was baptised at Kingsbury on 9 June 1727 but died an infant aged just 4 and was buried at the same church on 22 June 1731³.

Family of Richard and Sarah

K12 Richard

Richard was baptised at Kingsbury on 6 January 1722-3³ - *Richard, son of Rich Worthington recently deceased and Sarah his wife.* He went on to marry Elizabeth Shilton. Richard was granted a licence to marry on 11 May 1748. He was described as being a bachelor, 25 years old and of the parish of Kingsbury. Elizabeth was described as a spinster, at least 19 years old and also of Kingsbury.

Unknown relationships

There are records of baptism and burials around the same time in the church registers of St. Peter and St. Paul, Kingsbury³ for:

Henry Worthington who was married to Anne. Their children John and Elizabeth were buried in April 1725 and 1732 respectively; but who was Henry and where was he from?

Children of **William Worthington** and Mary:

Elizabeth	baptised 27 May 1733
William	baptised 13 January 1734-5
Mary	baptised Dec 1738
Elizabeth	baptised 16 September 1742
William	buried 4 January 1740-1

Richard, son of **Richard Worthington** and Elizabeth, baptised 5 December 1749.

**The
Worthington
Families of
Staffordshire**



The county of Staffordshire by Jan Jansen 1588-1684

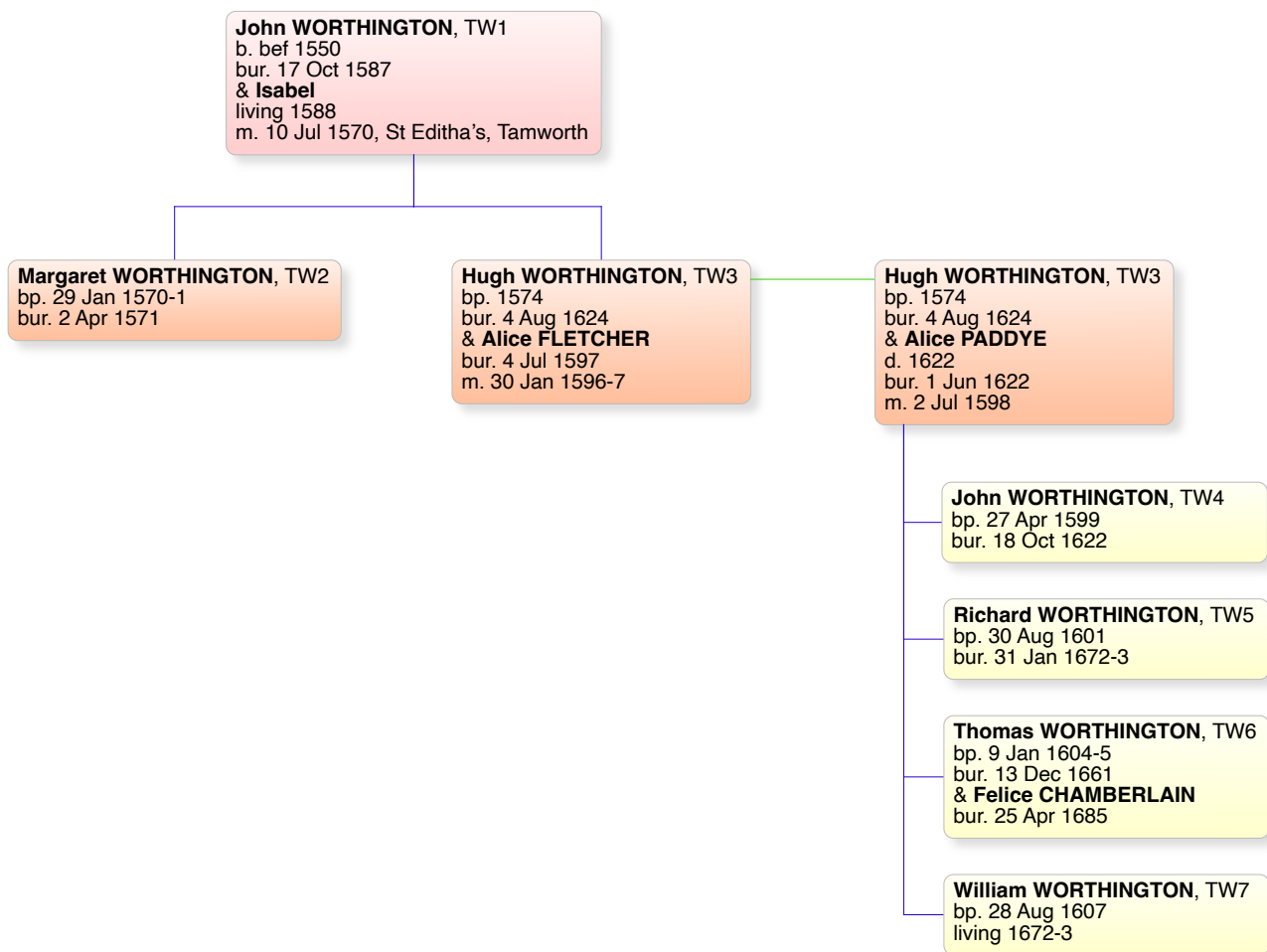
The County of Staffordshire

There are compelling arguments that the families residing in neighbouring Leicestershire, and Warwickshire (and perhaps even Derbyshire although that county is not covered in its own right), originated in Staffordshire. There are even hints to connections as far away as Dover, Kent: the incidence of the name Lettys, peculiar as it was though to the Midlands.

The pedigrees for Norton-juxta-Twycross and Orton-on-the-Hill (Leicestershire), like many others in this volume, were originally compiled in 2011, those for Kingsbury and Newton Regis (Warwickshire) in 2020 and Tamworth in 2022. All pedigrees were reviewed between 2021 and 2024 to include newly available information, especially the ability to view on-line original images of parish registers and wills etc., which has enabled us to add, update or correct the original pedigrees.

As part of this process, and independently of each other, Stuart G Worthington and Ian A Worthington compiled a new pedigree for Tamworth, co. Stafford after having reviewed the existing pedigree for Walsall in the west of the county. They came to a number of similar conclusions and agreed that there was a high probability that there were direct familial links between the two pedigrees. The problem was the lack of documentary or other hard evidence to reach our high standard to be included in the compilation of pedigrees. Further research is recommended to explore the possibilities or likelihood of those connections, with a view to finding concrete evidence to verify what for the time being remain circumstantial or speculative argument.

The Worthington Family of Tamworth, co. Stafford - Branch 1



Chapter 8 - Tamworth

Tamworth today sits on the south-eastern border of Staffordshire with Warwickshire. Until 1889 it was divided between the two counties. Derbyshire is just to the North and Leicestershire just to the East. Townships around Tamworth include Hoppas/Hopwas, Coton, Fazeley, Wiggington, Wilnecote and Polesworth. Orton on the Hill, Newton Regis, Norton Juxta Twycross are all within 10 miles of Tamworth and in Warwickshire or Leicestershire. A little further away beyond Ashby are the townships of Worthington, and Breedon on the Hill, other areas with Worthington families. The church in Tamworth is dedicated to St Editha, the largest medieval church in Staffordshire. It dates back to the 14th and 15th centuries and its parish registers begin in 1538.

Our research into the families of this area has shown two main branches (and quite a few, as yet, unknown relationships), and they follow below as Branch 1 and branch 2.



St Editha Tamworth

Branch 1

Generation 1 John Worthington and Isabel

TW1 John Worthington

John's birth and baptism details are not known. He married Isabel (surname unknown) at St Editha's church, Tamworth on 10 July 1570¹. The register entry refers to Isabel simply as John's wife. They had two known children: Margaret and Hugh. John was buried on 17 October 1587 at St Editha's¹. Isabel probably remarried after John's death: There was a marriage between Isabell Worthenton and John Gysborne at St Editha's on 25 November 1588¹. It is very likely that this was Isabel the widow of John, although the register does not record that. However no record has yet been found which identifies another Isabel Worthington, alive, in that area at the time.

Generation 2

TW2 Margaret

Margaret was baptised at St Editha's on 29 January 1570-1, and died an infant. She was buried at the same church on 2 April 1571¹.

TW3 Hugh

Hugh was baptised in 1574 at St Editha's, Tamworth¹, the son of John Worthington and Isabel. He married an Alice, probably twice. Firstly, Alice Fletcher on 30 January 1596-7 at Wilnecote¹ (about 5 miles from Hoppas/Hopwas). The marriage appears in the registers for St Editha's, Tamworth. Alice died a short time after the marriage and was buried at St Editha's on 4 July 1597¹. There is an error in the *Register of Worthington References* which gives a year of 1595 (16C Vol 1PR41). Secondly, he married Alice Paddy on 2 July 1598 at St Editha's¹. Hugh and Alice Paddy had four sons: John, Richard, Thomas and William. Alice died in 1622 and was buried on 1 June that year at St Editha's¹, being described as the wife of Hugh Worthington. Hugh died in 1624 and was also buried at St Editha's, Tamworth on 4 August¹. No will or Admon has so far been found for either of them.

Generation 3

Children of Hugh and Alice (Paddy)

TW4 John

John, the eldest son of Hugh and Alice, was baptised at St Editha's on 27 April 1599¹. Very little more is known about him. There is a record of a burial of John Worthington at the same church in Tamworth on 18 October 1622¹, which states he was the son of Hugh Worthington. He would have been 22 years old and perhaps too old to be referred to as "son" in the registers although his father was still alive. But no other references have been found and it has been assumed that this burial refers to this John. It is perhaps worth noting that John was not mentioned as a brother in Richard's will of 1672-3³.

TW5 and O2 Richard

Richard was the second eldest son of Hugh and Alice and was baptised on 30 August 1601 at Tamworth¹. Richard is thought never to have married. He wrote a will in 1672-3³, in which he named his surviving brothers and a number of nephews and nieces, but no references to a wife or children. He had by this time moved to Orton, and appears, with further detail, on the Orton pedigree.

TW6 and O1 Thomas

Thomas was the third son of Hugh and Alice and was baptised at Tamworth on 9 January 1604-5¹. Like his brother Richard, Thomas moved to Orton. It is probable they moved around the same time, but exactly when and for what reason is not known. Thomas married Felice Chamberlain and had children. Further information about him is on the Orton pedigree. His

two sons, John and Richard, are head of their own pedigrees of Norton-juxta-Twycross (**John NO1**) and Kingsbury (**Richard K1**) respectively.

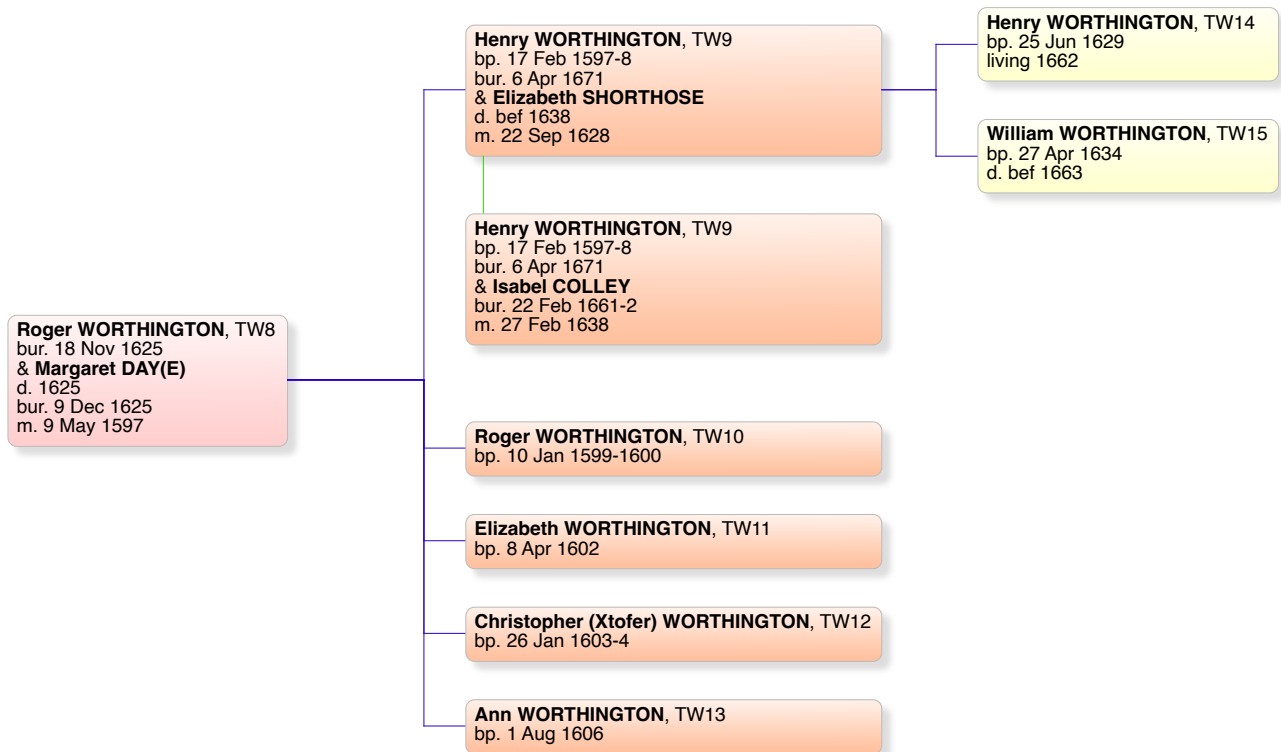
TW7 William

Little is known of William, Hugh and Alice's fourth son. He was baptised on 28 August 1607 at St Editha's¹ and was still alive in 1672-3 when he was mentioned in his brother Richard's will. William may have married later in life as Richard referred to William's children as possibly not having reached the age of 21 years (and if so then the bequests were to be held by their father (William) until such time they attained the age of 21 years).

It is possible that William's wife was Ann as there is a burial of "Ann wife of William" on 4 December 1662 at St Editha's¹. Some of their children were living in 1672-3 when their uncle **Richard O2** mentioned them in his will. The details of William's death and burial have not been found.

Note: This William is not to be confused with one (also of Tamworth) who died in 1662, and who appears in separate line descending from Branch 2 led by Roger Worthington.

The Worthington Family of Tamworth, Co. Stafford - Branch 2



Branch 2

There was a second line of Worthingtons in Hopwas around the same time as those of John and Isabel above. This line was headed by Roger Worthington of Hoppas who was buried at St Editha's church, Tamworth in 1625¹.

Generation 1

TW8 Roger Worthington

Roger's parents are not known and nor are the details of his birth or baptism. He married Margaret Day(e) on 9 May 1597 at St Editha's church¹ and they had at least six, probably seven, children. Roger and Margaret both died in 1625 and were buried within a month of each other: Roger on 18 November and Margaret (widow) on 9 December, both at Tamworth¹.

Generation 2

Children of Roger and Margaret

TW9 Henry

Henry was the first known son of Roger and Margaret. He was baptised on 17 February 1597-8 at St Editha's Tamworth¹. He married firstly Elizabeth Shorthose on 22 September 1628 at St Editha's, Tamworth¹. Together they had two known children, Henry and William. The fact that there are no other baptisms associated with the pair between 1629 and 1634 might indicate more children were born and died as infants. After extensive searches in the burial records in Tamworth and the surrounding parishes, a record of Elizabeth's death has not been found. She presumably died after 1634 (the year of birth of son William) and before 1638 as Henry went on to marry Isabel Colley at Tamworth on 27 Feb 1638¹. The entry in the register gives no indication that Henry was a widower but equally there are no further christenings/baptisms which could be associated with Henry and Elizabeth. Henry died in 1671 and was buried at His second wife Isabella died in 1661-2 and was buried at St Editha's on 22 February 1661-2¹.

*Note - There is speculation on some Ancestry trees that **Henry TW9** married three times: to Elizabeth Shorthose, Isabel Colley and a Jane who lived from 1605- 1638. They state that Jane was the mother of **William TW15** 1634- 1662.*

TW10 Roger

Roger was baptised on 10 January 1599-1600 at St Editha's Tamworth¹.

TW11 Elizabeth

Elizabeth was baptised on 8 April 1602 at St Editha's Tamworth¹.

TW12 Christopher (Xtofer)

Christopher was baptised on 26 January 1603-4 at St Editha's Tamworth¹. Christopher had a daughter Alice who was baptised at Lichfield Cathedral on 6 March 1625². The mother of Alice is not named.

TW13 Ann

Ann was baptised on 1 August 1606 at St Editha's Tamworth¹.

Note - There was a burial of "a woman child of Roger Worthenton" on 14 June 1608. This may have been Elizabeth or Ann, but more likely an unnamed daughter who died before she could be baptised.

Generation 3 Children of Henry and Elizabeth

TW14 Henry

Henry was baptised at St Editha's, Tamworth on 25 June 1629¹. There was a Henry (of Hoppas) married to Elizabeth whose children were baptised at St Editha's¹: William 1656, Jane 1660 and Elizabeth 1667, but we have found no proof that they were this Henry's children. Henry was alive in 1662-3 when he was granted the admon of his brother - see below.

Note: It is possible that Henry also married Ann Greene on 25 December 1655.

TW15 William

William was baptised at St Editha's, Tamworth on 27 April 1634¹. It is probable that he had died by 1662. "Admon granted on 20 January 1662-3 to Henry Worthington of Hopwas, co. Stafford, yeoman for the goods, rights and credits of his naturall and lawfull brother William Worthington late of Hopwas co. Stafford, deceased"⁴.

Relationships unknown

There are a number of Worthington families identified in the registers residing in or close to Tamworth during the seventeenth century and later. But how they are all connected, and we believe many of them are, is not evident from the paper research we have carried out. Given that our burden of proof threshold is high, we cannot include them in either branch of the main pedigree, but list them here along with our thoughts of how they *might* be connected.

Hugh Worthington of Hoppas/Hopwas

Hugh was of Hoppas. He died in 1591 and was buried on 27 November that year¹. He was a farmer/livestock keeper. An inventory of his chattels and livestock was taken on 3 December. It amounted to £13 of which £9 was in debts to 12 people⁴. No will has been found, nor is there any indication who inherited his possessions. It is possible that Hugh was a brother of **John TW1**.

Henry Worthington of Coton

There is some speculation that Henry was related in some way to **Henry TW9** above, but there is no definitive proof. It is very doubtful that he was a son, as Henry of Coton died in 1727 and even had he been 90 years old when he died, he would have been born nearly 40 years after his siblings. It is possible he was a grandson or great nephew of **Henry TW9**.

Henry married Elizabeth (probably STOREY) on 1 October 1689 at Lichfield cathedral². He died in 1727 and his wife four years later. She was buried at St Editha's on 8 November 1731¹. Both left wills⁴. Henry's was proved at Lichfield on 28 November 1727 to William (son) and Elizabeth Worthington, who was described as a widow of Coton. Henry mentioned his sons "Henery" and William, daughters Mary and Elizabeth and granddaughter Mary (daughter of Henry). The inventory of Henry's goods, chattels and cattle amounted to £31 11s 6d. Their children were all baptised at St Editha's church, Tamworth¹:

Elizabeth, baptised 9 September 1690;

Henry, baptised 20 November 1692 (and known as "of Whateley"). Henry had a daughter Mary who was alive in 1727;

Mary, baptised 17 March 1694-5 and was buried on 30 June 1723;

John, baptised 4 July 1697 (presumed dead before 1727 as he is not mentioned in his father's will - there was a burial of John, son of Henry at St Editha's on 12 February 1724-5 which may have been him);

Dorothy, baptised 1 May 1700.

William, baptised 10 September 1704.

* All the children, save John, were alive in 1727 being mentioned in their father's will.

Alice (Worthington) née Neilbe?

There is a will dated 24 October 1638 of Alice Worthington of Tamworth, widow⁴. She left bequests to her daughters Elizabeth, Sara and Mary, son Roger and Alice Hatton, who was under 15 years of age at the time and was the daughter of Nicholas Hatton. (Ref 17C Vol4 38.10.24). It is possible that Alice was married to Hugh Worthington, a son (not in our pedigree) of **Hugh TW3** and Alice Fletcher. There is a marriage between Hugh Worthington and Alice Neilbe at Lichfield on 5 November 1623². It is only speculation but perhaps Alice Fletcher, who died in 1597, did so giving birth to Hugh the same year and he was brought up separately to his half siblings. Some trees on Ancestry (unsourced) also suggest that Hugh was the son of **Roger TW8** and Margaret Daye. But he would have needed to be a twin of **Henry TW9**, and there is no indication that this was so.

Agnes Worthington

Agnes had an illegitimate child named Elizabeth who died in infancy. She was baptised on 14 March and buried on 27 March 1592¹. We have been unable to find further information about Agnes.

Others

Rev. Thomas Worthington: Buried 10 Mar 1736-7. His will⁴ made bequests to a niece Mary Corfield, Edward Davies of Onibury and to clergymen in Worcester and Hereford to distribute among the needy after the demise of his wife Mary. Thomas was the son of Nathaniel Worthington, rector of Onibury Park, Shropshire and descended from a line of clergymen⁵. Mary died in 1759 and was buried on 13 May at St Editha's Tamworth - *was buried Mary the relict of the Rev Thomas Worthington*¹.

John of Hoppas buried at Tamworth on 11 July 1671¹ - not on either branch of this pedigree, possibly a son or grandson of **William TW7**

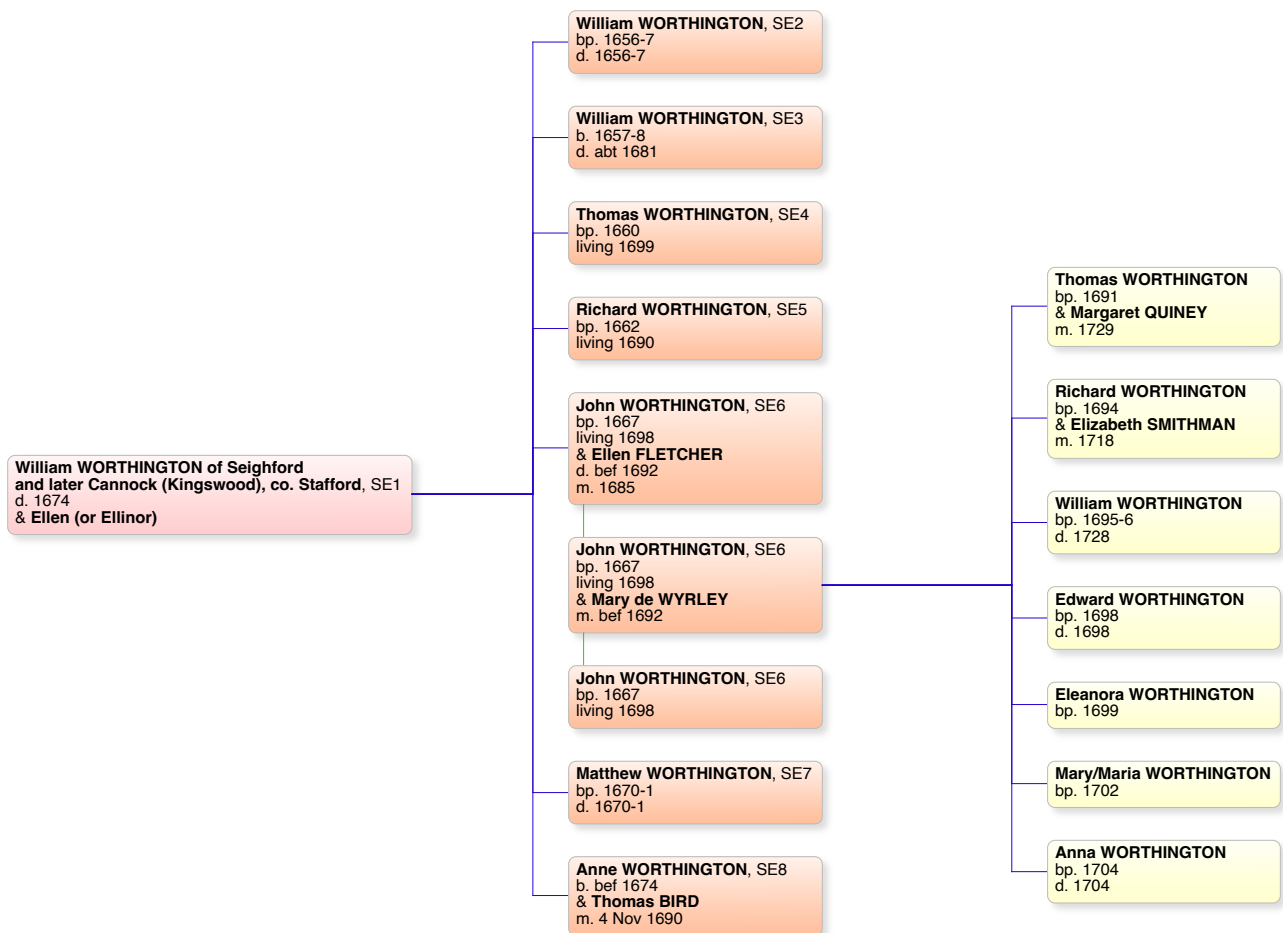
Joseph Worthington baptised on 7 January 1685¹ as the son of **Elizabeth Worthington** of Hopwas and John Ball being "the father of good faith". We have been unable to find a subsequent marriage between John Ball and **Elizabeth Worthington**.

Mary Worthington married Robert Hartwell at Tamworth 21 Mar 1695-6¹.

*Note - **Caution!** There are several trees on Ancestry relating to the Worthingtons of Tamworth. Some seem to be quite accurate but have very few, if any, sources to back up their claims. They also make assumptions as to the relationships between several men born in the sixteenth century. i.e. that John Worthington 1520-1591 was the father of John 1545-1587, Hugh 1550-1591, Christopher 1555-1559, and an unnamed male 1560-?. John (son) married Isabel and had Margaret 1571 d 1571, Roger 1572 d 1572, Hugh 1574 - 1624 and Roger 1575- 1625. The unnamed male had John 1590 and Michael 1600 who married Ann Ormeston and Rebecca Gettly respectively..... Michael and Rebecca had at least two sons Francis 1636 and John 1638. While all this may be correct, there is at present insufficient proof to back it up.*

The Worthington Family of Seighford, co. Stafford

part 1



Chapter 9 - Seighford & Cannock

The village of Seighford was mentioned as Siberford in the Domesday Book. It is named for the ford which even now flows across a road in the village. The parish church is dedicated to St. Chad, suggesting there has been a church there since Saxon times. Parts of the present church building are of Norman origin. Parish registers for the church began in 1561.

Seighford lies 3 miles northwest of Stafford, the county town, and Cannock is some 11 miles to the southeast and has similarly early beginnings, with the parish church, St. Luke's having its origin in Norman times. Unfortunately, a fire in the church in 1850 destroyed most of its registers. Dunston and Penkrige are villages between Seighford and Cannock.

In an Archdeaconry census taken in 1538, there were only 2 Worthington families in Staffordshire, one in Walsall and the other in Cheadle. The earliest references to Worthington in parish registers in the 16th century are to families in Walsall and Tamworth.

Editor's Note: This pedigree is divided into parts 1 and 2 to distinguish two lines of the family originating in Seighford but for which there is no proven connection - thus a barrier of "relationship unknown" would normally separate them on a pedigree chart. But for ease of presentation, we are presenting two pedigrees - parts 1 and 2.



St Chad's Seighford



St Chad's Seighford

Part 1

Generation 1

SE1 William Worthington

The place and date of William's birth is unknown, but in 1656-7 his son William was baptised and his mother named as Ellen, an inhabitant of Seighford¹. There were no other Worthingtons in Seighford prior to this date. William (son) survived only a month but a second son, William, was born within a year followed by his brother Richard. The family then moved to Cannock, some 11 miles to the southeast.

In 1662 William was listed by the Constable of Cannock as a Parliamentarian, having borne arms against the King and the King's father⁴. An early battle of the Civil War took place in 1634 in Hopton Heath, less than 5 miles from Seighford, and is possibly the event which brought soldier William and eventually Joseph (see part 2) to Seighford.

In 1666, the Staffordshire Hearth tax returns describe William, his wife, two children and a male servant living in a substantial house in Cannock with five hearths⁵. Three more sons and a daughter followed. William died in 1674 and a memorandum attached to his will granted his widow Elinor with the duty of providing tuition and education for their children, until they were of age to receive their inheritance⁶.

It is odd that for a family careful about baptism that there is no record of their marriage, nor of that of Joseph and Margaret (see part 2). But this was the Commonwealth era and parish records were subjected to some disruption.

Generation 2

Family of William and Ellen

SE2 William

William was baptised on the 12 February 1656-7 and buried a month later on the 14 March 1656-7 at St. Chad's, Seighford¹.

SE3 William

William was baptised on 21 February 1657-8 at St. Chad's, Seighford. Nothing more is known of him other than he died without heirs circa 1681¹.

SE4 Thomas

Thomas was baptised on 1 April 1660 also in Seighford¹. In 1685 he was living in Dunston, a village between Seighford and Cannock and described firstly as a cordwinder (shoemaker) in a land agreement with his brother Richard, then later as a yeoman perhaps as a result of benefiting from his father's will³. In 1690, 93, 98 and 99 he was party to further land agreements with his brother amongst others. No record has been found that he married or had children.

SE5 Richard

Richard was the first of **William's (SE1)** sons to be baptised at St. Luke's, Cannock on 16 September 1662². In the first of the land agreements signed with his brother Thomas, and Thomas Fletcher of Kingswood, Cannock, Richard is described as a file cutter³. There is no further information about him.

SE6 John

John was baptised on the 9 April 1667 at St. Luke's, Cannock². He was living in Kingswood, Cannock in 1685 and was married, although still a minor, to Ellen, daughter of Thomas Fletcher of Kingswood as described in various land agreements dated from 1685, 1690, 1693 and 1698. Ellen had died by 1691 and John married, for the second time, Mary Wyrley, and became father to four sons and three daughters. It is possible that he was married for a third time in 1714 to Elizabeth Littlefoot and had two further children: Anne, baptised in 1715 and John, baptised in 1716-7.

SE7 Mathew

Mathew, William's youngest son, was baptised at Cannock on 6 February 1670-71 and buried a month later on 5 March 1670-71².

SE8 Anne

There is no record of Anne's baptism but she had been born by April 1674, when she was mentioned in her father's will⁶.

Generation 3

Family of John (SE6) and Mary

Thomas was baptised 15 September 1691 at St. Luke's Cannock and married Margaret Quiney in the same church in December 1729 and had a daughter².

Richard was baptised 5 April 1694 at Cannock and married Elizabeth Smithman in 1718 at Cannock².

William was baptised in 1695-6, and died in 1728².

Edward was baptised in 1698, and died in 1698².

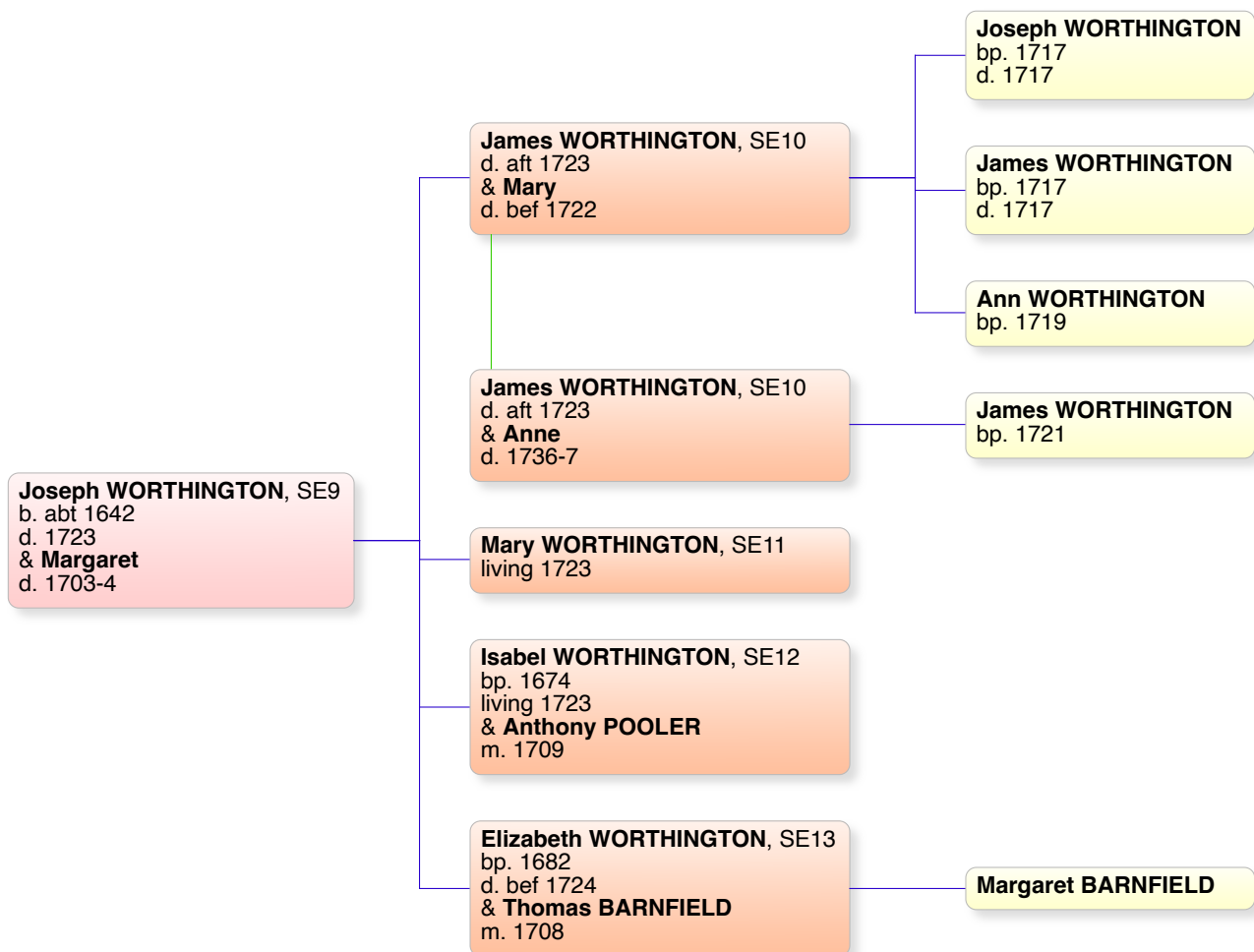
Eleanora was baptised in 1699².

Mary/Maria was baptised in 1702².

Ann was baptised in 1704, and died in 1704².

The Worthington Family of Seighford, co. Stafford

part 2



Part 2

Generation 1

SE9 Joseph

Joseph, described as a labourer, was buried in St.Chad's Seighford on 3 September 1723 aged 81¹. He left a will which provided a lot of information about his family⁷. Nothing is known about his place of birth and no baptismal record has been found, but he must have been born circa 1642, given his age at death in the parish register. His wife was named Margaret and they had four children according to Joseph's will: James, Mary, Isobel and Elizabeth. Margaret was buried at St Chad's on 16 January 1703-04.

Generation 2

Family of Joseph and Margaret

SE10 James

James, the only son of Joseph, was living in Seighford in 1723 when he was mentioned in his father's will⁷. He had married firstly Mary, who had died by 1721. He then married his second wife Ann who died in 1736-7 and was buried in Seighford. James had twin sons Joseph and James by Mary, his first wife. They were baptised at St Chad's Seighford in 1717 and both died shortly after¹. James and Anne also had a daughter Anne who was also baptised at St Chad's in 1719¹. With his second wife Ann, he had a son, James, who was baptised in 1721 at St Chad's¹.

SE11 Mary

There is no record of Mary's baptism but she was named in her father's will in 1723⁷. She had an illegitimate son, John, who was baptised in Chebsey, Staffordshire on 8 October 1699⁸. Nothing further is known about Mary.

SE12 Isabel

Isabel was baptised on 6 September 1674 in Seighford¹ and was mentioned in her father's will in 1723⁷. She married Anthony Pooler of Chetwynd, Shropshire on 14 September 1709⁹. Nothing further is known about Isabel.

SE13 Elizabeth

Elizabeth was baptised on 25 April 1682 in Seighford¹. She married Thomas Barnfield of Church Aston, Shropshire on 13 April 1708¹⁰. She had a daughter Margaret, who was mentioned in her grandfather Joseph's will in 1723⁷. Thomas Barnfield also benefited under Joseph's will so, presumably, Elizabeth must have already died by 1723⁷.

Generation 3

Family of James and (1) Mary and (2) Ann

Twins, Joseph and James, were baptised in Seighford on 3 June 1717; they died and were buried on 6 June 1717¹.

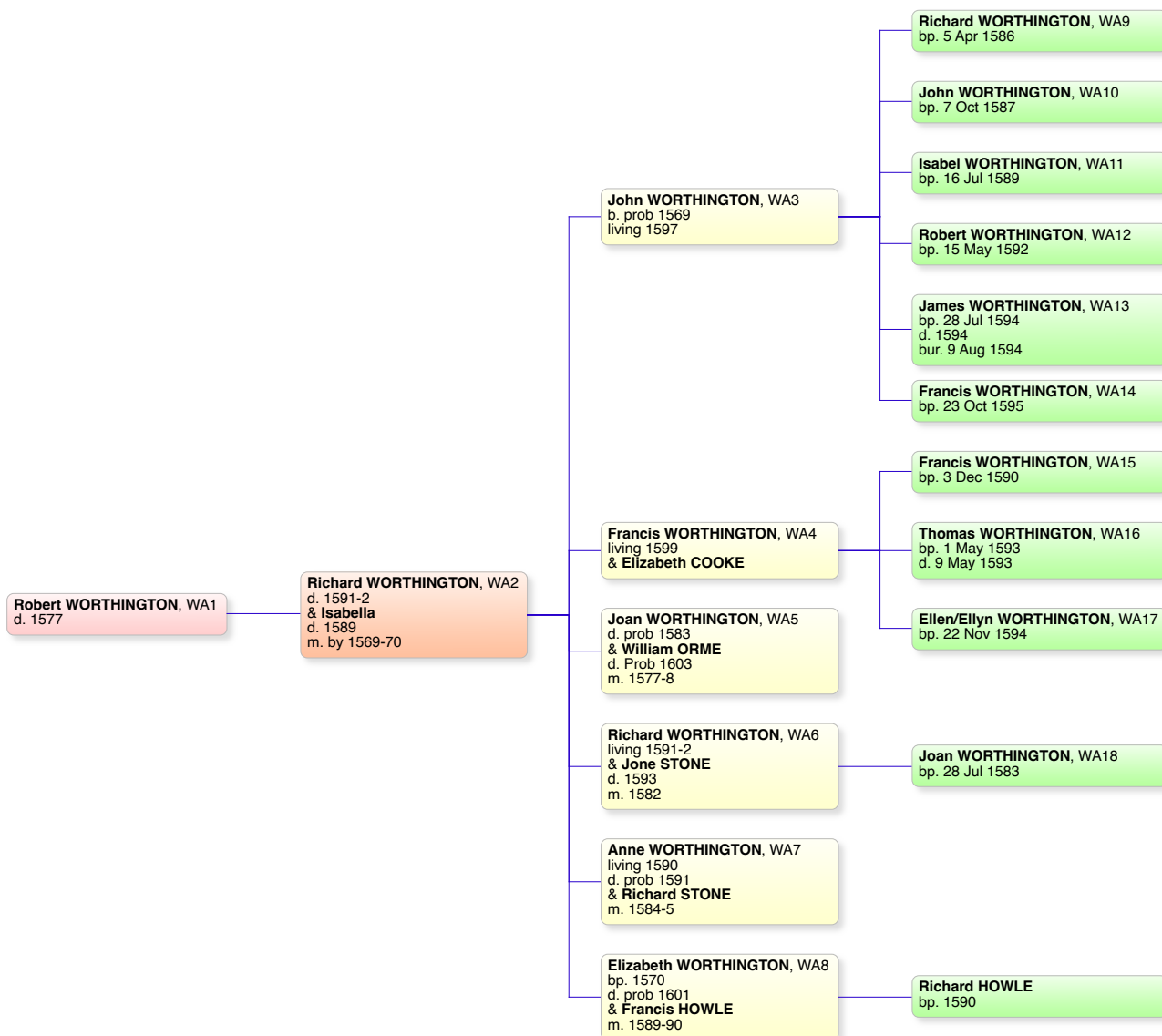
Ann was baptised on 13 October, 1719 in Seighford. Perhaps Mary, her mother, died following Ann's birth as James, her father, remarried soon afterwards¹.

James, born to Ann the second wife of James, was baptised on 29 May 1721 in Seighford¹.

Footnote and potential further research

Seighford was a small community and we have found no parish records of Worthingtons there prior to the baptism of **William (SE2)** circa 1656-7. However it is likely that **William (SE1)** came to the Stafford area as a soldier and participated in the Battle of Hopton Heath in 1634. If that is correct then he was probably born some time around 1610. It is also likely that **Joseph (SE9)** was a close relative of **William (SE1)**. The proximity of the births of their children and grandchildren was quite close, indicating perhaps that they may have been brothers or first cousins? Generations of Worthingtons continued in the village until the middle of the 20th century, variously holding the office of churchwarden at St. Chad's.

The Worthington Family of Walsall, co. Stafford



Chapter 10 - Walsall

Walsall is a market town situated in the southeast of Staffordshire, close to its borders with Warwickshire and Worcestershire. It is about 9 miles distant from both Lichfield and Birmingham. The original Parish church dated from the 13th century, when it was dedicated to All Saints. Some indexes checked in the course of our research describe the church dedication to St Matthew, despite the fact that it was only re-dedicated to him in the 18th century. We have used the references in use at the time in this narrative.



All Saints, later St Matthew's, church Walsall

Originally Walsall thrived as a market town serving surrounding agricultural areas, but there were good supplies locally of ironstone, coal and limestone which encouraged the development of the light metalwork industry.

In 1538 Walsall was home to one of only two Worthington families in Staffordshire, according to the Archdeacon's census. However, by the end of the 16th century there are no further references to Worthingtons in Walsall, with the exception of an occasional death at the beginning of the 17th century. A history of Walsall at this time describes harvest failures in successive years and the plague was a major cause of death. The Worthington family had land and property at this time, but given the circumstances, did they decide to move elsewhere? Another possibility is that they became non-conformist, a growing movement at the time, and would then not be recorded in the Church of England Parish registers.

There is only one registered baptism in the first three generations of this pedigree, that of Elizabeth in 1570. This emphasises the lack of and unreliability of 16th century dates. After Thomas Cromwell's execution in 1540, the law ordering the recording of births, marriages and deaths was ignored and not enforced until 1595, so any dates which do appear could be those "within living memory". This was even more unreliable if the priest was only a recent appointment in the 1590s. The dates recorded in this period therefore, might best be regarded as pointers to the actual timing of events.

Note: While the 17C project concentrates on the Worthington families of the seventeenth century, those of Walsall are currently all of the sixteenth century and outside the normal parameters originally envisaged at the start of the project. But given that the records seem to end abruptly for Worthington entries, and that other records may yet be discovered covering the seventeenth century, this information may be of value to those researching their ancestors with origins in Staffordshire and has therefore been included.

Generation 1

WA1 Robert

The place and date of Robert Worthington's birth is unknown. He is first mentioned as being "of Walsall" in connection with a land grant made by Henry VIII following the King's acquisition of church property and Robert is named there as a leaseholder in 1552¹. We have found no record to identify his wife but we know he had a son, Richard. Robert was buried at All Saints Parish church, Walsall on 2 May 1577².

Generation 2

WA2 Richard

Richard was "of Walsall" and like his father, the place and date of his birth is unknown. He was married by 1569-70 to Isabella (surname unknown), when they were involved in a dispute, with John Raupheson and his wife Alice, over 10 acres of land, 8 acres of meadow and 20 acres of pasture in Walsall. The court found in Richard and Isabella's favour sometime during the week of 13 -20 January 1569-70³. In 1576 Richard was mentioned in a *Survey of Walsall* as a feller of trees to supply charcoal⁴. We know that the couple had 3 sons followed by 3 daughters and who are listed below as Generation 3. Richard wrote his will on 23 November 1590⁵. He left land, leaseholds and property to his sons and a cow to his daughter Anne. He also left a request that his executor, his son Francis (*Frauncys*), " *be good to his poore twoe sisters Anne Stone and Elizabeth Howe*". Richard was buried on 7 January 1591-2 at All Saints church in Walsall². Isabella was buried on 1 April 1589 at the same parish church².

Generation 3

Family of Richard and Isabella

WA3 John

John may have been born in Wednesbury, a neighbouring parish in 1569. He is named in his father Richard's will⁵, as his eldest son, but did not benefit to the same extent as his brother Francis. Perhaps he had already had his share of the family property during his father's lifetime? Or he had moved away from the family before his father died. John was mentioned as a supplier of ironstone in West Bromwich (about 5 miles from Walsall) in 1590⁴, and in 1593 he is described as a carrier when he was asked to pay a surety to keep the peace³. Although the date of his death is unknown he was still alive in 1597 when he was mentioned in the Quarter Session Rolls of that year³. John's wife's name is not known, nor is the date of their marriage, but they had six known children between 1586 and 1595.

WA4 Francis

Francis, whose place and date of birth are unknown, was a major beneficiary from his father's will of 1590⁵ so must have been born before 1569. He was still alive in 1599 when he received rent for land in Walsall⁶. He married and had two children, Thomas, in 1593 and his sister Ellen/Ellyn, in 1594. In December 1590, a child named Francis (Fraunces) Worthington had been baptised as a son of Elizabeth Cooke². This has given rise to some conjecture as to whether Elizabeth was married to Francis at this time or if this first baby was illegitimate. It is possible that Elizabeth was Francis' wife and was mother to this son, as well as the two later children.

Note: There has been some discussion amongst the compilers as to whether Francis, the son of Elizabeth Cooke, was illegitimate or not. Francis's grandfather Richard was most generous in his will with regard to his grandson⁵. Something that perhaps would not have been the case, should the child have been deemed illegitimate?

WA5 Joan

Joan was the eldest of Richard's three daughters and married William Orme on 19 January 1577-8 at All Saints church, Walsall². They had children Richard (1579) and Isabel (1583) baptised at the same church. The burials of a Joan Orme in 1583 and William in 1603 are recorded at St Augustine's church in Rugeley, Staffordshire⁷. Given the dates of her daughter's baptism and her own (probable) burial, Joan may have died in child birth or shortly after. She was not mentioned in her father's will in 1590⁵, although her husband William Orme was, and named an overseer.

WA6 Richard

Richard was the youngest of the three sons of Richard and Isabella. He married Jone Stone at All Saints church in Walsall on 28 May 1582². They had a daughter Joan. Richard was still alive in 1591-2 when he was mentioned in his father's will⁵. Jone died a year later and was buried on 12 November 1593². The register recorded her as "*Jone ux Richard junior*".

WA7 Anne

Anne was the second daughter of Richard and Isabella. She married Richard Stone, perhaps her brother-in-law, at All Saints church, Walsall on 7 January 1584-5². Her brother Richard had married a Jone Stone less than two years earlier. Anne had children and was still alive in November 1590 when she was mentioned in her father's will⁵ and described as being "poore", as was her sister Elizabeth. Anne probably died in 1591.

WA8 Elizabeth

Elizabeth was the youngest of Richard and Isabella's children. She was baptised on 10 June 1570 at All Saints', Walsall². She married Francis Howle of Walsall on 2 March 1589-90 and had a son, Richard, who was baptised on 30 July 1590, just four months later². Elizabeth was mentioned in her father's will as being "poore" (like her sister Anne). She probably died in 1601 and was buried in Walsall on 14 March that year².

Generation 4

We have included the known children who make up generation 4 as they were the last known Worthington generation of that era to have been born in Walsall. Nothing further is known of what happened to them or their families in the 17th century.

Family of John and his wife

WA9 Richard

Richard was the eldest of John and his wife and was baptised at All Saints (later known as St Matthew's) church, Walsall on 5 April 1586².

WA10 John

Like his siblings John was baptised at All Saints church, Walsall on 7 October 1587².

WA11 Isabel

Isabell, the only daughter, was baptised at All Saints church, Walsall on 16 July 1589².

WA12 Robert

Robert was baptised at All Saints church, Walsall on 15 May 1592².

WA13 James

James was John **WA3's** 5th child lived for only a short time and died an infant. He was baptised on 28 July 1594 and buried on 9 August 1594 at All Saints church, Walsall².

WA14 Francis

Francis was the youngest known child of John and like his elder brother James died an infant. He was baptised at All Saints church, Walsall on 23 October 1595 and buried there on 16 December 1595².

Family of Francis and Elizabeth

WA15 Francis

Francis, or Fraunces as recorded in the parish register, was the son of Elizabeth Cooke and may have been born out of wedlock (**see WA4**). He was baptised at All Saints church, Walsall on 3 December 1590².

WA16 Thomas

Thomas was baptised on 1 May 1593 and was buried a week later on 9 May 1593 at Walsall².

WA17 Ellen

Ellen or Ellyn was baptised at All Saints church, Walsall on 22 November 1594².

Family of Richard and Jone

WA18 Joan

Joan was baptised on 28 July 1583 at All Saints church, Walsall².

Relationship Unknown

William

William's date and place of birth is unknown. He was granted a pardon at Hampton Court on 26 September 1554 by Queen Mary I ⁸, by which Protestants were allowed to declare themselves Catholic (the faith of the Queen) by payment of 22 shillings. William was described as a "yoman" and pardoned for all treasons, felonies and other offences committed before 1 October 1553. A further pardon was granted by Queen Mary on 19 February 1554-5, but it must have been posthumously as William was described as being "late of Walsall, co. Stafford, brasier".

It is not unreasonable to consider that William was related to Robert WA1, indeed they may have been brothers.

Thomas

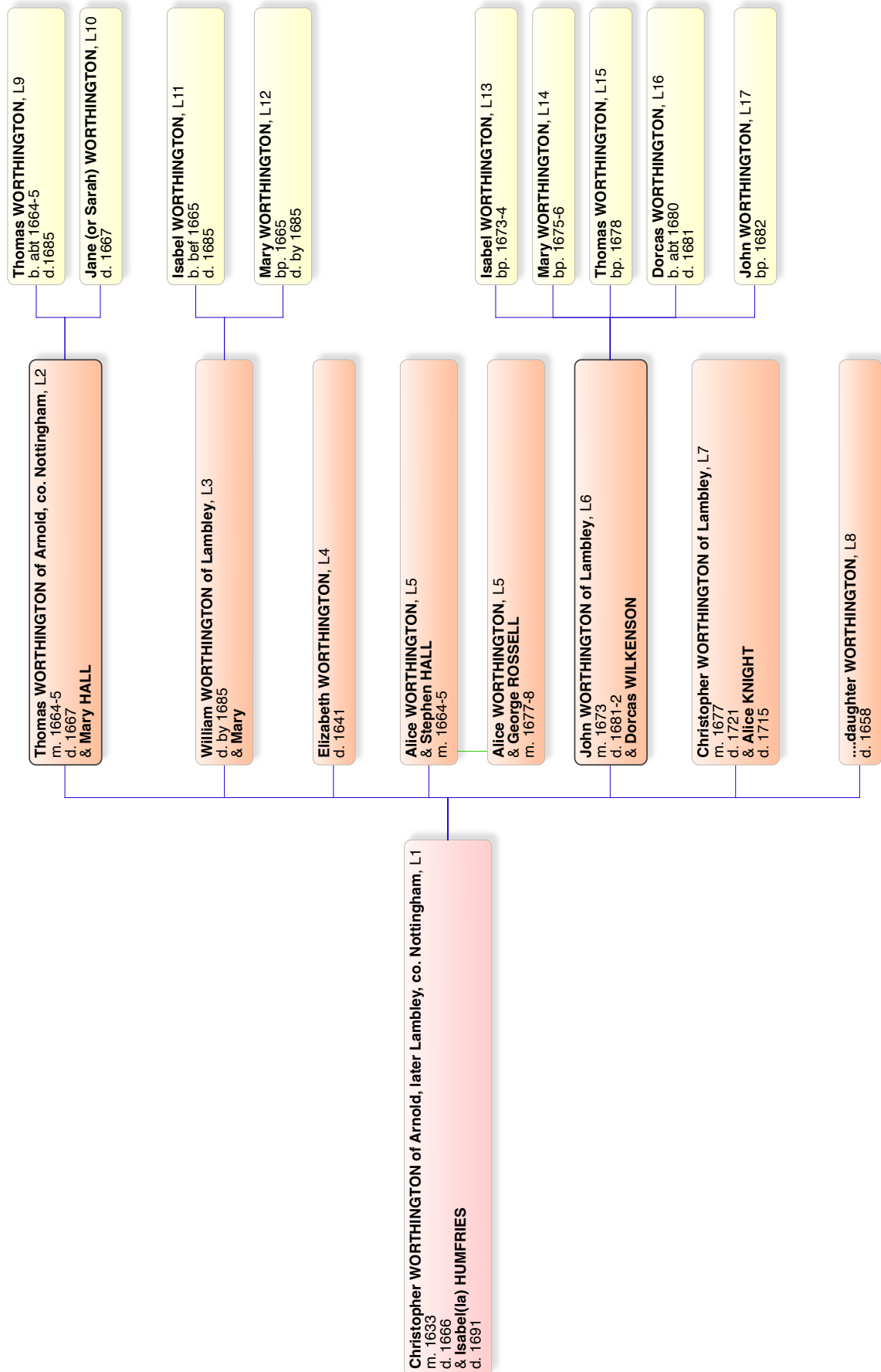
Thomas was described as being of Walsall co. Stafford when probate was granted on 8 May 1566⁹ in respect of his personal estate to Elizabeth Worthington, who was possibly his wife or perhaps sister. We cannot be sure.

**The
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Families of
Nottinghamshire**



The county of Nottinghamshire by Jan Jansen 1588-1684

The Worthington Family of Lambley, co. Nottingham



Chapter 11 - Lambley

The village of Lambley is some 4 miles east of Arnold which in turn is situated to the north of the current city of Nottingham. The parish church at Lambley is dedicated to the Holy and Undivided Trinity and is a grade 1 listed building. The parish records date from 1652 and Bishop's Transcripts from 1601. The parish church at Arnold is dedicated to St Mary with the parish registers dating from 1544 and Bishop's Transcripts from 1605. The registers from both churches are incomplete. Both Lambley and Arnold are north of the river Trent. Cropton Bishop and Cotgrave are villages on the south side of the river Trent just three miles apart. Radford is just north west of Nottingham city centre.



Holy Trinity Lambley

Generation 1

L1 Christopher Worthington

Christopher was a yeoman of Arnold and later Lambley. It is not known exactly when he moved to Lambley, but it must have been after 1641, when his name appeared on the Protestation return¹ for that year for Arnold. His birth and baptism details are not known but he married Isabel(la) Humfrie on 6 November 1633 at Radford² (about 3.5 miles to the south west of Arnold). This was the only marriage that has been found between a Christopher Worthington and Isabella at the appropriate time. Christopher and Isabella had 7 known children: four sons and three daughters. The parish records at St Mary, Arnold show that Christopher was an overseer in 1646 and a church warden in 1654³. He died in 1666 and was buried at Lambley on 8 September⁴ that year having written his will a few weeks earlier on 18 June⁵. He made Isabella the sole executrix and mentions his four sons and sole surviving daughter Alice, plus two of his grandchildren and a cousin Sarah Wakefield, wife of Richard Wakefield of Arnold. Isabella died 25 years later and was buried at Lambley on 11 May 1691. The Admon of Isabella's estate was granted to her son Christopher a few weeks later on 24 June⁶.

Generation 2

Family of Christopher and Isabella.

L2 Thomas

Thomas was the eldest son of Christopher and Isabella and was a husbandman of Arnold. He was baptised on 23 July 1637 at St Giles church, Cropton Bishop⁷ and married Mary Hall of Arnold at Lambley on 26 January 1664-5⁴. Their marriage licence⁸ dated two weeks earlier shows that the bond was provided by Stephen Hall. Hall was the husband of Thomas's sister Alice. Thomas and Mary had two children: a son and a daughter, the daughter not yet born at the time of Thomas's death in 1667. His will was dated 21 July 1667⁹ and he mentions only Mary his wife, who he made executrix, his son (not named) and his unborn child. Thomas was buried at St Mary's Arnold on 23 July 1667³. After his death, Thomas's wife Mary remarried John Martin of Calverton (about 3 miles north of both Arnold and Lambley) on 16 February 1667-8 at St Wilfrid's church, Calverton¹⁰.

L3 William

William was the second son of Christopher and Isabel and was of Lambley. He was baptised at Cotgrave on 11 December 1638¹¹. This was not that far from where his brother Thomas was baptised a year earlier. Both Cotgrave and Cropwell Bishop are on the other side of the Trent from Lambley and we do not know why Christopher and Isabel would choose to baptise their children away from their "home" village of Lambley or indeed Arnold. William married a Mary her surname is not known and neither is the date and place of their marriage. We know her first name as the baptism register for their daughter Mary records it in 1665. They had a second daughter Isabel (see below). William was living at the time of his father's will in 1666⁵ but had probably died by 1685 when daughter Isabel wrote her will¹². (Probable as it was perhaps unusual to make bequests to parents, yet Isabel did make one to her uncle Christopher.). No record has yet been found relating to William's death, nor that of his wife Mary.

L4 Elizabeth

Elizabeth was the eldest daughter of Christopher and Isabel. She died as an infant, being baptised and buried at Arnold on 26 and 29 December 1641 respectively³.

L5 Alice

Alice was baptised at St Mary's Arnold on 22 January 1642-3³. She was the only surviving daughter as mentioned in her father's will in 1666⁵. Alice married Stephen Hall, a husbandman of Arnold, on 26 January 1664-5 at Lambley⁴. The bond for the marriage licence⁸ was by Thomas Worthington, Alice's brother. It is worth noting that Alice and Thomas were married on the same day in the same place and the bond in both cases was provided by the other groom. Alice and Stephen had at least one child, a son Edward Hall. It is presumed that Stephen Hall died before 1677 as Alice remarried George Rossell (according to transcripts from the marriage register) on 12 January 1677 at St Mary's church, Nottingham¹³. That Alice had become Mrs Rossell is confirmed in her niece Isabel's will of 1685¹² in which Isabel refers to her "ante Alis Rosill".

L6 John

John was a yeoman of Lambley and the third son of Christopher and Isabel. He was baptised at Arnold on 25 August 1646³. John married Dorcas Wilkenson of Calverton on 22 April 1673 at Lambley⁴. They had five children, the last of which, also named John was baptised after his father's death. **John L6** died aged only 35 in 1681-2. He had written a will¹⁴ dated 11 August 1679 in which he referred to his three children living at that time; Isabel, Mary and Thomas. He made his wife Dorcas executrix of the will and made provision for any monies for his children to be held by his brother Christopher and a Henry Collis of Lambley in the event Dorcas should remarry. Two further children were born after John had written his will: Dorcas and John. He was buried at Holy Trinity church Lambley on 31 January 1681-2⁴. John's wife Dorcas remarried on 29 July 1686 at St Nicholas church, Nottingham¹⁵. Her new husband was William Moore, a husbandman of Lambley.

L7 Christopher

Christopher was the fourth son of Christopher and Isabel and was of Lambley. His birth and baptism dates are unknown but given the dates of baptism of his siblings, it is thought he would have been born sometime around 1647-50. Christopher married Alice Knight, who was also of Lambley at the Holy Trinity church in Lambley on 27 November 1677⁴. There is no record of any children from the marriage. Christopher died and was buried at Lambley on 13 May 1721⁴. Alice, his wife died and was also buried there on 10 April 1715⁴.

L8 ... daughter

An unnamed daughter of Christopher Worthington was buried at Lambley on 31 October 1658⁴. Given there were no other Christopher Worthingtons of child producing age known to be in Lambley at that time, it is assumed that the child was the youngest of Christopher L1 and Isabel.



St Mary's Arnold

Generation 3

Family of Thomas and Mary

L9 Thomas

Thomas was the elder child of Thomas Worthington and Mary Hall. His exact date of birth is not known but it must have been before 1666 as he was mentioned in his grandfather Christopher's will⁵ of that year. He was also living a year later when his father died as, again, he was mentioned in **Thomas's L2** will⁹. His birth was likely to be after 1664-5, the year his parents were married. Thomas died and was buried at Arnold on 14 May 1685³. The entry in the register records him as the son in law of John Martin and his wife Mary. (Note: In this case son in law was the way a step son was described in the 17th century.)

Note:

There is a reference in the *London Apprentice Abstracts*¹⁶ dated 24 June 1669 to a *Thomas Worthington, born Nottingham, son of Thomas Worthington labourer (deceased) apprentice to to train as a tyler*. While not certain, it is possible that this was **Thomas L9**. The fact

that his deceased father was described as a labourer and not husbandman, may be related to the fact that Thomas never knew his father, him having died when Thomas was an infant.

L10 Jane (or Sarah)

A daughter of Thomas Worthington was buried at Arnold on 18 August 1667³. The *Register of Worthington References* records the child as being called Jane (but acknowledging it might be Sarah). A copy of the original image of the register was found in order to clarify the name. However the quality of the image is so poor, it has not been possible to definitively say whether it is Jane or Sarah. Thomas referred to his wife being with child in his will, so his daughter would have been born after 21 July 1667, thus dying within a few days of her birth.

Family of William and Mary

L11 Isabel

Isabel was one of the two daughters of William Worthington and Mary. Her birth date is unknown but as she was old enough to write a will¹² in 1685 she must have been born before 1665. Isabel died in 1685 and was buried at Lambley on 23 November⁴. The *Register of Worthington References* states that her will was dated 20 December 1685, suggesting she wrote her will after she had died! Closer examination of an image of the original will shows a smudge over the first letter of the month which could easily read November rather than December. Isabel made bequests in her will to her mother Mary, aunt Dorcas, aunt Alis Rosill and uncle Christopher. She was a spinster when she died.

L12 Mary

Mary was the second daughter of William and Mary. She was baptised at Lambley on 19 December 1665⁴. Given she was not mentioned at all in her sister's will¹², it is assumed that she died before Isabel - by November 1685. No record though of her burial has been found.

Family of John and Dorcas

L13 Isabel

Isabel was the eldest child of John and Dorcas. She was baptised at Holy Trinity church, Lambley on 16 February 1673-4⁴. She was still living when her father wrote his will in 1679¹⁴.

L14 Mary

Mary was baptised at Lambley on 25 Jan 1675-6⁴. She was living in 1679 when her father wrote his will¹⁴.

L15 Thomas

Thomas was the last of the three children mentioned in his father's will in 1679¹⁴. He was baptised at Lambley on 5 September 1678⁴.

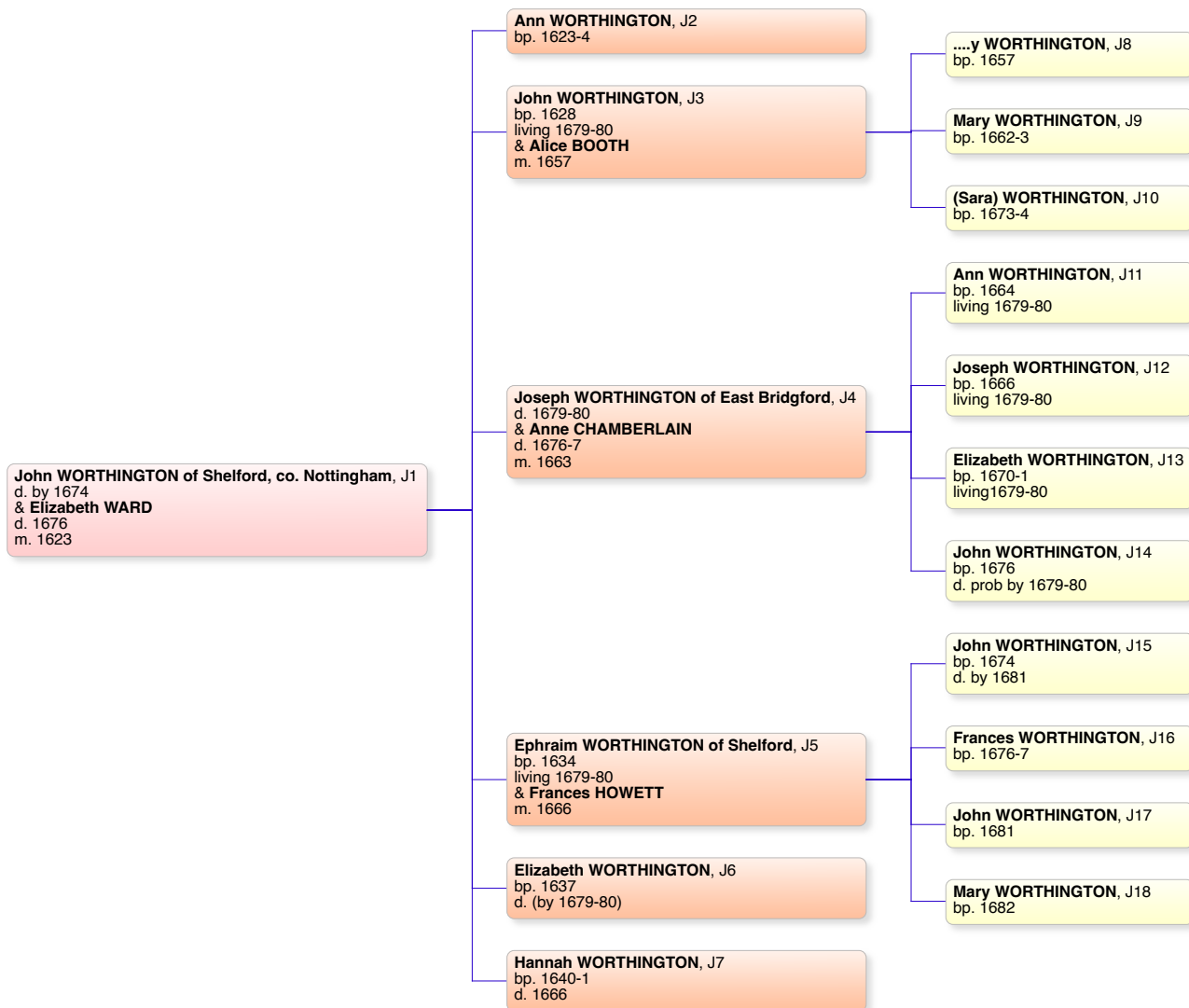
L16 Dorcas

Dorcas was baptised at Lambley on 13 March 1680-1⁴. This was after her father had written his will and therefore she is not mentioned in it. Dorcas died an infant and was buried at Lambley on 7 May 1681 *as the daughter of John*⁴.

L17 John

John was born after his father had died. He was baptised at Lambley on 18 October 1682⁴.

The Worthington Family of Shelford & East Bridgford, co Nottingham



Chapter 12 - Shelford and East Bridgford

The village of Shelford is some 7.5 miles east north east of Nottingham. The parish church is dedicated to St Peter and St. Paul, within the prerogative court of York. The the parish records date from 1563 and the Bishop's Transcripts from 1627. The village of East Bridgford is situated some 3 miles along the river Trent to the east of Shelford. The parish church is dedicated to St Peter and is a grade 1 listed building. The parish records date from 1557 and the Bishop's transcripts from 1602.

Generation 1



St Peter and St Paul Shelford

J1 John Worthington

John was of Shelford, co. Nottingham. It is not known when or where he was born or baptised but he married Elizabeth Ward at Shelford on 29 April 1623¹. Together they had five known children, two sons and three daughters. John probably died before 1674. The Hearth Tax returns for 1674² covering Shelford record a John Worthington and widow Worthington. The former must be John the eldest son and the widow, Elizabeth. She died in 1676 and was buried on 10 November that year at Shelford¹. The register records her as a widow, so John was certainly dead by then.

Generation 2

Family of John and Elizabeth

J2 Anne

Anne was also of Shelford and the eldest daughter of John and Elizabeth. She was baptised on 25 January 1623-4 at Shelford¹. Anne had probably died by 1679-80, not being mentioned in her brother Joseph's will⁴ of that year.

J3 John

John was of Shelford and the eldest son of John and Elizabeth. He was baptised on 9 November 1628 at Shelford¹. He married Alice Booth at St Helen's church, Burton Joyce, Nottinghamshire in 1657³. The exact date is not legible in the register but was between 26 March and 14 December that year. Burton Joyce is just 2 miles north-west of Shelford across the river Trent. John and Alice are thought to have had at least three daughters. At least, as there are 16 years between the baptism of the first and last known daughters. The name of the eldest ends in ...y, the second was Mary and the third Sara (but see below). The date and place of John's death is not known as no will nor burial record for him has been discovered. However he was living at the time his brother Joseph made a nuncupative (oral) will on 13 February 1679-80 and in which John was made executor⁴.

J4 Joseph

Joseph was of East Bridgford and described as a labourer in his will. He was the second son of John and Elizabeth and although no record of his baptism has been found to date, he must have been born between 1629 and 1634. He married Anne Chamberlain on 16 June 1663 at St Peter's, East Bridgford⁵ and they had four known children between them: Ann, Joseph, Elizabeth and John. Joseph and the family were living in East Bridgford in 1674 according to the Hearth tax records for that year². Joseph died on 14 February 1679-80, a day after he made a nuncupative (oral) will in the presence of his two brothers John and Ephraim and daughter Ann⁴. A memorandum was written on 1 May 1680 recording this fact and signed by John, Ephraim and Ann and the will was proved on 13 September 1680. Joseph was buried at St Peter's the day after his death on 16 February⁵. Joseph's wife Ann had also been buried at St Peter's three years earlier on 19 February 1676-7⁵.

J5 Ephraim

Ephraim was of Shelford and a carpenter. He was the youngest of the sons of John and Elizabeth and was baptised at Shelford on 23 May 1634¹. He married Frances Howett, also of Shelford, by licence, on 21 July 1666 at Colwick, Nottinghamshire⁶. Colwick is quite close to Shelford as the crow flies (about 4 miles away) but on the northern side of the river Trent, nowadays a 9 mile trip by road but perhaps there had been an easier crossing in the 17th century. Ephraim and Frances had four children: two sons and two daughters. Both sons were named John, the first born dying aged only 7 years. The two daughters were Frances and Mary. Ephraim's death and burial dates are unknown, but he was alive in 1680 when his brother Joseph's will was proved.

J6 Elizabeth

Elizabeth was the second daughter of John and Elizabeth and was baptised in Shelford on 16 April 1637¹. Elizabeth had probably died by 1679-80, like her sister Anne she was not mentioned in her brother Joseph's will⁴ of that year.

J7 Hannah

Hannah was the youngest of John and Elizabeth's children. She was baptised, like her siblings, in Shelford, her baptism being on 14 February 1640-1¹. It is assumed that she did not marry as she was buried as Hannah Worthington on 26 April 1666 at Shelford¹.

Generation 3 Family of John and Alice

J8y

The eldest daughter of **John J3** and Alice was baptised at Shelford in August 1657¹, the same year as the marriage of her parents. There is some speculation that she may have been born out of wedlock, but as the date of John and Alice's marriage is unclear, this may not have been the case. The full name of the daughter is not legible from the register although it ends in a "y". She may have been named Mary and died before her next known sister Mary was baptised in 1662-3, but again this is speculation. Nothing more is known of her.

J9 Mary

Mary was baptised at Shelford in January 1662-3¹. Nothing more is known about her.

J10 Sara

Sara was probably the youngest daughter of John and was baptised at Shelford on 24 March 1673-4¹. Given the 11 year gap between Sara's baptism and that of **Mary J9**, it is feasible that Sara's mother was not Alice, but someone who married John after 1662-3. Further thought was given by the compilers as to whether Sara was really the daughter of **John J3**. But given there were no other known John Worthingtons having children in Shelford at that time, the likelihood remains she probably was his daughter.



St Peter's East Bridgford

Family of Joseph and Ann

J11 Ann

Ann was the eldest daughter of Joseph and Ann. She was baptised at East Bridgford on 8 June 1664⁵. Ann was present when her father made his oral will⁴ in February 1679-80. She also benefited from the will as her father bequeathed the whole of his estate to her and her siblings Joseph and Elizabeth. Her brother John was not mentioned (see below). It is not known if Ann went on to marry nor when she died.

J12 Joseph

Joseph was the elder son of Joseph and Ann. He was baptised at East Bridgford on 9 December 1666⁵ and was living at the time of his father's death in 1679-80. Like his sisters Ann and Elizabeth he was a beneficiary of his father's will⁴.

J13 Elizabeth

Elizabeth was the younger daughter of Joseph and Ann. She was baptised at East Bridgford on 3 February 1670-1⁵ and still living in 1679-80 when she benefited from her father's will⁴. The estate was divided into three amongst Ann, Joseph and Elizabeth with Elizabeth receiving an extra five pounds.

J14 John

John was the younger son of Joseph and Ann. He was baptised at East Bridgford on 7 May 1676⁵. He was not mentioned in his father's will in 1679-80 and is presumed to have died before then. But no record of his death or burial has yet been found.

Family of Ephraim and Frances

J15 John

John was the eldest child of Ephraim and Frances. He was baptised at Shelford on 1 October 1674¹ but must have died by April 1681 when his younger brother, also named John, was baptised.

J16 Frances

Frances was baptised at Shelford on 20 March 1676-7¹.

J17 John

John was baptised in April 1681 at Shelford¹. He was the second son to be given that name and it is therefore presumed his older brother must have already died.

*Note: There are two burials at St Peter and St Paul, Shelford for wives of John Worthington: One for Sarah on 2 October 1735¹ and the other for Mary on 2 February 1751¹. While outside the scope of this current project, this fact is recorded as they may have been the wife or wives of **John J17**.*

J18 Mary

Mary was baptised on 5 November 1682¹, like her siblings, at Shelford. While the baptism entry at St Peter and St Paul does not record Ephraim and Frances as her parents, it is assumed to be so given the baptism dates of their other children.

Worthington families of Nottinghamshire - ephemera

Shelford and East Bridgford are between Lambley and Cotgrave/Cropwell Bishop. Could there have been a connection between the families in pedigrees J and L? For instance might **Christopher L1** and **John J1** have been brothers? And if so who was their father and where was he from?

Screveton has some parish registers (St Wilfred's) and is just east of East Bridgford - The register begins in 1670 so outside the scope of this project but perhaps useful for further research of the families of this area.

There is an entry in AIIIC Vol 2 1594.2 for an apprenticeship for Thomas Worthington, son of Ralph of Papplewick (north of Nottingham). Papplewick is not that far from Selston (PR297) where John Worthington, son of William was baptised on 10 Jan 1576-7.

**The
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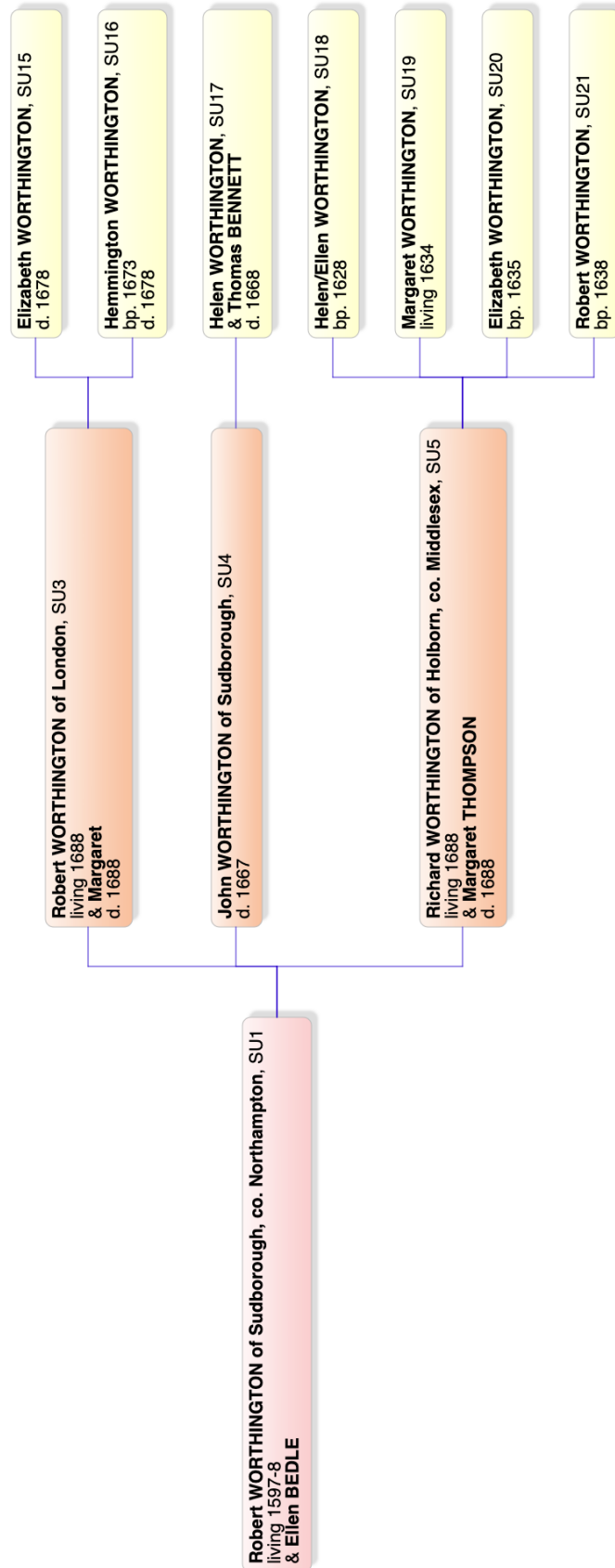
Worthington Family of Sudborough, co. Northampton

Robert's first marriage



The Worthington Family of Sudborough, co. Northampton

Robert's second marriage



Chapter 13 - Sudborough

Sudborough is a small village towards the north east of the county, not far from the border with Cambridgeshire. It is situated in a wooded valley, with many of its buildings built with locally quarried stone. Its church probably dates from the 12th century and is dedicated to All Saints. The parish registers began in 1660.

The Worthingtons of Sudborough are one of the three Worthington families of Northamptonshire included in this project and the most distinguished in terms of education: several were Cambridge graduates, including both ordained priests and lawyers.

Fotheringhay is 6 to 7 miles to the north east and Barnwell St. Andrew is about 10 miles east of Sudborough. Irthlingborough and Higham Ferrers are 7-8 miles to the south. Thrapston is about 5 miles south.

Editor's note: The head of this family group was married twice and had children with both wives. The chart for the family has been divided into two parts, 1 and 2, for ease of presentation. Part 1 is the line following Robert's marriage to the daughter of the Drawater family. Part 2 is the line following Robert's marriage to Ellen Bedle.

Generation 1

SU1 Robert Worthington

Robert was a yeoman living in Sudborough, according to a three generational pedigree drawn up by the College of Arms at the time of the Visitation of London 1633-35 by Sir Henry St George¹: He married firstly, a daughter of the Drawater family from Fotheringhay and they had a son, William. His second wife was Ellen Bedle of Easton in Huntingdonshire and they had three further sons, Robert, John and Richard. The dates of Robert's birth, marriages and death are not known, but he was living in February 1597-8, when he took on a lease of a property in Slipton from William Hemmington².



All Saints Sudborough

Generation 2

Family of Robert and his two wives

SU2 William

William was the only known son of **Robert SU1** and his first wife ...Drawater. He was born in 1593 in Sudborough and was admitted to Saint John's College, Cambridge in 1611. William graduated in 1613-14 and gained his M.A. in 1617. He was ordained a deacon at the Bishop's palace in Fulham, London on 26 May 1616. He became Rector of Barnwell St. Andrew, close to Sudborough, in 1620, having married Anne Crawfield there on 14 September 1620³. They had at least* seven sons and two daughters: William, Nicholas, Elizabeth, Thomas, Robert, Richard, Benjamin, Edward and Anne. William made his will in August 1638⁴ and it was proved the following month at the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. In it he referred to his wife Anne, who was evidently still alive at the time of his death, his half brother John of Sudborough and each of the children mentioned above. William was buried at Barnwell St Andrew on 6 August 1638⁵. (Pedigree is Sudborough part 1.)

Note

**At least, as there is a possible eighth son John, who was baptised at Barnwell on 11 January 1624-5⁵ as the son of William Worthington, and a burial, also at Barnwell, of John Worthington, son of William on 16 December 1635. As this John's burial was before that of William SU2, it might explain why no son John appeared in William's will. A previous theory, recorded in an editor's note attached to item 38.08.01 in the Register of Worthington References, 17th Century, Vol 2, discounted the possibility of William having a son named John as he did not appear in his father's will. But at that time of writing, the burial of John Worthington, son of William in December 1635, was not known. John would have been the third son of William and therefore did not contradict the reference to Nicholas being the second son of William (17C Vol2 38.08.01).*

SU3 Robert

Robert was the eldest son of Robert by his second wife, Ellen. He was a lawyer at the Inner Temple, London¹. Robert married Margaret Hemmington at St John the Baptist church, Keyston, Huntingdonshire on 8 June 1663. They had two children, a daughter named Elizabeth, and a son named Hemmington. Both children died young and were buried in Sudborough, as was Robert's wife Margaret⁶, who was buried there in 1688. Margaret's will⁷ was dated 14 November 1688 and in it she left the bulk of her estate, land and possessions to her husband Robert. The inventory was extensive and totalled £345 2s 6d. What happened to Robert after 1688 is not currently known. (Pedigree is part 2.)

SU4 John

John was the second son of Robert and Ellen and alive in 1638 in Sudborough, being mentioned in his (half) brother's will⁴ as one his supervisors. He married, but his wife's name is unknown, and had a daughter Helen (see below) by her. He died and was buried at Sudborough on 26 April 1667⁶. (Pedigree is part 2.)

SU5 Richard

Richard was the youngest son of Robert and Ellen. Like his elder brother Robert, he was also a lawyer, but working as a clerk of the Kings Bench Office, London¹ and was known as "of Holborn, co. Middlesex". He married Margaret Thompson of London¹ and they had three daughters, Helen, Margaret and Elizabeth and a son, Robert. It was Richard who signed the pedigree in 1634 at the time of the Visitation of London¹. (Pedigree is part 2.)

Generation 3

Family of William and Anne

SU6 William

William was the eldest son of **William SU2**, and his wife Anne. He was baptised at St Andrew's church, Barnwell on 16 September 1621⁵. He lived in Warmington, Northamptonshire, before moving to Cranford. He was married to Sarah and there is a record of a burial in the Parish

Church in Cranford in 1664 of a Mr. Worthington⁸. Sarah was involved in a quit claim with her brother-in-law Nicholas Worthington in 1668⁹, and therefore assumed to be living at this date.

SU7 Nicholas

Nicholas was the second son of William and Anne and was baptised on 3 June 1623 at St Andrew's, Barnwell⁵. He was educated at Oundle School and Sydney Sussex College Cambridge. It was known that he matriculated aged 16 in 1640³. He benefited from his father's will in 1638⁴. In 1671 he was appointed a Sub Commissioner of Excise for Northamptonshire¹⁰. He was a witness to his (half) aunt Margaret's will in 1688⁷ and he had two sons, John and William. According to his entry in *Alumni Cantabrigiensis*³ he was buried on 3 Feb 1693-4 at Wadenhoe, but a parish record to confirm the burial has not been found.

SU8 Elizabeth

Elizabeth was the eldest daughter of William and Anne. She was baptised at St Andrew's, Barnwell on 26 November 1626⁵. Elizabeth married a gent, Nathaniel Smith of Barnwell St. Andrew and they had nine children¹¹. She is commemorated on a painted board in the church, which records her death as 3 March 1665-6¹¹.



In memory of Elizabeth Worthington, St Andrew's Barnwell

SU9 Thomas

Thomas was baptised at St. Andrew's, Barnwell on 16 January 1628-9⁵. He was living in 1638 when he benefited from his father's will⁴. It's probable, but not certain that he married and was living in Thrapston, some 3 miles south east of Sudborough, as parish registers there record the baptism of a daughter Elizabeth, father Thomas and mother Elizabeth. Subsequently there is a burial of a daughter Mary, father Thomas and mother Sarah. Thomas may therefore have married twice.

SU10 Robert

Robert was like his siblings baptised at St. Andrew's, Barnwell on 2 February 1631-2⁵. He was also living in 1638 when he benefited from his father's will⁴.

SU11 Richard

Richard was baptised on 1 January 1633-4 at St. Andrew's, Barnwell⁵. He was also alive in 1638 when he too benefited from his father's will⁴.

SU12 Benjamin

Benjamin was baptised on 15 November 1635 at St. Andrew's, Barnwell⁵. He died in 1679 aged 41 and was buried at St Michael and All Saints church, Wadenhoe¹².

SU13 Edward

Edward was baptised on 12 February 1636-7⁵. A image of the burial register at Barnwell St Andrews shows he was buried there on 4 December 1648⁵.

SU14 Anne

Ann was baptised on 25 February 1637-8 also at St. Andrew's⁵. She was left 10 acres of meadow in Warmington (5 miles to the west of Barnwell) by her father in his will in 1638⁴. Her eldest brother was "of Warmington" and may have acquired land there from his sister.



St Andrew's Barnwell

Family of Robert and Margaret

SU15 Elizabeth

Elizabeth was the daughter of Robert and Margaret. We do not know her date of baptism but she was buried in Sudborough on 22 May 1678, as recorded on a memorial stone in the church¹³.

SU16 Hemmington

Hemmington was the son of Robert and Margaret and was baptised on 14 August 1673 at All Saints, Sudborough⁶. He died aged four and was buried at the same place on 19 April 1678; a memorial stone in the church records his burial¹³. An unusual given name for a Worthington; it was his mother's maiden name.

Family of John

SU17 Helen

Helen was the daughter of John, SU4, and married Thomas Bennett with whom she had children¹³. She died in 1668 and was buried in Sudborough¹³.

Family of Richard and Margaret

SU18 Helen

Helen was baptised on 14 May 1628 at St. Andrew's church, Holborn¹⁴. The register recorded her as being the daughter of Richard Worthington and Margaret. She was alive in 1634 at the time of the Visitation of London¹.

SU19 Margaret

Margaret was the daughter of Richard and Margaret, and living in 1634¹, although there is no record of her baptism.

SU20 Elizabeth

Elizabeth was the daughter of Richard and Margaret, and baptised in Holborn on 11 November 1635¹⁴.

SU21 Robert

Robert, son of Richard and Margaret, was baptised in Holborn on 15 June 1638¹⁴.

Generation 4

Family of Nicholas (pedigree part 1)

SU22 John

John was baptised on 8 May 1651 in Wadenhoe some 3 miles east of Sudborough³. He went up to Clare College, Cambridge in 1669 and was awarded a BA in 1673-4³. According to the Clergy of England database, John was vicar of Grendon between 1692 and 1697¹⁵. He was married to Katherine and they had one son and three daughters, all baptised in Grendon¹⁶: Luke, baptised 1680, Mary, baptised 1685, Katherine, baptised 1688 and Anne, baptised 1689.

Note - There is some confusion and doubt about the several John Worthingtons who were clergyman about this time around the country. Which was which and descended from whom is open to interpretation. Hence the dates of John being vicar at Grendon in this pedigree are taken from the C of E's own database.

SU23 William

There is no record of William's baptism, but we know he was a schoolmaster at Wadenhoe from the inventory of goods and admon which were granted in 1721 to Maria his widow after his death¹⁷. William was buried on 14 October 1720 in Wadenhoe¹². The Bishop's Transcript described him as an old man.

Family of Thomas and his two wives (pedigree part 1)

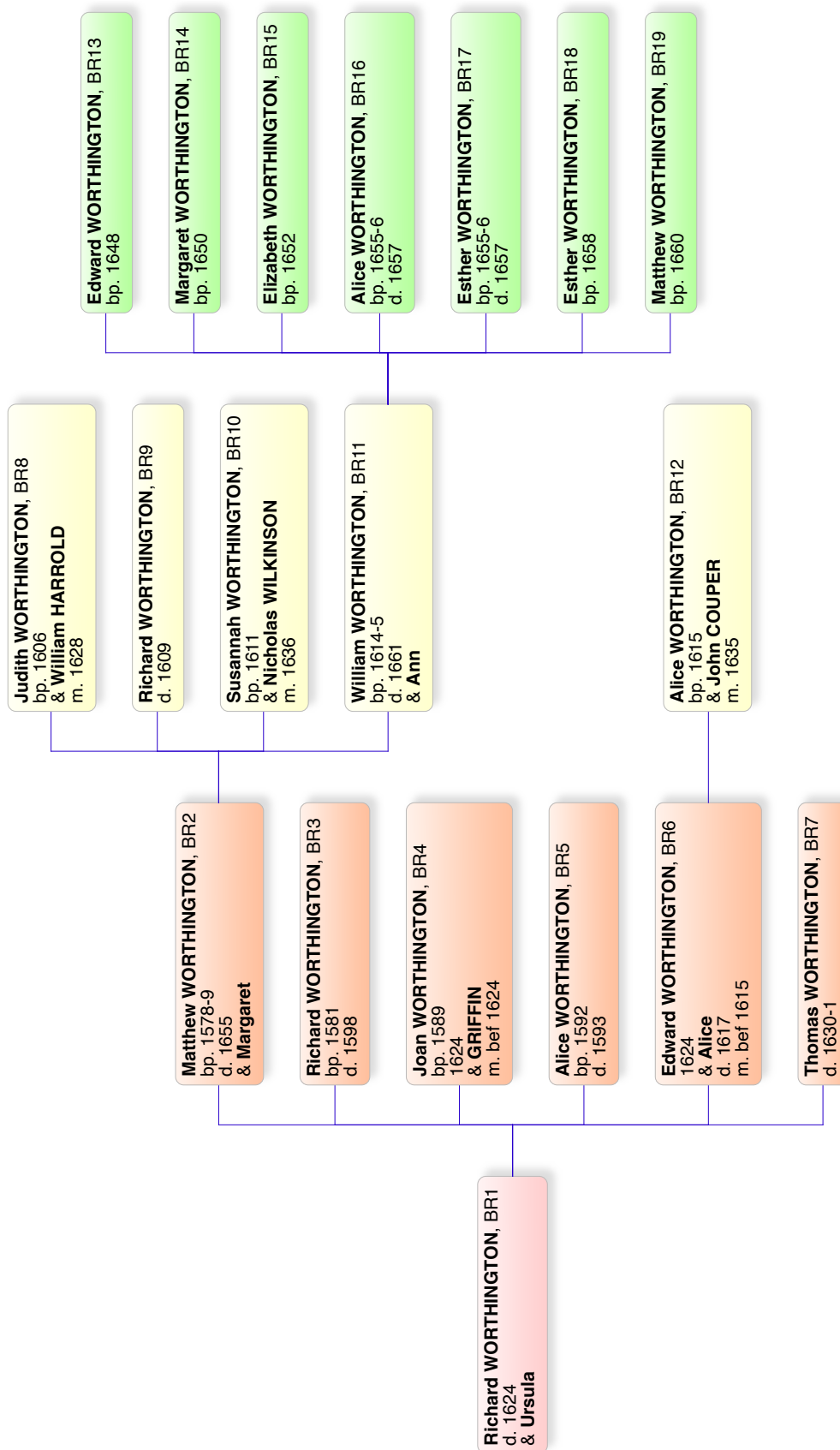
SU24 Elizabeth

Elizabeth, whose father was Thomas and mother Elizabeth, was baptised on 9 February 1662-3 at Thrapston¹⁸, some 3 miles south east of Sudborough.

SU25 Mary

Mary, whose father was Thomas and mother Sarah, was buried on 18 April 1668 at Thrapston¹⁸.

The Worthington Family of Brixworth, co. Northampton



Chapter 14 - Brixworth

Brixworth is a large hilltop village about 5 miles north of Northampton, the county town, and it is not much further to the villages of Irthlingborough and Higham Ferrers and the town of Wellingborough. The road linking Northampton and Market Harborough, Leicestershire runs through Brixworth. It is an early settlement mentioned in the Domesday book.

The large parish church dedicated to All Saints' had its foundations on the site of an abbey dating from the seventh century at the time of the Saxons. Roman bricks and tiles have been found and the church is an imposing building in Romanesque style.

The parish registers start in 1546, but the first record of the Worthington family is the baptism of Richard's (**BR1**) son, Matthew in 1578-9.



All Saints Brixworth

Generation 1

Richard and Ursula

BR1 Richard Worthington

There is no record of the place and date of Richard's birth, but his first son Matthew was baptised in 1578-9, so Richard was probably born sometime before 1557. Similarly, the place and date of his marriage are also unknown but we know that his wife was Ursula, as she was so named in his will dated 4 November 1624¹ in which Richard described himself as a yeoman. He died soon afterwards and was buried at All Saints church, Brixworth on 11 November 1624². Two further children were named in his will, Edward and Thomas. Ursula, died in 1626 and was buried on the 11th of April at Brixworth.

Generation 2

Family of Richard and Ursula

BR2 Matthew

Matthew was the eldest child of Richard and Ursula. He was baptised at All Saints church Brixworth on 24 February 1578-9². His siblings Richard, Joan and Alice were also baptised at the same church. He probably married Margaret, as this is the only unidentified person named in the registers. He fathered two daughters, Judith and Susannah and two sons, William and Richard. He died and was buried at Brixworth on 12 November 1655².

BR3 Richard

Richard was baptised on 25 November 1581; he died and was buried on 11 October 1598². Nothing more is known about him.

BR4 Joan

She was baptised in Brixworth on 8 June 1589² and is mentioned in her father's will of 1624¹; she was by then married to a Mr Griffin.

BR5 Alice

Alice was baptised in Brixworth on 14 May 1592, but she died as a baby and was buried there on 4 May 1593².

BR6 Edward

The date and place of Edward's baptism is not known but he was named as the son of Richard in the latter's will of 1624¹. Edward is presumed to have married someone called Alice. At least that was the name of the mother according to the baptism register for their daughter in 1615-6. Unfortunately, Alice died less than a year after giving birth to their daughter, also named Alice, and was buried on 24 April 1617 at All Saints, Brixworth².

BR7 Thomas

The date and place of Thomas' baptism is also unknown, but he was probably the youngest of Richard and Ursula's children. He was mentioned as a son of Richard in his father's will of 1624¹, when he was left £5. Thomas died and was buried on 22 January 1630-1 at All Saints, Brixworth².

Generation 3

Family of Matthew and Margaret

BR8 Judith

Judith was the eldest of four known children of Matthew and Margaret. She was baptised on 17 August 1606 in All Saints' Church, Brixworth². She married William Harrold in the same church on 28 August 1628². Nothing more is known about her.

BR9 Richard

It is not known when or where Richard was baptised, but he was buried as a son of Matthew on 18 November 1609 in Brixworth².

BR10 Susannah

Susannah was baptised in Brixworth on 18 August 1611². She was married there on 26 November 1636 to Nicholas Wilkinson².

BR11 William

William was the youngest of Matthew and Margaret's children and was baptised on 5 March 1614-5². He married Ann and went on to father seven named children with her, all baptised in All Saints' Church, Brixworth². William died in 1661 and was buried in Brixworth on 26 July that year².

Family of Edward and Alice

BR12 Alice

Alice was the only child of Edward and Alice, her mother dying shortly after Alice's baptism, which was on 16 March 1615-16 in Brixworth². Alice married John Couper at All Saints, Brixworth on 29 October 1635². Nothing further is known about her.

Generation 4

Family of William and Ann

BR13 Edward

Edward was baptised at All Saints, Brixworth as the eldest son of William on 10 April 1648². Nothing further is known about him.

BR14 Margaret

Margaret was baptised on 28 April 1650 in Brixworth as the daughter of William and Ann². Nothing more is known of her.

BR15 Elizabeth

Elizabeth was baptised on 14 July 1652 as a daughter of William and Ann². Nothing further is known about her.

BR16 Alice

Alice was one of twin daughters of William and Ann baptised in Brixworth on 12 February 1655-6². Alice died and was buried on 19 June 1657 just a week after her twin Esther.

Note: There is some confusion about the actual burial date as the Register of Worthington References record that Alice died on 19 February 1655-6, yet a copy of the original register, now viewable on FindMyPast, shows the burial as 19 June 1657. We presume a transcription error by the researcher.

BR17 Esther

Esther, like her twin sister Alice, only survived until 1657. She was buried a week before her sister in Brixworth on 10 June².

BR18 Esther

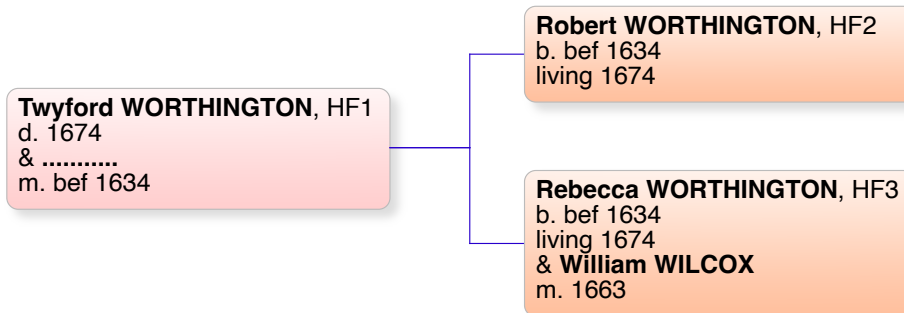
A second child named Esther, daughter of William and Ann was baptised in Brixworth on 9 July 1658². Nothing further is known about her.

BR19 Matthew

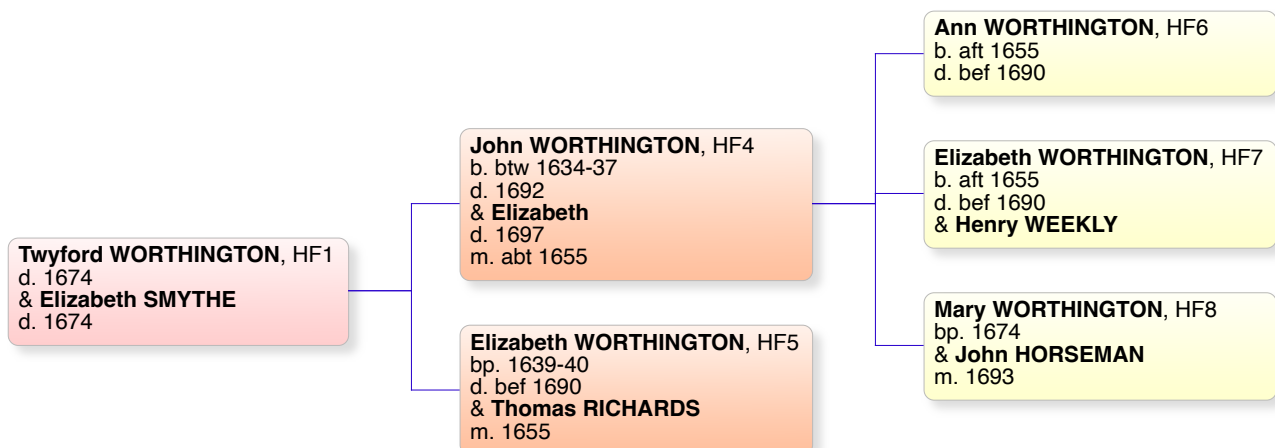
Matthew, presumably named after his paternal grandfather, who had recently died, was baptised in Brixworth on 8 October 1660². Nothing more is known of him.

The Worthington Family of Higham Ferrers, co. Northampton

Twyford's first marriage



Twyford's second marriage



Chapter 15 - Higham Ferrers

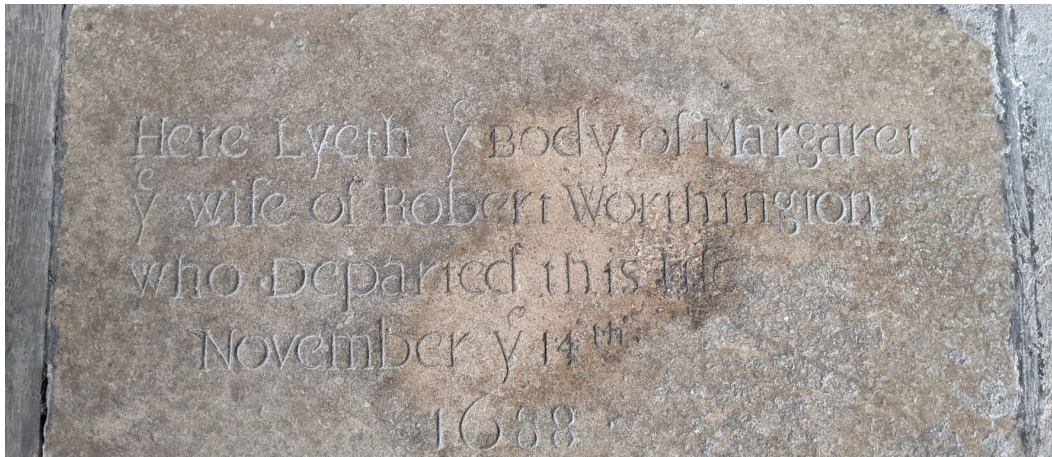
Higham Ferrers is a market town in the north east of the county, close to the border with Bedfordshire and Huntingdonshire. It was situated at the crossroads of two busy roads linking London with Leicester and Northampton with Cambridge. Irthlingborough and Wellingborough are within a few miles of Higham Ferrers.

It was the site of a castle built by the Normans and was a Rotten Borough sending an MP to Westminster, until it lost its representation as a result of the Reform Act of 1832. The family here is one of three known Worthington family groups found in Northamptonshire. The parish church is dedicated to St Mary the Virgin and dates from the 13th century.

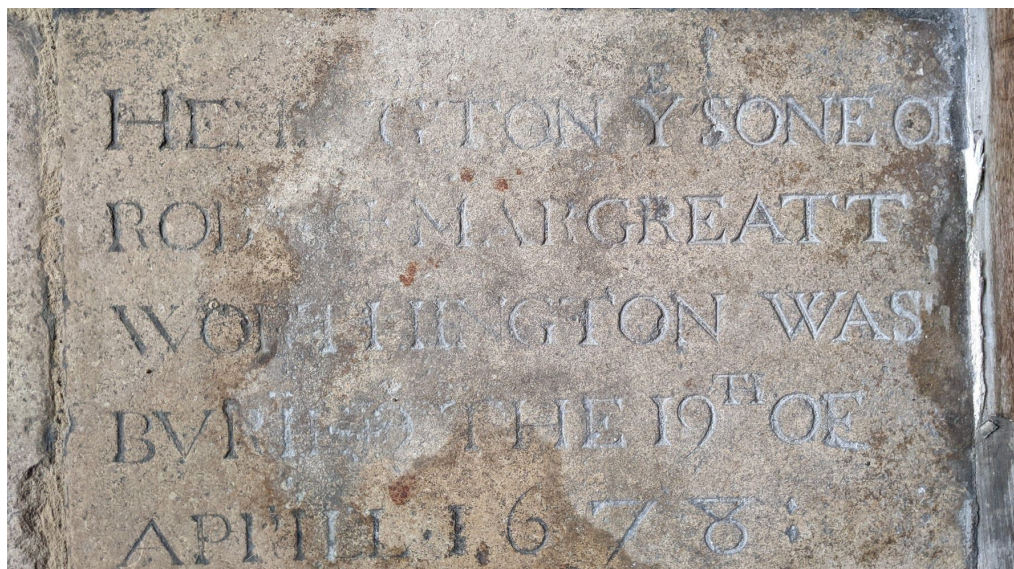
Parish registers for Higham Ferrers date from 1579 but the first reference to a Worthington in Higham Ferrers was in 1646.



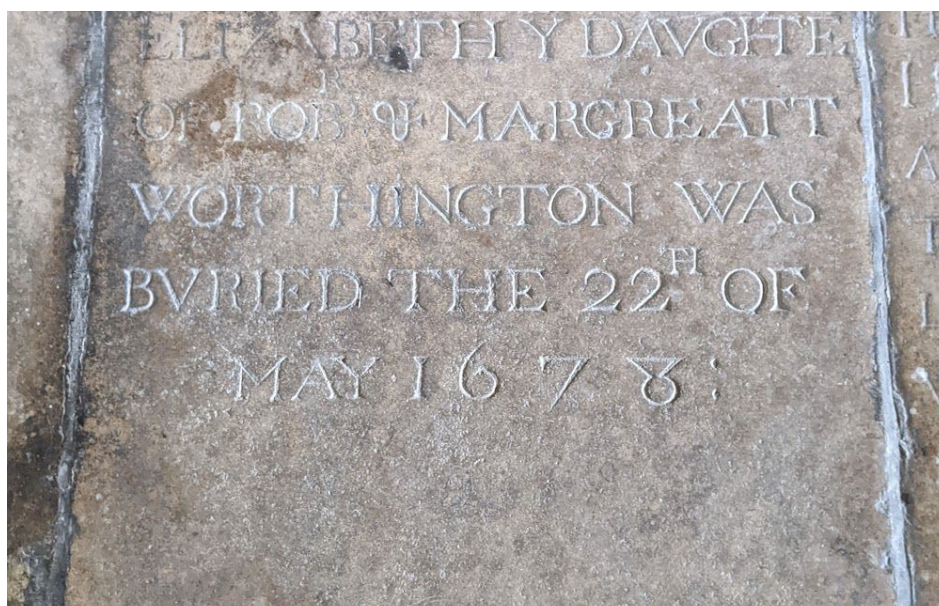
St Mary the Virgin Higham Ferrers



Gravestone of Margaret, wife of Robert Worthington 1688



Gravestone of Hemmington Worthington 1678



Gravestone of Elizabeth Worthington 1678

Generation 1 Twyford and Elizabeth

HF1 Twyford Worthington

Twyford is an unusual first name. There was a Worthington family living in Twyford, Leicestershire in the 16th century, although there is no evidence that this family originated there. The time and place of Twyford's birth is not known, but he was married in July 1634 to his second wife, Elizabeth Smythe. In July 1639 he became a Commissioner of the militia for Northamptonshire. He was described as a gentleman in 1646 when he countersigned an indenture and was licensed as a Presbyterian preacher. He issued halfpenny tokens with the sign of a goat with a garland in its mouth-suggesting a link with the arms of the Worthington family in Lancashire. The name of his first wife is not known, but she was mother to his first two children, Robert and Rebecca. Twyford named these children in his will made before he died in 1674. He had had two more children with Elizabeth, who was herself a widow, and she left property³, when she died a few months after him, also in 1674, to her daughter and the granddaughters of her first marriage, as well as to the son and daughter she shared with Twyford.

Generation 2 Family of Twyford and his two wives

HF2 Robert

Robert was Twyford's eldest son by his first wife and was therefore born before 1634 when Twyford married for the second time. There is no mention of a wife or children but he benefited from his father's will, so was living in 1674.

HF3 Rebecca

Rebecca was born before 1634. She married William Wilcox on 23 April 1663 at Knotting in Bedfordshire⁴. Knotting is about 7 Miles south east of Higham Ferrers. She was also a beneficiary of her father's will so still living in 1674². Nothing further is known about her.

HF4 John

The exact year of birth of John, of Irthlingborough, is not known but was probably some time between 1634, shortly after his father's second marriage to Elizabeth and 1637 (before the birth of his sister Elizabeth). He was a beneficiary of his father's will and named as an



Halfpenny tokens issued by John Worthington of Irthlingborough

executor². He married Elizabeth, probably around 1655, and was father to three daughters (see below). He also issued half penny tokens (see image which is reproduced by kind permission of the coins current owners, *Rare Coins and Tokens*). John made his will in 1690⁵ and died in 1692. In it he left £5 to Mr Clarke of Harborough, Minister of Christ, indicating that he was a dissenter. The entry in the burial register for 1692 in Higham Ferrers reads: *John Worthington, gent, of parish Irthlingborough was buried 31 March*¹. His wife Elizabeth made her will in 1697⁶ and died the same year. She was also buried at Higham Ferrers¹.

HF5 Elizabeth

Elizabeth was the daughter of Twyford and Elizabeth and was baptised on 17 March 1639/40¹. She married Thomas Richards of Keysoe, Bedfordshire on 30 July 1655¹ after banns. The marriage was conducted by a Justice of the Peace rather than a minister at the church according to the register¹. Elizabeth must have died by 1690 as she was not mentioned in her brother's will of that year⁵. She had at least one daughter who benefited from her grandmother's will³.

Generation 3 Family of John and Elizabeth

HF6 Anne

Anne was one of the three daughters of John and Elizabeth. Her birth date is not known but assumed to be after the marriage of her parents so after 1655. She had probably died by 1690, as she was not mentioned in her father's will⁵. There is no record of a marriage. Nothing further is known of her.

HF7 Elizabeth

Elizabeth's birth is also assumed to be some time after 1655. She probably married Henry Weekly, who is mentioned as a son-in-law of John Worthington in the latter's will⁵, where he provides an inheritance for his grandchildren, Henry and Elizabeth Weekly. He also refers to his "late" daughter Weekly. This means that Elizabeth must have predeceased her father and therefore died before 1690.

HF8 Mary

Mary was the third daughter of John and Elizabeth and is thought to have been baptised at All Hallows' church Wellingborough on 13 September 1674⁷. She married John Horseman of Shelton, Bedfordshire in Shelton on 24 May 1693⁸. The Bedfordshire county border is not far away from Higham Ferrers and there were existing family connections in the area.

Note

There is some speculation that a **Thomas Worthington**, who married Joan Holditch of Thrapston, Northamptonshire in 1627 was related to **Twyford HF1**, possibly being his brother.

Further information related to the Worthington families of Northamptonshire

Two Wills, but how are they linked.....

There is a will by John Worthington of Sudborough, not in the Register of Worthington References as it was deemed unreadable by the original researcher. But a copy of it is now available from the National Archives and it is legible parts enough to establish that the will belonged to John Worthington of Sudborough, Northamptonshire. In the probate document attached to the will, is a reference (in latin) to Thomas and Joan Worthington and Thomas Holditch. From this it might be able to establish which Thomas Worthington married Joan Holditch and was nominated co-executor (with Twyford Worthington) of his father in law, Thomas Holditch's will (A11C Vol2 1638.1).

A strong contender would have been Thomas, the half nephew of John Worthington of Sudborough, (the son of John's half brother Reverend William Worthington.) But Thomas (SU11) was baptised in 1628-9, which would have made him only 10 years old at the time probate was granted on Thomas Holditch's will, so a little young to be his son in law.

Some thought has been given to the possibility that Thomas Worthington was an unknown brother of Twyford Worthington. But if this were true, why are there no references at all to this relationship and why does Thomas not appear in any of the registers relating to Higham Ferrers? Was Twyford the first of his family to settle there? Did he come originally from Sudborough?

Twyford may also have been the brother of John Worthington of Sudborough (SU6), but he does not appear on the Sudborough pedigree either. Another possible scenario is that Twyford and John were related but only as cousins.

Relationships unknown

John Worthington

John was initially thought to be one of three sons of, and attributed to, **John SU6** in the pedigree drawn up by the College of Arms in 1634. But after examination it was evident that the reference to **3 sonne** was referring to the **third son** and not **three sons**. However it is a fact that a John Worthington of Sudborough married Penelope Hoyte in 13 May 1675 in Slipton, some 2 miles south west of Sudborough. Slipton was where **Robert SU1** had leased a house and land from William Hemmington in 1597. John and Penelope had two daughters and three sons, all baptised in Sudborough. Penelope died in 1727 and was buried at Sudborough on 13 September that year.

John was probably related to the line from Robert (previously thought to be grandfather/grandson), but it is not clear how.

Hannah Worthington

There is a burial of a Hannah Worthington in the St Andrew's Barnwell register for 6 November 1648. It is next to that of the burial of **Edward SU13**, but who she was is not known. A daughter of William and Mary? or wife of one of their children?

An unknown **Worthington** married Anne of Fotheringhay, Northampton. Her will was dated June 1534 by which time her husband had died. There was no mention of any children.

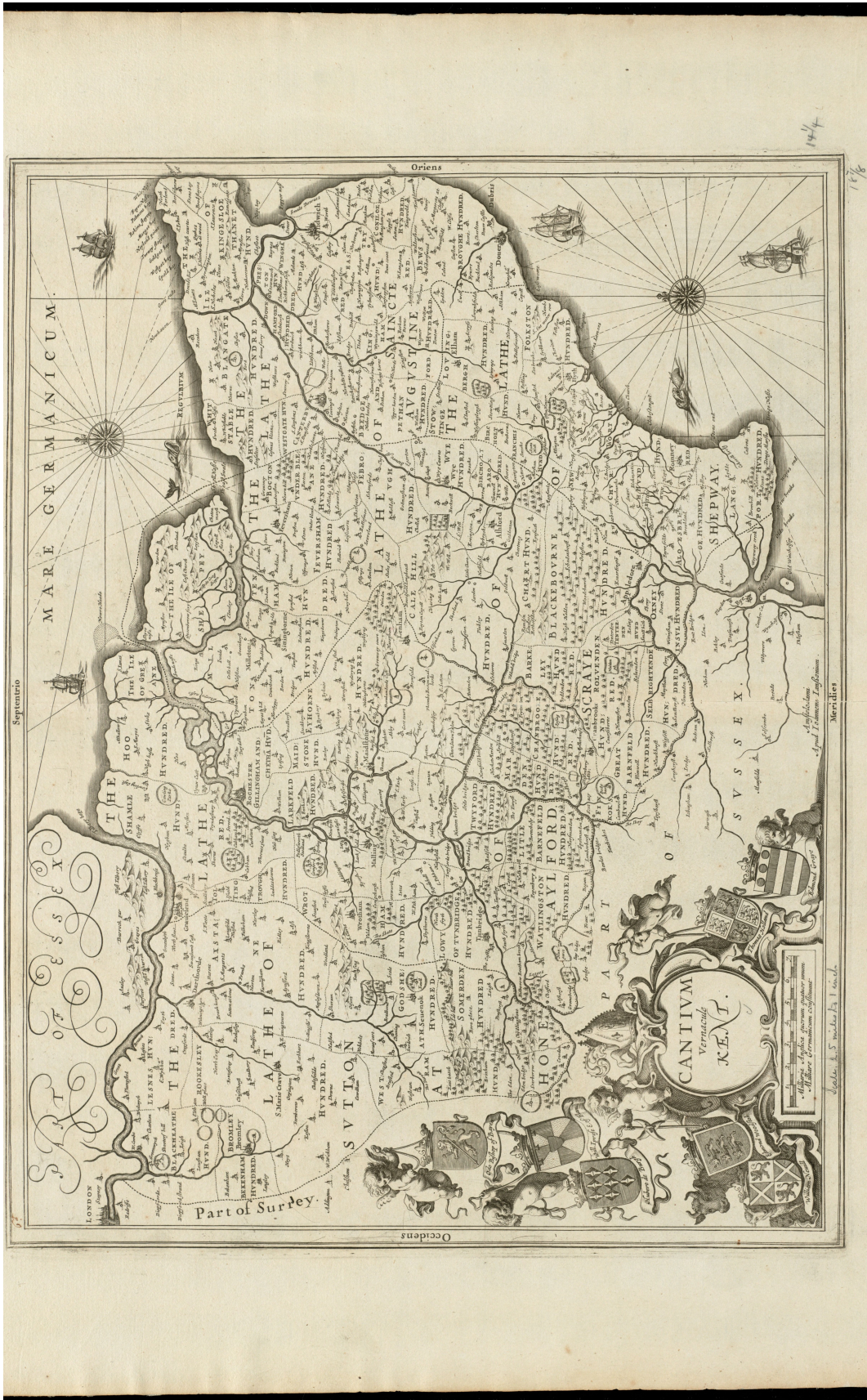
Robert Worthington was the incumbent of Gretton Chantry on 30 January 1534-5. There is no indication of how long he was there. Gretton is about 10 miles West of Fotheringhay. He was mentioned in the will of an Anne Worthington, also in 1534.

Robert Worthington of Sudborough married Joan Clapps on 17 March 1693-4. This information is from Ancestry parish registers - the dates would indicate that he is probably too old to be be **Robert SU21**.

Captain Richard Worthington, a gentleman of a very ancient family in Northamptonshire died in Queen Sq, Westminster (AllC Vol 3 1737.1). *Richard, formerly Steward to the late Earl of Derby, and one of the chief Agents for clothing the Army, to be interred from his dwelling house in Queen Square, Westminster, in a vault in Margaret's Church.* (From the *Daily Gazetteer* dated 21 February 1737.)

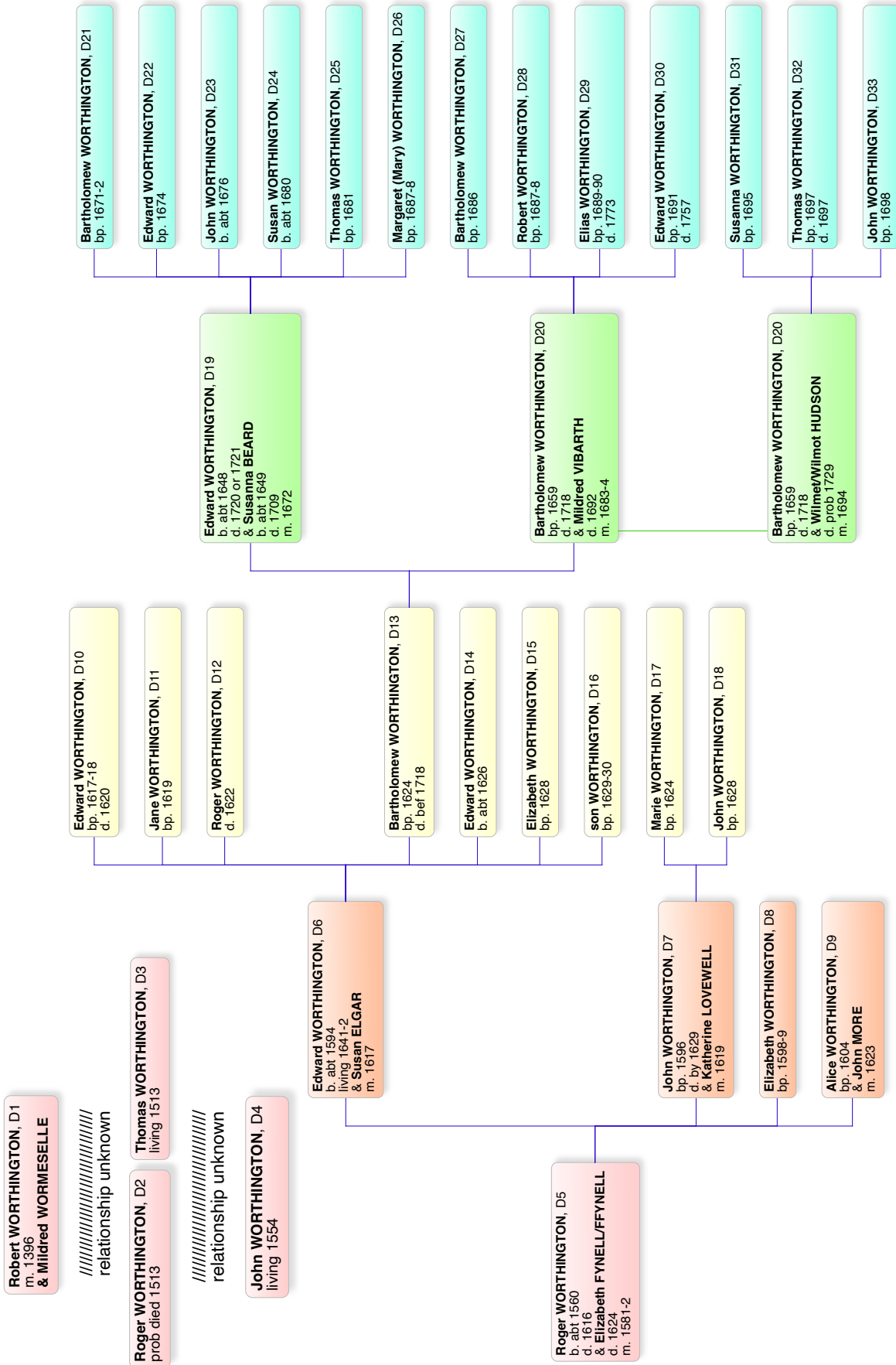
William Worthington - is mentioned in the dispute of a will (TNA c5/217/42): William and Elizabeth (testator and widow) v Thomas Webb plus 1. She died 1700 and her estate was left to an only surviving child William born about 1680. Was this William Worthington the son of Elizabeth and James Worthington of Kensington (see Chapter 6 of Volume 1 of *The Worthington Families of the Seventeenth Century*)? What is the link between Elizabeth/William and Northamptonshire?

**The
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Kent**



The county of Kent by Jan Jansen 1588-1684

The Worthington Family of Dover, co. Kent

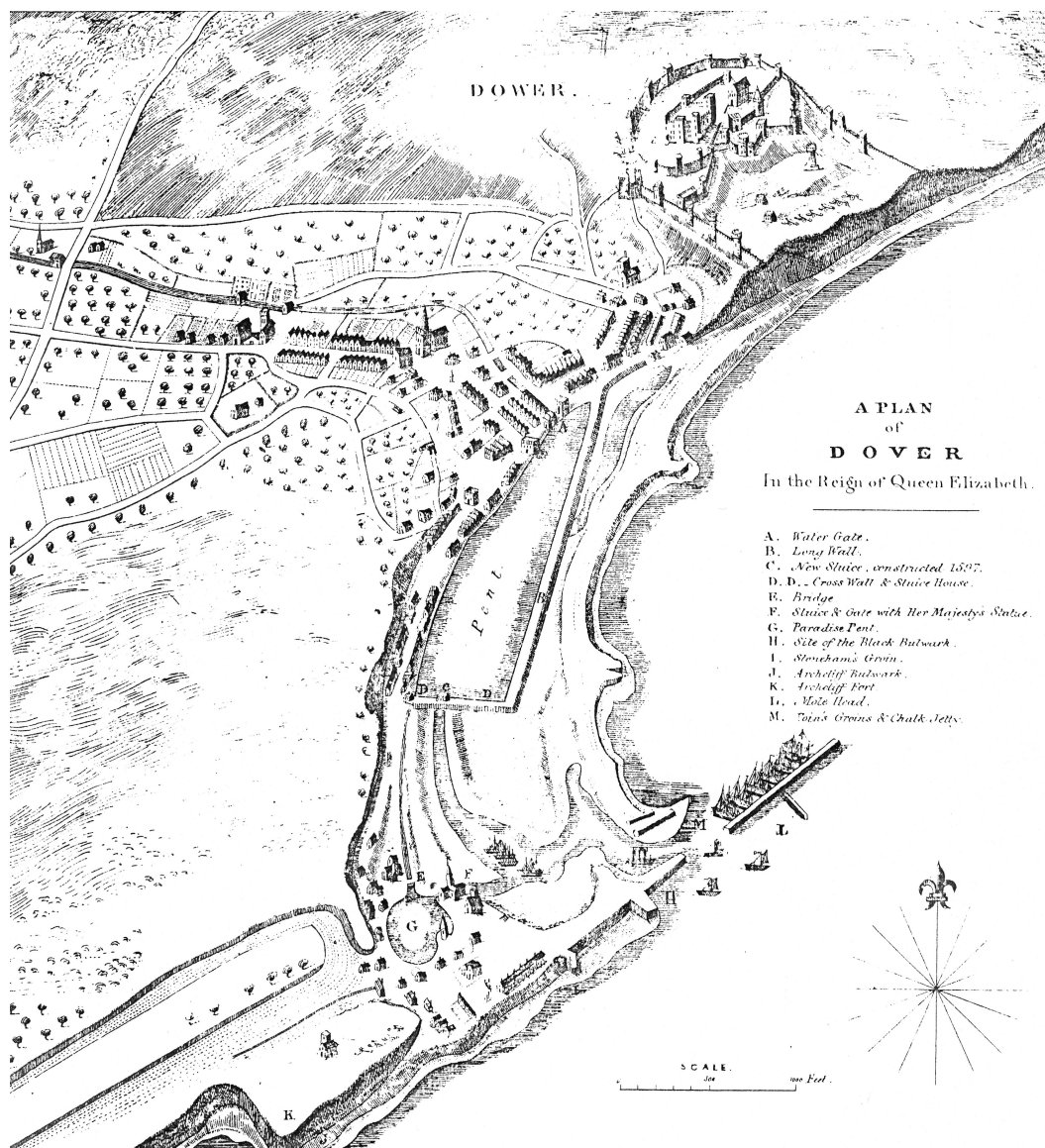


Chapter 16 - Dover

Introduction and Note to readers

The Worthington families of Dover have been researched extensively by former President of the WFHS Jan Worthington. Her book entitled *Coopers & Customs Cutters, Worthingtons of Dover and Related Families 1560 - 1906*, published in 1997. Since the publication, some new or updated information has become available and it is on this latter basis that the following narrative and accompanying pedigree chart have been written.

The relationship between the first four articles D1-D4 is not known, nor is there any known relationship to **Roger Worthington D5** and his descendants. While this document covers the period up until the end of the seventeenth century, some of the lines have been researched further and appear in *Coopers & Customs Cutters*.



Relationships unknown for Worthingtons in Dover prior to the establishment of Roger Worthington's line in 1560

D1 Robert Worthington_

Robert is the earliest known reference to the presence of a Worthington family in the Canterbury area. He became a Freeman of Canterbury¹ by his marriage to Mildred, daughter of John Wormeselle in 1396. Wormeselle is a surname found infrequently in French records. A Jhon/John Wormesyll married Pernell Coochey on 12 October 1570 in St Mary's Church in the parish of Patrixbourne², which lies on the route of the Pilgrims Way. The couple had a daughter Joane, who was baptised at St Mary's on 29 January 1570/1 and buried the following day. Bekesbourne-with-Patrixbourne is a civil parish in the City of Canterbury, Kent, located four miles south east of Canterbury.

D2 Roger

Sir Roger Worthington was Chaplain of Demecherche/Dymchurch (in the Romney Marsh area of county Kent) in 1502. A visitation³ was held in the parish of Mersham on Monday, 12 September 1502 and among those present from Demercherche were "*Abbot & C. of St Augustine, Canterbury P., Sir Roger Worthington, Chap. Wardens, Gregory Lambert senr, George Lambert jnr. Omnis bene.*".

Roger later lived in Canterbury. He had the title "*Sir*", but was probably not a knight. "*Sir*" was a designation used not only of a knight and of a hereditary baronet, a title introduced in 1611, but was also used as a translation of the Latin *dominus*, Bachelor of Arts, as distinguished from *magister*, Master of Arts. Consequently, university educated clergymen were often so styled at this time.

Roger is probably the Roger Worthington of Canterbury who made a will in 1511 and which can be found in the *Canterbury Consistory Court Calendar* PRC 32/11/90 which covers "*wills proved in this court between 1396-1603.*" Roger's will was the only Worthington will found in this time period and was proved on 28 October 1513. He left bequests to Canterbury parishes and asked to be buried at St Augustine's, the monk's cemetery. The will mentions five godsons, Roger Sann, Roger Otway, William Pye, Dyryk Baker and Roger Charnokke as well as his brother, Thomas Worthington.

Note: It is worth recording (and may warrant further research) that one of these godsons, Roger Charnokke (sic) may be related to the Charnock family members covered in The Worthingtons of Medieval England by Philip M Worthington. Could this could be a link to the Worthington origins in Lancashire?

Veronica Craig Mair, a medieval historian, was commissioned in 2007-8 to see what she could find in early Dover records. She reported, "*My first course of action was to contact Dr Sheila Sweetinburgh since she has worked extensively with the medieval records of Dover. We discussed your case but unfortunately the surname Worthington was not one which Dr Sweetinburgh could recall, and when she kindly checked her database, she found no references to the name. Considering the depth of her work in this area of Kent this was an interesting negative result but one which does not necessarily preclude the presence of the family in the area, simply that they were not involved in the activities on which Dr Sweetinburgh had focused...*

I then carried out research of all the major indexes to deposits in the Cathedral Archives, working methodically along the shelves of folders and then the card catalogues. Although you may have covered some of these yourself they have been extended in recent years and it seemed sensible to check them all to ensure no obvious references had been overlooked. No occurrence of the Worthington surname was found earlier than 1700."

Veronica also commented that, "*As a pre-Reformation cleric Roger was presumably unmarried – certainly no issue mentioned in his will though he did make a bequest to his brother Thomas Worthington.*"

D3 Thomas

Brother of **Roger D2** and living in 1513 at the time of Roger's will.

D4 John

Not much is known about John's origins or family circumstances nor how he may have been connected to the generations which follow beginning **Roger D5**. But we know he was living in 1554, when he was elected a Freeman of Dover (as a foreigner).

Comment: A Freeman of Dover received special privileges and was a powerful and influential man. Only Freemen had jurisdiction over municipal affairs including the right to elect Mayors and Members of Parliament, levying taxes, the administration of justice and the right to conduct business or trade within the town walls and port. Dover has one of the oldest established privileges of Freedom (of the town) dating to before the Norman Conquest, and although the right of conducting business was slightly reduced by neglect over the centuries, the other privileges were maintained until 1835. The Municipal Corporations Act of 1835 ended the rights of Freemanship although many ancient Freeman families continued to claim admission to the Rolls as a tradition. The Dover District Council later revived the tradition of admission to the Ancient Freemen Rolls but only by birth right to proven descendants of Ancient Freemen. The Freemen Rolls for Dover exist from 1601 onwards and are kept at the Centre for Kentish Studies, County Hall, Maidstone, or available on microfiche at Dover Library. The Index of Freemen 1664 – to date can be consulted at the Dover Museum."

In relation to **John D4**, Veronica, reported that she, "first came across him in the 1554 Assessments (Seas), then again in 1557, and puzzled by his absence in the intervening years, I worked though the earlier years with care. To give you a little background: the 1557 accounts were typical commencing with 'The names of the maior, jurates, comynalty and freemen of the towne of Dover for this present year':

No Assessments in 1547/8/9/50/51

1552 Forryners malted: John Farthingtone ij

1553 Forryners malted: John Fathington - ditto

1554 Received of Forryners: John Worthington viij – ditto

1555 No Farthington or Worthington on List - ditto

1556 General Seasse: John Fathington vij – ditto

1557 Furuners Seace: John Worthington vj" – Ditto

1558 No Farthington, Worthington or Foreigners listed this year

1559 Ferryn[er]s Malteyed: arranged by Ward this year:

Moren Warde John Wordyngton viij [Morens Ward was on the west side of the river, opposite the market]

1560 Forren[er]s malted. Much shorter list, no Worthington or Farthington

1561-1580 Where present the Foryn[er]s Seace included John Farlington/ Faryntone/Farthington

1581 List of Mayors, Jurats & Officers for the year 1582/3 included Johes Worthington. Unheaded list also included Roger Worthington commoner

1583/4 as above

1586/7 Officers include Johes Worthington

Later years not examined

Veronica Craig Mair commented, "It is intriguing that the assessments list either John Worthington or John Farthington never both. I did attempt to compare lists and found the two names appeared in approximately the same position but it would need close work to be sure." It remains uncertain whether the individuals John Worthington and John Farthington were one and the same. Further, in depth, research may reveal whether they were (or not). For the purposes of this pedigree narrative, we have opted to say that it was possible.

A John Worthington was buried in Dover St Mary the Virgin churchyard in July 1574 (no day) according to the Canterbury Cathedral Archives parish burials. It is feasible that this was **John D4** but there is no documentary proof and it has therefore been left as speculation until proved otherwise.

Finally it should also be noted that 1581-2 were important years for the Worthingtons of Dover: Lettys Worthington (sic) was buried at St Mary the Virgin, Dover in May 1581; **John D4** was elected an officer in 1582 and **Roger D5** was mentioned as "a commoner" in 1582 and he had also married that year. Coincidence or connected events?

GENERATION 1

D5 Roger Worthington

Roger was born circa 1560 but his place of birth and parentage are unknown. No baptismal records for the parish of St Mary the Virgin, Dover have survived between 1557-1610. However, according to researcher Veronica Craig Mair * , "It is most likely that Roger was the son of **John Worthington D4** who had connections with Dover from at least 1554, but proving the connection and finding John's ancestry is problematic." There may be further evidence in the earlier *Dover Chamberlains' Accounts*, which are in London."

* Veronica Craig Mair's research led her to conclude that, "Although the origins of the Worthingtons of Dover remain obscure it is likely that they came to Kent in the 16th century. They appear to be the only Worthington family who settled in the county for more than a generation in the medieval period. They certainly had their origins in the north of England though some may have come via London. In fact London may well hold many clues to the family in general."



It is possible that Roger's mother was the "Old Mother Wordington" who was buried at St James the Apostle, Dover on 30 October 1600. Her burial may have been in the old crypt which has a Worthington tomb. This is the same church at which Roger and his wife Elizabeth were buried.

A year later, Roger became a Freeman of Dover in 1601 and was listed in the Freeman Rolls as one of the "Freemen inhabiting and dwelling in Dover on 15 July 1601 – occupation cooper." He was also recorded as a Freeman in 1601 in the Dover Borough Records.

Roger married Elizabeth Fynell/ffynell, widow of Ralph Fennell/Fynell on 5 January 1581/2 at Bekesbourne, Kent⁷. (Ralph had been buried at Ash, Kent on 2 October 1578.). The

marriage entry, which is available on *FindMyPast*, shows Roger residing in Bekesbourne at the time of his marriage on 1(sic) January 1582 to "Eliz Finell". (Elizabeth was born in 1561 and probably died at Dover on 28 June 1624.)

Roger and Elizabeth had four children: Alice, Edward, Elisabeth and John who were born some years after the marriage. This may mean that Roger had a second marriage to a woman with same first name Elizabeth and these children are the issue of that marriage. The lack of baptism registers for that ten year gap makes it difficult to prove one way or the other. The Dover St James registers commenced in 1595 and only a few Bishops Transcripts survive from 1563.

Roger was a constable of Halvenden and Balles Wards in 1608 one of the most ancient offices of the manor, and later of the parish vestry in the early 17th century (Wards were part of a Borough.) It was practice at that time for constables to have their own Wards in which they lived. The position was an honorary one at this time and required him to report and take action on a great many matters including: felonies committed, escaped prisoners, riots and unlawful assemblies, non-attendance at church, commercial irregularities, incensing of ale houses, compiling Jurors Lists, drunkenness, unauthorised building of additional cottages and dovecotes, vagabonds, intruders, militia Muster Rolls, taking lewd women before the Justice of the Peace and detaining refractory fathers of bastards. They kept the law and collected tithes (taxes) from their constituents. The house would have had a big painted staff above the doors.

Roger was buried "*a poore man*" on 11 June 1616 at St James the Apostle church, Dover⁶. Why and how he had fallen into poverty after having been a Freeman and constable is not certain, but it may have been connected to the marriage of his daughter Alice to the More family (see below). The same situation appears to have befallen his wife, who, as "*Widow Wordingtone a poor woman*" was buried 28 June 1624 at the same church.

There was probably another Worthington family living in the area at the time, who may or may not have been closely related to **Roger D5**. The following entries can be found in the Canterbury Cathedral Archives 1558-1805 and the St Mary the Virgin parish register 1558-1600:

- i) burial of Thomas Worlington on 9 March 1566/7;
- ii) marriage of Hugh/Hewgh Wardington to Ursula Baker on 4 August 1569 at Bekesbourne (both Hugh and Ursula were residing there.);
- iii) Hewe (sic) Whordington had a son named John baptised at St Petham All Saints on 3 July 1569.

GENERATION 2

D6 Edward

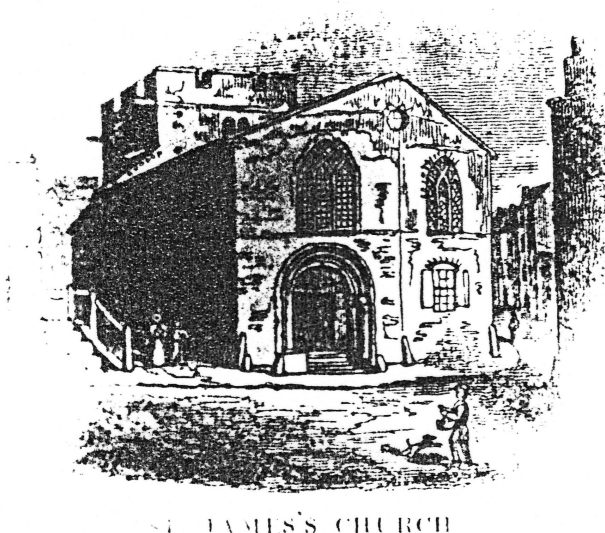
Edward was a son of **Roger D5** and Elizabeth Fynell. He must have been born some time before 1600, given he was admitted as a Freeman of Dover, as a cooper, on 6 October 1621⁴. (The earliest eligible age of a Freeman, by birth, was 21 years.) A birth date of 1594 appears in some on line trees, which is probably correct but there is no reliable source material attached. Like his father, Edward was a constable of Halvernden and Balles wards. He was sworn in on 17 September 1617 and again on 8 October 1621.

He married Susan Elgar at St James the Apostle church, Dover on 12 May 1617⁶. Records show that both Edward and Susan resided in the parish at the time of their marriage. Members of the Elgar family were Quakers and attended monthly meetings at Folkestone, Kent and others attended St James the Apostle Church in Dover well into the 1800s. Edward and Susan had seven known children: Edward, Jane, Roger, Bartholomew, Edward, a daughter possibly named Elizabeth and an unnamed son.

The date of Edward's death is not known, but it must have been sometime between 1641/2 and 1658. We know this as Edward Worthington, Freeman of Dover signed a petition to House of Commons from Dover between September and November 1641. The petition was signed "*by gentry, ministers, freeholders and subsidymen of Kent*". He was also listed in the *Kent Protestation Returns of 1641/2*,⁸ a record of which is kept at the House of Lords. But he was probably dead by the time his son **Bartholomew D13** became a Freeman (by birth) of Dover in 1658.

D7 John

John was a son of **Roger D5** and Elizabeth Fynnes. He was baptised on 9 May 1596 as "*John Wordington the sone of Roger Wordington*" at St James the Apostle Church, Dover⁶. He was a mariner when admitted as a Freeman of Dover on 8 October 1621⁴. John married Katherine Lovewell on 6 September 1619 at St James the Apostle Church, Dover. Both resided in the parish of St James.



Old St. James's Church, Dover

Comment: there was some confusion during the research of this marriage about the correct surname for Catherine, it had also been transcribed in some records as either Lovewall or Somerville, but Lovewell is deemed to be the correct rendition.

John and Catherine had a daughter **Marie D17**. They probably also had a son named **John D18**. No burial record has been found for **John D7** but he must have died before 11 March 1628 when probate was granted on his estate (see below).

Catherine went on to marry William Welby. The marriage took place, by licence, at St Dunstan's in Stepney, Middlesex on 19 October 1628. The marriage bond and allegation reveal that Catherine was of the parish of St James, Dover, a widow aged 36 and the wife of the (late) John Worthington. Furthermore there is a probate document at the Canterbury archives naming Catherine Worthington as "*the late widow and ad'trix of the late Johnof the towne and porte of Dover*". It was made and declared by her on 11 March 1628 (1628-9). Furthermore, William Welby's name appears on the bottom of the last page. There was an inventory attached to the probate document, but it has not survived. However the value of the estate after debts was £30 2s 0d, so a not inconsiderable sum, indicating that John would have been of some standing.

D8 Elizabeth

Elizabeth was a daughter of **Roger D5** and Elizabeth. She was baptised "*Elyzabeth Wordington daughter unto Roger Wordington*" at St James the Apostle church, on 4 February 1598/9⁶. She didn't live very long and was buried on 16 July 1600 at the same church.

Comment: There is some speculation on Ancestry that this Elizabeth married a Henry Rice. We have not been able to verify this (neither has the author of the Ancestry tree!).

D9 Alice

Alice may have been the *eldest* or *youngest* daughter of Roger and Elizabeth. There remains some doubt and she has therefore been connected to the family in the pedigree chart with a dotted line. Early research indicated that Alice was their eldest daughter but she could not be found in the parish registers for St Mary the Virgin, Dover, as the records for the time period did not survive. There is a second school of thought that Alice was the daughter of Roger and Elizabeth and had been baptised in Mobberley, Cheshire on 10 July 1604. If this is correct then

she would have been the youngest of their (known) children. If this link could be verified it would offer a compelling connection between the Worthington families of Dover and those of Cheshire. Did the former originate in Cheshire? Alice married John More on 8 October 1623 at St Mary the Virgin, Dover⁵. She would have been about 19 years old.

Note: More was a fairly common surname in East Kent at that time. Eight years before this marriage, "Mrs Dorothe Worthington, Mrs Ropers waiting gentle woman" was buried on 7 June 1615. The entry appears in St Dunstons, Canterbury Kent, parish register. Veronica Craig Mair noted that Sir Thomas More (c1478-1535) was appointed chancellor to Henry VIII but refused to subscribe to the Act of Supremacy which made Henry head of the Church of England and he was executed on a charge of treason in 1535. Some reports say his daughter Margaret brought his head to Canterbury; others say she was buried in Chelsea in 1544 with his head in her hands. Margaret More was married to William Roper (1495-1578) who was buried in the Roper Chantry Chapel at St Dunstan's Church, and Margaret's remains were brought to Canterbury to be interred in the Roper Chapel. After the Reformation the Roper family were papist Recusants and their fortunes suffered drastically as a result of this. Was this the reason Roger Worthington and his widow were both recorded as 'poore' in the burial register? A further event which may be connected to the parents of this generation of the family is that one of William and Margaret Roper's sons married a Fyneux heiress. Roger Worthington's wife was Elizabeth Fynell. As a result of the Fyneux marriage the Ropers inherited Stourmouth Manor, not far from Canterbury and Bekesbourne.

GENERATION 3 Children of Edward and Susan

D10 Edward

Edward was the eldest son of **Edward D6** and Susan (Elgar). He was baptised "Edwarde ye sone of Edwarde Wordington" on 1 February 1617/8 at St James the Apostle, Dover⁶. He did not survive very long and died aged just 2 years old. He was buried on 20 April 1620 at the same church.

D11 Jane

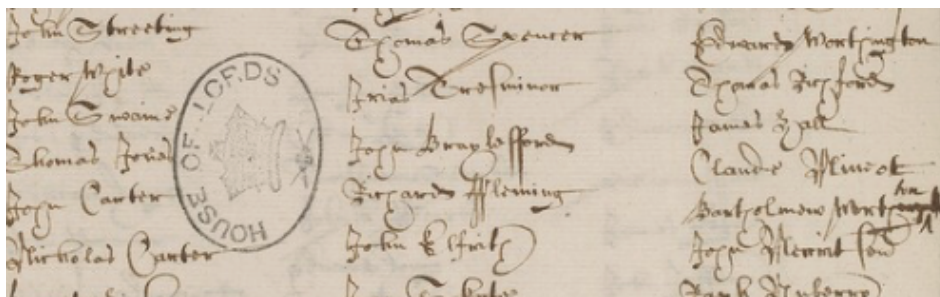
Jane was the eldest daughter of **Edward D6** and Susan (Elgar). She was baptised "Jane ye daughter of Edward Wordington" on 6 September 1619 at St James the Apostle, Dover⁶. Nothing further is known about her.

D12 Roger

Roger was a second son of **Edward D6** and Susan. No record of his baptism has been found, but he was buried on 16 June 1622 as "Roger ye sone of Edward Wordington" at St James the Apostle, Dover⁵. Given the dates of birth or baptism of his siblings, it is assumed that Roger died an infant.

D13 Bartholomew

Bartholomew was the third son of **Edward D6** and Susan (Elgar). He was baptised on 1 August 1624 "Bartholomew ye son of Edward Wordington" - at St James the Apostle, Dover⁶. He was listed in the *Kent Protestation Returns, 1641/2*⁸ "Bartholomew Worthington of Dover" and at the age of 18 years at that time would have been just eligible.



It is not clear when Bartholomew married. It is probable, but not proven, that he married Jone Clarke on 16 March 1646 at St Saviours, Southwark. A record of such a marriage exists and it would fit with the date of birth of their elder son who was born in 1648. Bartholomew and his wife had two known children: **Edward D19** born c.1648 and **Bartholomew D20** born c.1659. When he died is not clear, but it was certainly after 1684, when he was a serving member of the Dover Council* and probably before 1717, the year his younger son died.

**The Dover Town Council, a structure of self-governance, had been assembling since at least 1086 during the reign of William 1. There were 20 councilmen with an elected Mayor, who at this time was William Fils Godfrey.*

Bartholomew became a Freeman of Dover in 1658⁴ and a Councillor of Dover in 1661. By 1684 both he and his son **Bartholomew D20** were serving on the Dover Common Council. It is not known when his wife Jone (Clark), if indeed it was his wife, died. No record has been found. She is referred to, but not by name, by **Bartholomew D20** in his will of 1718¹¹ in the context of a debt of £10 (see below). So she is unlikely to have died before then.

D14 Edward

There is a burial of Edward Worthington, son of Edward on 27 August 1627 at St Mary the Virgin church, Dover⁵. There was only one known Edward Worthington associated with the church at that time and it is therefore probable that **Edward D14** was the second such named son of Edward and Susan, but like his elder brother he died young. This would also fit with the gap in the births between Bartholomew and Elizabeth.

D15 Elizabeth

Elizabeth was the second daughter of **Edward D6** and Susan (Elgar). She was baptised on 20 July 1628 St Mary the Virgin, Dover.⁵ The register records her surname as *Wordington*. Nothing more is known of Elizabeth.

D16 An unnamed son

It is believed that Edward and Susan had another male child who was baptised on 23 March 1629/30 at St Mary the Virgin, Dover⁵. The entry in the register reads "... a son of Edward Worthington" and follows that of 1 July 1628 "...a daughter of Edward Worthington", now believed to be **Elizabeth D15** above.

Children of John and Katherine

D17 Marie

Marie was the daughter of **John D7** and Katherine, She was baptised on 11 or 12 August 1624 at St James the Apostle, Dover⁶ and the register records her as "Marie Wordingeton daughter of John Wordingeton".

D18 John

John was the son of **John D7** and Katherine. He was baptised on 19 November 1626 as "John Wordington son of John Wordington" at St Mary the Virgin, Dover.⁵ Very little other information is known about John. His baptism comes from a transcription as an original image has yet not been found, but there is no reason to question its authenticity. He may have been living in 1641-2, if it was this John who was included on the Protestation returns of that year. The Kent Protestation Returns of 1641-2 record "*John Worthington of Dover*" These Protestation Returns 1641-1642⁸ are lists of English males over the age of 18 who took, or did take, an oath of allegiance "*to live and die for the Protestant religion, the liberties and rights of subjects and the privilege of Parliaments.*" They were taken before the English Civil War 1642-1651 (see example above **D13**).

*Comment: The Protestation return from Dover in 1641 named three Worthingtons: Batholomew, Edward and John. The authors are confident that the first two can be identified as **Bartholomew D13** and **Edward D6**. But who John Worthington was is not clear. It cannot be **John D7**, who died several years before the return was made. **John D18** would have only been 15 years old (based on his baptism, and there is no indication that he was baptised as a*

3 year old or older) and therefore too young to be included on the Protestation roll (minimum age was 18). So who was he? There are no other candidates for this entry in the records found so far. One possible explanation is that an exception may have been made for **John D18** as he would have been the eldest male in the family at that time. Equally he may have been born two years or so before his baptism making him of age. From the evidence we have so far, we cannot be sure.

GENERATION 4 **Children of Bartholomew (and Jone)**

D19 Edward

Edward was born about 1648 the son of **Bartholomew D13** and mother unproven but probably Jone Clarke. He was a cooper and made a Freeman of Dover (by birth) on 31 January 1672⁴. The original Register of Freeman in Dover, folio 30, stated that he was son of Bartholomew Worthington "an ancient Freeman".

Edward married Susan/Susanna Beard by licence dated 18 April 1672, marriage "to be in St John's Hospital Chapel, Canterbury." His age at marriage was recorded as being 24 years and he was "of St Mary's in Dover". His father gave consent to their marriage. Susan was described as a "spinster and maiden" aged 23. We know that she was the daughter of Thomas Beard, a cordwainer (shoemaker), deceased. The licence stated that Susan's mother, Margaret, gave consent to the marriage to Edward as recorded in the *Canterbury Cathedral Archives, Kent Marriages & Banns*. According to St Andrews, Canterbury parish records, Thomas Beard, cordwainer, married Margaret Martin there on 5 February 1645/6. William Beard of Canterbury, a clockmaker was bondsman on the Marriage Bond and Allegation of Susan above. He was probably her brother or uncle as her father Thomas was dead.

Edward gained a second freedom on 2 February 1704/5 in Canterbury, by virtue of his marriage to "*Suanna (sic) daughter of Thomas Beard, cordwainer, deceased of Canterbury.*" Because Edward married "*Susanna the daughter of Thomas Beard late of the City (sic) cordwainer deceased who was a freeman thereof at the time of the birth of the said Susanna (sic) and paid 11 1/2d.*"

Furthermore, "*At this Court Edward Worthington of Dover in co. of Kent, Cooper is ordered to be admitted and sworne to the liberties and freedom of the said City by his marriage of Susanna the daughter of Thomas Beard late of this city cordwayner (sic) deceased who was freeman of the said city at the time of the Birth of said Susanna. If it shall appear to the mayor of this City by the oath of some credible witness that she was borne in this city in the year of our Lord One thousand six hundred forty and eight paying the fees accustomed for the same.*"

The enquiry into Edward's right to claim Freeman of Canterbury status was questioned because Thomas Beard obtained his enrolment of Freeman of Canterbury by apprenticeship and not by birth. Thomas was apprenticed to Thomas Cary, cordwainer on 3 February 1637/8 and was "*admitted and sworn to the liberties and freedoms of the said City on 12 October 1646... pd sume of 4s 1d.*"

Edward and Susanna had six known children: Bartholomew, Edward, John, Susan, Thomas and Mary/Margaret. Susanna predeceased her husband and was buried as "wife of Edward" on 1 August 1709 at St Mary the Virgin, Dover.

Edward wrote a will on 10 October 1719¹⁰ and died about a year later. He was buried on 20 September 1720 also at St Mary the Virgin, Dover⁵. In his will, which was proved on 10 October 1720, Edward was described as a widower and he left the whole of his estate, both real and personal to his (youngest) son Thomas, who was also nominated the sole executor. No mention was made in the will of any of Edward's other children or family.

D20 Bartholomew Worthington J.P

Bartholomew was the younger son of Bartholomew and probably Jone Clark. He was born around 1659, a record for which has not been found.

He was a Master Cooper at HM Victualling Office. There is a reference to him holding this position in the will of his son **Bartholomew D27**, written in 1724, where he was recorded as "*Bartholomew Worthington, eldest son now living of Bartholomew Worthington late master cooper at his Majesty's Victualling Office at Dover...*" There were further references in The Navy Accounts for 1705 showing that "*Barth. Worthington, mast cooper of Dover*" was paid £22 10s 0d for victualling.

Bartholomew was a Freeman of Dover (his son's will described him as an "*ancient Freeman*"), admitted 8 September 1682⁴. He appeared on the Freeman's Rolls of the Borough of Dover, but the details of his trade, cooper, were not transcribed. He was a Councilman of Dover Common Council in 1684 with his father **Bartholomew D13** (senior) and also a Justice of the Peace.

Bartholomew married twice. Firstly on 14 January 1683/4 aged 24: *Bartholomew Wharthington married Mildred Vibarth of Dover, St Alphage, Canterbury, Kent*. His wife was born Mildred Hare in 1664 and was aged 19 years, single and residing in Dover, when she married Philip Vibert, bachelor aged 29 years by licence, dated 7 September 1677. Philip Vybert was a mariner residing in Dover when he died in 1678, a year after their marriage. He left a will and inventory, which can be found at Kent History Centre (PRC/27/27/95). Note the various spellings of this surname.

Bartholomew's marriage to Mildred lasted nine years before she died and was buried on 2 December 1692 in the grounds of St Mary the Virgin church, Dover.⁵ The couple had four known sons, Bartholomew, Robert, Elias and Edward, three of whom (except Robert) were living at the time of their father's death in 1718. Robert's demise is assumed as, unlike his three brothers, there was no mention of him in his father's will nor that of his grandmother Martha Wyborne. No other records have been found to prove this one way or the other.

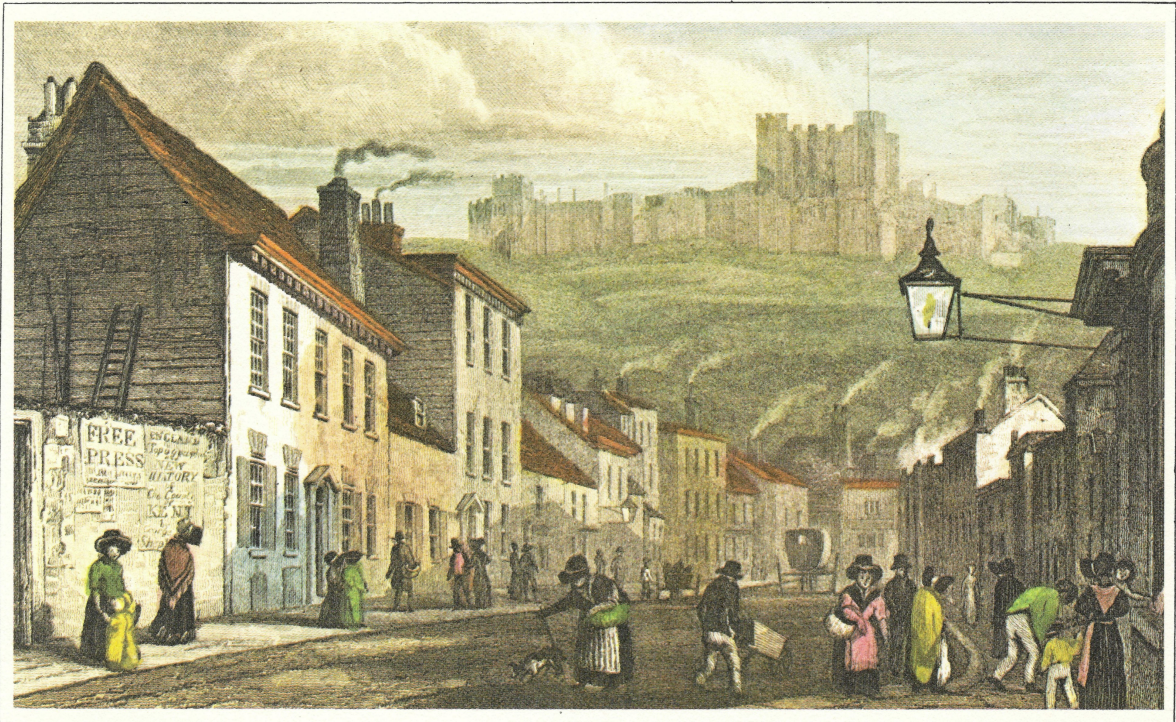
Martha Wyborne, was a widow when she made a will on 24 October 1721 in Dover, which was proved on 16 June 1724. In it she mentioned her son-in-law Robert Hare, a mariner of Dover; William Hare, deceased, and her grandchildren by William Hare: Katherine, William and Mildred Hare. Martha also included her grandchildren, Bartholomew, Elias and Edward Worthington, "*the children of my daughter-in-law Mildred*", who she recorded as deceased & Bartholomew Worthington, deceased, 20/- each. An image of Martha's written will can be found on Ancestry under the *Tyler Index to Wills* on Ancestry.

Bartholomew married secondly Wilmet/Wilmot Hutson/Hudson on 14 June 1694 at St Mary the Virgin, Dover. The couple had three known children: Susanna, Thomas and John and possibly a fourth named William (see **William D34**).

Bartholomew left a will, which he made on either 20 September or 20 December 1717 and which was proved on 6 November 1718¹¹. The Will mentions his mother in regard to a debt connected with the lease of a "*House at the Pier that Nicholas White now lives in...*" which he left to his three sons, Bartholomew, Elias and Edward. He left his widow Wilmet the residue of his estate and after her death "*to my children John and Susan Worthington...*" (the children from his marriage to Wilmet). Bartholomew died shortly after making his will and was buried on 1 October 1718 in Dover St Mary.

*Comment: the editor's comment attached to 18C Vol 1 17.09.20 is erroneous: the paternity case mentioned by the editor was referring to **Bartholomew D27** the son and not **Bartholomew D20** the father - see below.*

It is not certain when Wilmet Worthington died but there was a burial at St Mary the Virgin, Dover on 12 December 1729 of a person described as "*the widow Worthington*" and this could have been Wilmet.



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GENERATION 5

The Children of Edward and Susan

D21 Bartholomew

Bartholomew was the son of **Edward D19** and Susan (Beard) and was baptised on 2 February 1671/2 at St Mary the Virgin, Dover. He was a cooper and became a Freeman of Dover (by birth), as the son of Edward Worthington on 19 December 1704⁴.

Bartholomew, sometimes referred to as "Bartho", married Elizabeth Holland on 7 February 1702/3 at St Mary the Virgin, Dover⁵. She was born in 1681 and probably died a widow in 1737. There is a burial recorded at St Mary the Virgin, Dover on 13 April 1737 which fits this death. No children have been found associated with this couple, nor have wills or admons been uncovered for either Bartholomew or Elizabeth.

*Comment: It should be noted that there were two Bartholomew Worthingtons who married women named Elizabeth in the area about this time. One was **Bartholomew D21** to Elizabeth Holland and the other **Bartholomew D27** to Elizabeth Larkins.*

D22 Edward

Edward was the son of **Edward D19** and Susan (Beard). He was baptised on 30 August 1674 at St Mary the Virgin, Dover⁵. He was admitted as a Freeman of Dover (by birth), a cooper, being the son of Edward (cooper) on 11 November 1695.

Edward, also referred to as Ed (sic) married Margaret Baker on 16 July 1696 at St Mary the Virgin church, Dover both being of that parish. Together they had seven children:

Edward, baptised 1697/8 Dover St Mary, married Mary and had a daughter Mary Cooper Worthington who in turn married Thomas Evans in 1789;

John, baptised 7 January 1699 Dover St Mary;
Susanna, baptised 24 April 1701 Dover St Mary;
Margaret, baptised 19 May 1703 Dover St Mary;
Thomas, baptised 16 January 1704 Dover St Mary;
William, baptised 14 August 1706;
Richard/Richardson, baptised 8 December 1707 Dover St Mary.

Edward died aged 47 and was buried on 23 August 1721 in St Mary the Virgin churchyard, Dover. "*Margaret Worthington wife of Edward*" was buried on 15 December 1714 at St Mary the Virgin, Dover.

D23 John

John was the son of **Edward D19** and Susan (Beard). He was born about 1676. No record of his birth or baptism has been found, but the date has been based on his age at time of death. Like the other male members of his family, John was a cooper and was admitted as a Freeman of Dover⁴ (by birth), "*being the son of Edward Worthington, cooper and ancient Freeman of this corporation*" on 21 November 1703 by John Hollingberry, Mayor of Dover. John took on apprentices of his own: An indenture dated 1 December 1704¹² states, "*John Spearpoint, son of John Spearpoint husbandman, was apprenticed to John Worthington, cooper and Anne (sic) his wife for 7 years from Indenture. Master to find meat, drink & Lodging, washing & aprons and allow him 14 days in harvest for his own profit. Enrolled 12 July 1711.*"

John married Ann Fryer on 24 September 1702 at St Mary Virgin, Dover⁵. They had eleven children (eight of whom lived to adulthood):

Sarah, baptised 3 December 1703 and who married Denis Davis at Capel Le Ferne on 5 July 1748 (after the death of her father in 1747). *Sarah was an unusual name for a Worthington child at the time and she was probably named after her maternal grandmother Sarah Fryer;*

John (1), baptised 1 February 1704/5 and buried 18 February 1704/5 St Mary, Dover;

John (2), baptised 31 January 1706 and buried 8 May 1716 St Mary, Dover;

Ann, baptised 30 October 1707 and who married William Pascal on 27 December 1729. She was buried 21 January 1745/6 at St Mary, Dover;

Mary, baptised 22 October 1709 and who married Joseph Cliff on 25 July 1744 at Canterbury Cathedral;

Richard, baptised 23 January 1711 and who married (1) Susan Twidal on 20 July 1734, and (2) Hannah Philpott on 27 November 1739. Made a freeman of Dover by birth in 1733. Richard may have died on 6 March 1791;

Andrew, baptised 4 April 1714, cooper and freeman by birth in 1735, never married and left a will leaving his estate to his elder sister Sarah Davis in 1749. The full transcript of Andrew's will appears in *Coopers & Customs Cutters*;

John (3), baptised 28 October 1716 married Mary Fryer on 15 October 1749. Made a Freeman of Dover by birth in 1737;

Benjamin, baptised 18 January 1718/9 was a cooper and made a Freeman by birth in 1739 and married Ann Dell on 9 April 1751, he was buried 25 April 1783 at Dover St Mary;

Elizabeth, baptised 15 January 1720/1. (There is a burial for Elizabeth Worthington in Dover St Mary on 3 April 1726, daughter of John and Sarah (sic). The mother's name was given as Sarah but we know of no John and Sarah Worthington having children at this time. Could it have been a mis-transcription and should have read John and Ann?)

Marie, there was another child baptised the same day as Elizabeth and named Marie. The register confirmed her parents as John Worthington and Ann. It could be that Elizabeth and Marie were twins perhaps, or sisters who happened to be baptised the same day?

Further details about the above children can be found in chapter one of "*Coopers & Customs Cutters*".

Ann Worthington, née Fryer, "wife of John Worthington" was buried 13 May 1744 in the parish of Dover St Mary. There is further information about the Fryers in *Coopers & Customs Cutters*. John made a will in 1744 leaving his estate to his eight surviving children: Sarah, John, Ann, Mary, Richard, Andrew, John (3), Benjamin and Elizabeth. Probate was granted in 1747. A full

transcript of the will appears in *Coopers & Customs Cutters*. He died on 2 February 1747 and was buried on 7 February 1747 at St Peter & Paul parish churchyard, Charlton by Dover.



The headstone is still extant with a monumental inscription stating "*Here lieth the body of John Worthington. He dyed ye 2 February 1747 aged 71 years and left issue 4 sons and 4 daughters*". Nowadays the headstone is well buried in the churchyard, leaning with other headstones against the boundary wall, as the churchyard has been made into a lawn.

Note: From an entry in the *Dover Chamberlains Accounts*, Vol. 7, Kent County Archives; this may be the same John Worthington who was paid "*for repairing ye drumm £0 8s 0d*" on 29 May 1703, and on the same date "*paid ye drummers for beating and declaring war agt. France - £0 6s 0d*". Two years later on 7 January 1705 "*Paid John Worthington ye drummer by a bill £00.02*"

D24 Susan

Susan was the daughter of **Edward D19** and Susan (Beard). She was born about 1680, but no record has been found to confirm an exact date. We know of her existence because of the Freeman records pertaining to her father. She married John Wills, who became a Freeman of Dover and was enrolled on 23 August 1709⁴ by virtue of his marriage to her being the daughter of Edward Worthington, a Freeman by birth, who was enrolled on 31 January 1672/3. Their son, John Wills was baptised on 2 January 1711, basketmaker and married Elizabeth Ladd on 1 June 1735 of Canterbury at St George Martyr Church^{14,15}.

D25 Thomas

Thomas was the youngest son of **Edward D19** and Susan (Beard). He was baptised on 1 May 1681 at St Mary the Virgin, Dover.⁵ He was a cooper and is thought to have become a Freeman of Dover (by birth) on 12 December 1704⁴. But the entry found in the Freeman rolls states that Thomas was the son of Bartholomew and not Edward. Could this have been a transcription error or was there some confusion between Edward and his brother Bartholomew? We know that Bartholomew had a son named Thomas but it was believed that he died an infant in 1697. There is an entry for the admittance of Thomas, son of Edward on 12 January 1727/8 (Index of Registers of Freeman from 1664, folio 27), but this date seems very late to admit a person to the freedom - as Thomas would have been 46 years old! We know however, that Edward did have a son named Thomas as he was the sole beneficiary of Edward's will written in 1719. Thomas was also living in a property at Biggin Street belonging to Edward at the time of his father's death.

Following further extensive research of the Dover Records held at the Dover Museum, Dover Library (Records office) and the original register held at the British Museum, we have concluded that there must have been a mistake made by the clerk when he made the entry in the original register. He should have written Thomas, son of Edward instead of Thomas, son of Bartholomew.

Note: the author and editor of this pedigree acknowledge that other explanations run counter to current documentary evidence already recorded and that the error by the clerk remains (for now) the only feasible conclusion.

Thomas married twice. Firstly to Diana Holland on 10 January 1705/6 at St Margaret at Cliffe parish church. This event was transcribed from the parish registers for St Margaret at Cliffe, near Dover, firstly by Major S.E.L. Phillips and later by *Ancestry.com* (England Select marriages 1538-1973). It also appears in the *Tyler Index* available on *Ancestry.com*.

Thomas and Diana had nine children:

William, baptised 18 August 1706 Dover St Mary;

Thomas, baptised 16 November 1707 and buried 15 September 1710 Dover St Mary;

Mary/Maria, baptised 11 September 1709 and buried as 'Marie' on 6 November 1720 Dover St Mary;

Diana, baptised 4 March 1712 Dover St Mary and married William Taylor Dover St Mary;

Roger, baptised 32 January 1714/5 Dover St Mary, Freeman of Dover 1747;

Wilmot, baptised 28 January 1716/7 Dover St Mary;

Susanna, baptised 18 May 1718 Dover St Mary and married John Norris 22 April 1738 Dover St Mary;

Edward, "a young child" buried Dover St Mary 8 November 1721.

Edward, buried 30 March 1722 Dover St Mary.

Thomas and his family were already the occupiers of his father's Biggin Street, Dover property by 10 October 1719, when his father Edward Worthington's will was made, leaving his entire estate to his son Thomas.

Thomas's first wife Dinah Worthington was buried 11 August 1727 at St Mary the Virgin, Dover. He married secondly Ann Gibbons on 6 October 1730. Ann died four years later and was buried 12 February 1735 at St Mary the Virgin, Dover⁵.

Thomas is thought to have lived a long life and died an old man aged about 84. There is a record of a burial on 22 August 1764 at St Mary the Virgin, Dover and is probably pertaining to **Thomas D25**, as his age given at the time of his death closely matches his estimated birth year 1680.

D26 Margaret (aka Mary)

Margaret was baptised on 4 March 1687/8 as the daughter of **Edward D19** and Susan (Beard). She married William Jackson on 9 August 1702. She may also have been known as Mary, but nothing more is known about her.

Editor's note: The parameters set for Volume 1 of The Worthington Families of the 17th Century were not to develop the biographies of those children born after 1680 unless their eldest sibling had been before 1680. In Volume 2 we have been a little more flexible as can be seen with the children and grandchildren of Bartholomew D20 and his two wives. Some of these male lines have been developed in Jan Worthington's book, but others have not (yet) been researched by the Society. If anyone linked to these lines has further detailed and sourced research, we should be delighted to add it here.

The Children of Bartholomew and Mildred

D27 Bartholomew

Bartholomew was the son of **Bartholomew D20** and Mildred (Vibarth née Hare) and was baptised firstly on 2 August 1686 at St James, Dover, parish. This entry does not show a first name, just "*son of Bartholomew and Mildred Worthington*". He was later baptised as "Barth Worthington on 12 August 1686 at St Mary the Virgin, Dover as son of "Barth" and Mildred Worthington.

Bartholomew was a cooper and became a Freeman of Dover (by birth) as son of Bartholomew, on 29 September 1710⁴. He married Elizabeth Larkins, by licence, on 7 June 1711 at St Alphege, Canterbury (printed transcript). They had five children:

Robert, baptised 14 October 1712 and buried 27 October 1713 at St Marys, Dover;

Robert, baptised 15 June 1714 and died after 1773 as he was mentioned in his uncle Elias's will that year. (A transcript of Elias's will appears in *Coopers and Customs Cutters*). Robert is probably the 13 or 14 year old who was "*enrolled on 15 July 1729 by Paul Parker in the city of Canterbury, pipemaker. Robert was bound to him for the term of seven years from 20 July 1728 for 2s 1d*". Card Index in Canterbury Archives, ref: FA 33 F373. At the court of Burghmote in the City of Canterbury : On "*10 February 1740 Robert Worthington of Folkestone in county Kent pipemaker was admitted and sworn to the liberties and freedom of the City of Canterbury for his service of apprenticeship with Paul Parker of this city pipemaker with he served out his time and paid... 4s 1d*." Same source, ref: FA 35/11 & A/C 8 p1002.

Richard, baptised 14 October 1716 St Mary, Dover;

Bartholomew, baptised 13 November 1717 at St Mary, Dover, and buried at the same church on 3 January 1718. Bartholomew died an infant and was not mentioned in his father's will.

Mildred, baptised 4 March 1718/19.

A Bartholomew Worthington, J.P. signed a Settlement Certificate¹⁶ in St Mary's parish on 9 December 1722 for William Knott and his wife, addressed to St Clement, Sandwich. Given that his father had been a Justice of the Peace but was deceased by 1722, we can assume that his son **Bartholomew D27** was also a JP.

Elizabeth Worthington, née Larkins, was buried on 17 May 1723 at St Mary the Virgin, Dover. We know that it was Elizabeth Larkins and not Elizabeth Holland (see **D21** above) as Bartholomew referred to his late wife in his will in 1724.

Bartholomew's will, a full transcript of which can be found in *Coopers & Customs Cutters*, Appendix 7, was dated 21 January 1724 and proved at Canterbury just a few days later on 28 January. It stated that he was the "*eldest son of Bartholomew Worthington, late Master Cooper of His Majesty's Victualling Office in Dover*." He wished to be "*buried near my late dear wife in the Church Yard of St Mary the Virgin in Dover*." He left bequests to his three surviving children Robert, Richard and Mildred. His "*dear brother Edward Worthington now Master Cooper of his Majesty's said Victualling Office*" was left some jewellery, as was his brother-in-law Richard Larkins. Edward Worthington and Richard Larkins were appointed Trustees and joint executors of his estate and charged with sale of the remainder of his estate to maintain his said three children. Bartholomew was buried at St Mary the Virgin, Dover on 26 January 1724.

Earlier on in his life, Bartholomew had fathered a child with a woman called Ann Brooks. The child's name was Bartholomew and he lived for just over a year being baptised in July 1710 and buried in December 1711 at St James church, Dover. We know this as Bartholomew was the subject of a Bastardy Bond¹⁷ in July 1710:

"Ann Brooks single woman delivered of a male bastard child in the parish of St James Dover on oath charged Bartholomew Worthington the younger of Dover, cooper, with the begotting of the said bastard child. The said Bartholomew Worthington is therefore judged by this Court to be the father of the male bastard child and is ordered that for the relief of said parish in part as also forward the maintenance of the said bastard child he shall not only forthwith pay unto the Churchwardens and overseers of St James the sum of 10/- towards lying in of said Ann

Brooks but also he shall pay the Churchwardens and Overseers of the said parish of St James for the time being for every week from henceforth so long as the said bastard child shall be chargeable, 1/6 of lawful British money; and is likewise advised it is ordered that the said Ann Brooks the mother shall pay from the birth of the said child for ever week and weekly afterwards for so long as the said bastard child is chargeable to the said parish or she shall not keep the same 1/- of like money and lastly it is ordered that the said Bartholomew Worthington shall upon notice forthwith shall give sufficient security to the Churchwardens and Overseers of St James: The Recogna [recognizance: bond by which person engages before court of magistrate to observe some condition] of Bartholomew Worthington forfeited..."

D28 Robert

Robert was the son of **Bartholomew D20** and Mildred (Vibarth née Hare) and was baptised on 19 February 1687/8 at St Mary's, Dover. Nothing further is known about him.

D29 Elias

Elias was the third son of **Bartholomew D20** and Mildred (Vibarth née Hare) and was baptised on 2 February 1689/90 at St Mary's, Dover. He was a cooper and a Freeman of Dover, admitted (by birth) on 22 November 1720. Elias died on 27 December 1773 and was buried on 28 December 1773 in St Mary's Churchyard, Dover.

There is a memorial headstone near the now unused south door facing east which reads "..... lieth the body of Elias Worthington / he departed this life December (23 or 27) (burial 28) December 1773 aged 81 (or 84 ?) years /Also of Elias Worthington ... (son ?) of the above (burial) 17 January 1798? aged ... years" (Note: Jan Worthington has photos of this tomb which holds **Elias D29** and his brother **Edward D30**).

Elias "being aged and infirm of body" left a will¹⁸ which was proved on 10 May 1773 in which he mentions a nephew Robert Worthington, (son of Bartholomew deceased), and kinsman Elias Worthington (aged 56 years, and *probably* the son of Edward D30). *Probably* as the age fits with the baptism of Edward's son Elias. But why did Elias refer to him as a kinsman and not nephew (the son of his younger brother)? Whatever the relationship between these two men named Elias, **Elias D29** made the other executor of his will and left the bulk of his estate to him.

D30 Edward

Edward was the youngest son of **Bartholomew D20** and Mildred (Vibarth née Hare) and was baptised on 28 November 1691. He was admitted as a Freeman of Dover (by birth), on 29 January 1716. He was primarily a distiller in 1716 but later by 1724, also a master cooper. He was mentioned in his brother Bartholomew's will in 1724 being described as "*now Master Cooper of his Majesty's (said) Victualling Office*". In 1732 Edward is mentioned as "overseer of St Mary's Dover" in the *Dover Apprenticeship Enrolments*, available in the Kent County Archives.

Edward married Mary/Marie Weston on 23 June 1716 at St Mary's, Dover and they had three known children:

Elias, baptised 4 April 1717 at Dover St Mary. According to the *Kent Poll 1754* Elias Worthington of Dover owned freehold in Dover, a house occupied by John Rigden.

Edward, baptised 15 July 1719 at Dover St Mary. Became a Freeman of Dover⁴ by birth on 21 January 1740 and was buried 5 July 1740.

Bartholomew, baptised 19 February 1720-1, "*son of Edward Worthington of Dover, cooper, apprenticed to Thomas Pascall of Dover, boat builder for 7 years (Indenture 17 May 1736) fee £14. Master provides meat, drink and lodging. Father provides apparell,*" Bartholomew became a Freeman⁴ by birth 7 June 1742. He married Mary Cooper on 1 January 1743 and was buried 12 July 1760 at Dover St Mary⁵.

Edward was buried on 26 February 1757 at St Mary's Dover, facing Cannon Street (on west side) and was described in the parish register as "*Edward Worthington, Distiller*". A memorial headstone near the now unused south door of St Mary's Church Dover, facing Cannon Street, reads:

"Here lieth interred the body of Edward Worthington who departed this life 26 February 1757 aged ... years / Left surviving ... John / Also Bartholomew ... / Also (Ann?) wife of ye above Edward Worthington she departed this life the ... (17?) of (December?) ... aged (76?) years / Also ... son of ye above Edward Worthington who departed this life the (5th?) (July 1760 or 1766?) aged (39?) years".

Edward did not leave a will, but we have a copy of the original *Renunciation of Letters of Administration*¹⁹ by which his widow Mary asked that the deceased's goods be granted to their natural and lawful son Bartholomew. This was sworn before the Reverend William Broderip, Clerk Surrogate of the diocese of Canterbury on 15 March 1757.

Children of Bartholomew and Wilmot

D31 Susan(nana)

Susan was the daughter of **Bartholomew D20** and his second wife Wilmot Hudson. She was baptised on 3 April 1695 and married Edward Brice at Dover on 18 May 1718.

D32 Thomas

Thomas was the son of **Bartholomew D20** and Wilmot Hudson and was baptised on 2 May 1697 at St Mary the Virgin, Dover. He died just three months later and was buried at the same church on 31 August 1697.

D33 John

John was the youngest son of **Bartholomew D20** and Wilmot's children and was baptised on 22 June 1698. He was a joiner and became a Freeman of Dover by birth on 4 February 1723/4. He had been apprenticed on 5 August 1714 to Simon Starr, joyner (sic) in Dover for seven years for £12 0s 0d. John married Sarah Benefield by licence on 23 April 1723 at St Mary's Dover⁵. Sarah's surname appears both as Benefield and Bedingfield in parish registers and on the licence. John and Sarah had two known children: Mary, who was baptised on 5 February 1723/4 at St Mary's, Dover; and Elizabeth, who was baptised on 10 January 1725 also at St Mary's and buried on 3 April 1726 in Dover St Marys.

According to the Dover Apprenticeship Records, "*John Worthington of Dover Joyner took apprentice John Campbell, indentured 1 March 1724 [1724-5] for 8 years. Master was paid fee £10 by Hopper Charity*"¹¹.



Buckland Church, Dover

"*John Worthington, Joyner*" was buried on 24 September 1732 at St Mary the Virgin, Dover. There were two Sarah Worthington burials in Buckland by Dover on 8 November 1783 and 18 January 1786 according to the *Bishop's Transcripts 1799-1812*. Whether either of these are for John's wife Sarah or whether she remarried after John's death is not known.

D34 William

A son was born to Bartholomew Worthington of mother unknown was buried at St Mary the Virgin, Dover on 18 September 1698.

Comment: This was almost certainly a child of Bartholomew and Wilmot. Other Bartholomews alive at the time in that area were either too old or too young to have been the father.

STRAYS

During the research of this pedigree, some names appeared who cannot be easily fitted to any of the family groups within it. They are listed here below:

Avis Wordington, baptised 15 April 1564 in the St Alphage parish Canterbury Registers 1558-1800. No parents' names given – from St Alphage parish register in a printed book and also on FindMyPast.

Susan Worthington, residing in the parish of Dover St Mary married either John Watts, also of the parish of Dover St Mary on 25 February 1695/6 – Canterbury Cathedral Archives, FindMyPast; or William/ Wm/Will Stuart/Steward/Stuard of Dover St Mary parish.

John Worthington was buried 3 April 1726 at St Mary the Virgin, Dover.

John Worthington “drowned in ye harbour” on 30 September 1737 as recorded in the St Mary parish registers.



ADDENDUM

The original scope of this project, and one which was strictly adhered to in the publication "*The Worthington Families of the 17th Century, Volume 1*", was to restrict full and detailed recording to those family members who had a sibling born before 1680. This second series of narratives now appearing on line as "Volume 2" of the same publication has allowed more flexibility, especially when the research has been done and proved to the same high standard.

The case of Dover is slightly different as a lot of the detail appearing in this pedigree was covered in Jan Worthington's "*Coopers & Customs Cutters*". Jan's original research for the book extended beyond the detail recorded in it. This addendum attempts to pick up elements, which have not already been added to the main body of this narrative above, (nor included as strays) which may otherwise be forgotten or overlooked.

Barthelmere Wirchynden made a will in 1532 for which probate was granted on 8 November 1532 and in which he made his wife Johane his executrix. He was a resident of Canterbury and asked to be buried at Saint Gregory without the walls of Canterbury. It is not certain whether Wirchynden and Worthington are synonymous, but they may have been. This could have been the origin of the many Worthingtons named Bartholomew in the Dover pedigree. A transcript of the original will, held at Canterbury Cathedral Archives, can be found in the *Worthington Register of References AIIIC Vol2 1532.1*

Elias Worthington was buried in Dover on 22 October 1774. While the first name Elias appears in a number of trees in this pedigree, this Elias does not seem to be connected to any of them. There are some further details on Chart 9 in *Coopers & Customs Cutters*.

Elias Worthington, bachelor married, by banns, Mary Fitch, spinster on 14 February 1769. Both were of St Mary, Dover. The marriage was witnessed by Thomas Fitch and John Finnis. This Elias died after **Elias D29** and does not appear to have connections with any of the other lines in *Coopers & Customs Cutters*. When he was indentured in 1760 it was with the consent of his uncle Elias Worthington and he became a Freeman of Dover by Apprenticeship! Apprenticeship records show Elias "*aged 16 and upwards (with consent of uncle Elias Worthington of Dover, cooper) by indenture of 5 November 1760 was apprenticed to Thomas Pascall of Dover, shipwright, 7 years from Indenture date, £21 fee, uncle provides apparel*". Enrolled 12 December 1760. In the *1793 Dover Directory* there is an entry for Elias Worthington, boatbuilder.

Further references and sources used in the compilation of this chapter and not referred to in Appendix 1 include:

Coopers and Customs Cutters, Worthingtons of Dover and Related families 1560-1906 by Janet R Worthington

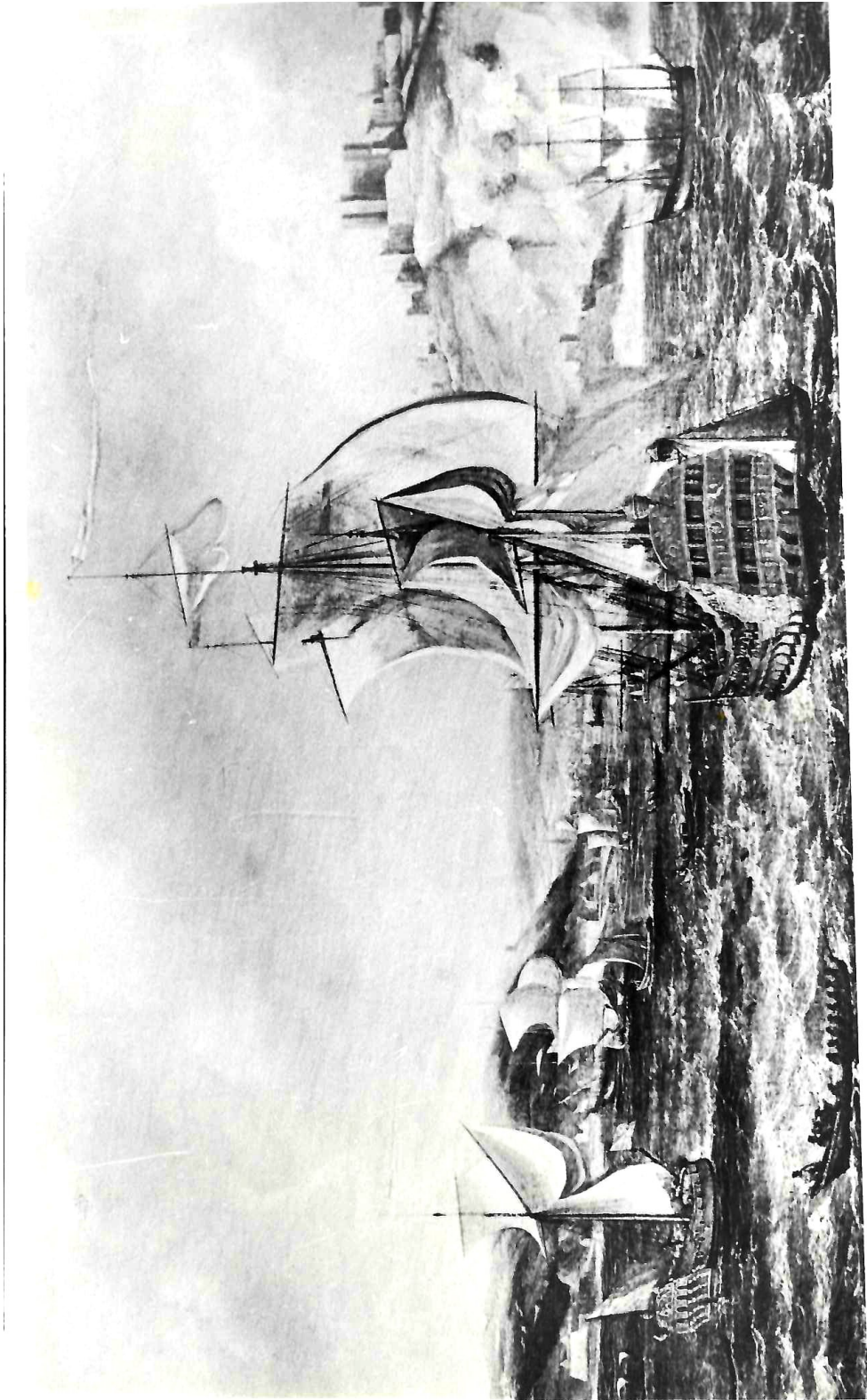
Tyler Index to Parish Registers 1538-1874.

John Jones Marriage index (Canterbury diocese)

Kent County Archives

Research Reports 1 & 2 by Veronica Craig Mair (commissioned by Janet R Worthington)

Image of an oil painting Dover Bay circa 1690 (taken from the Castle Street Offices of solicitors Mowll and Mowll circa 1975)

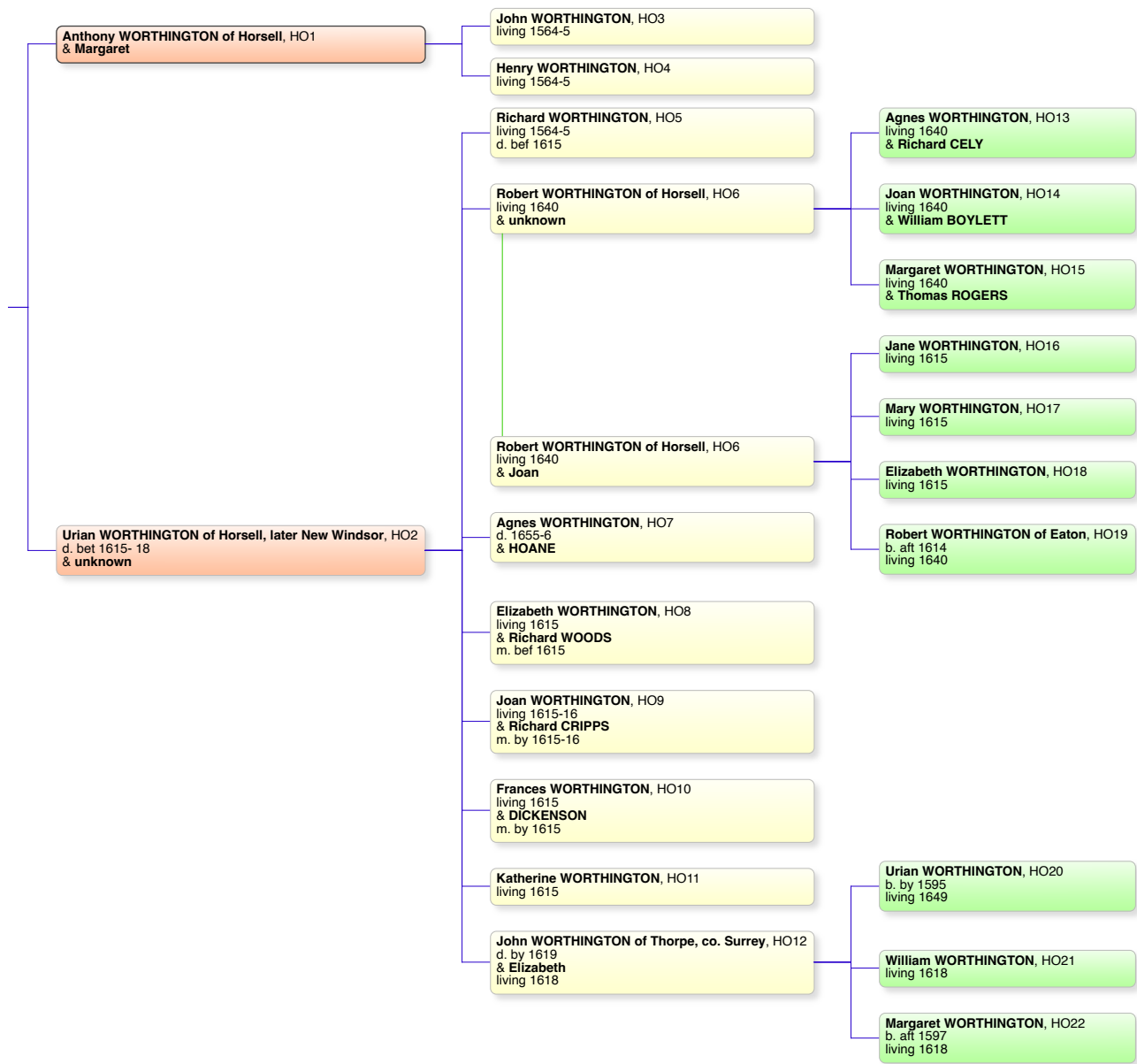


**The
Worthington
Families of
Surrey**



The county of Surrey by Jan Jansen 1588-1684

The Worthington Family of Horsell, co. Surrey



Chapter 17 - Horsell

The village of Horsell lies in the north-west corner of Surrey, some six or seven miles from its borders with Berkshire and Hampshire. Horsell is about 1 mile to the north-west of Woking; some 12 miles to the north lies Windsor, with Eton a further mile away.

The parish church is dedicated to Saint Mary the Virgin and dates back to the 15th Century, although parts are believed to date from an earlier chapel building in the middle of the 12th Century. Parish records date from 1653, although there do not appear to be any Worthingtons recorded there in the 17th Century.

Generation 1

HO1 Anthony

Anthony was of Horsell, co. Surrey and made his will on 26 February 1564-5¹. In it he mentioned his wife, Margaret, who had been a widow and previously married to a man named Norberye with whom she had a son, Henry. He also referred to his brother **Urian (HO2)**. Given this we can speculate that Anthony was married sometime in the early to mid 1540s and that his two known sons by Margaret were born after 1543 given neither had reached the age of 21 by the time Anthony wrote his will. Anthony's date of death and burial are not known, but presumably sometime shortly after he wrote his will (the probate reference has not been discovered). He would have been relatively young when he died, given his brother Urian was still living some 50 years after Anthony's death.

HO2 Urian

Urian made his will on 20 August 1615². He had been mentioned as a brother of **Anthony (HO1)** when Anthony made his will 50 years earlier. He described himself as being of Horsell, but also later of New Windsor, Berkshire, when he wrote his will. He and his unknown wife had three sons and five daughters: Richard, Robert, Agnes, Elizabeth, Joan, Frances, Katherine and John. The dates of birth or baptism for all these children remain unknown.

*Note 1: The Register of Worthington References (AIRC Vol1 1615.1) has a transcript of Urian's will, but part of it was illegible to our researcher and not fully transcribed. It has now been transcribed by FindMyPast and the missing detail reveals that Urian had a daughter Agnes. See **HO7** below.*

Note 2: The records found during research sometimes refer to Urian as Adrian or even Bryan, but it has been assumed that these were mis-transcriptions as Urian is a bona fide Christian name, albeit a rare one.

Generation 2

Family Of Anthony and Margaret

HO3 John

John was the elder son of Anthony and inherited many of Anthony's possessions¹. At the time of his father's death John was not yet 21 and therefore born some time after 1543. He was still living in 1564-5.

HO4 Henry

Henry was Anthony's younger son. Like his brother John he must have been born after 1543 and was similarly a beneficiary of his father's will¹ and therefore also living in 1564-65.

Family of Urian and his wife

HO5 Richard

Richard's exact birth and death dates are not known, but he was mentioned in his uncle, Anthony's will of 1564-5¹. However he was not included in his father's will in 1615 and in which his younger brother Robert is described as the "eldest" son. It is assumed that Richard had died before 1615.

HO6 Robert

Robert was mentioned as his eldest son in his father Urian's will of 1615², as were Robert's wife Joan and six of his children. He is known to have had six daughters and one son, including three daughters by his first wife. It is presumed that the unknown first wife had died before he married Joan, but the dates of both marriages are also not known. Robert is recorded in the "*Confirmation of demise for 1000 years as mortgage*" between him and William Eastwick of Old Windsor dated 29 August 1640³. This reference also mentions Robert's wife Joan and the three daughters from his first marriage and their respective husbands and Robert's son, also named Robert (**HO19**), but not his daughters from the second marriage. Robert's date and place of death is unknown but must have been after August 1640. His will has not yet been discovered.

HO7 Agnes

Agnes was mentioned in her father's will as Agnes Hoane (Hone)². Her birth date is unknown but she wrote a will as a widow on 21 November 1655⁴ with probate being granted on 19 September 1656. She therefore probably died in 1656. There is no mention of her Worthington ancestors in the will, which is mainly for the benefit of her grandchildren.

HO8 Elizabeth

Elizabeth was living in 1615 as she was mentioned in her father Urian's will². By this date she had also married Richard Woods. Nothing more is known of her.

HO9 Joan

Joan was living in 1615 as she was mentioned in her father Urian's will². She was also mentioned in an indenture of 24 January 1615-16⁵ made by her father whereby she was to hold land for the eventual benefit of her nephew Urian. Joan had married Richard Cripps by 1615-16, but nothing more is known about her.

HO10 Frances

Like her sisters, Frances was mentioned in her father Urian's will in 1615² by which time she was the wife of a Mr Dickenson.

HO11 Katherine

Katherine was the youngest daughter of Urian and his wife and still unmarried at the time her father wrote his will in 1615². Like all her siblings, the date of her birth or baptism is not known.

HO12 John

John was the other surviving son and the youngest known child of Urian (**HO2**). He was living in Thorpe, Surrey in 1615-16. John and his wife Elizabeth had three children: two sons Urian and William and a daughter Margaret all mentioned in his will dated 17 December 1618⁶. The exact date of death is unknown but had occurred by November 1619, when probate was granted to his will.

Generation 3

Family of Robert his two wives

HO13 Agnes

Agnes was a daughter of Robert and his first wife. She was mentioned in her grandfather Urian's will and again in a mortgage of 1640³ when she was described as married to Richard Cely of Eton, Berkshire, who worked as a gardener.

HO14 Joan

Joan was a daughter of Robert and his first wife and like her sisters Agnes and Margaret was mentioned in Urian's will of 1615 and in a mortgage of 1640³ by which time she was married to a William Boylett, a bricklayer of Horsell.

HO15 Margaret

Margaret was the third daughter of Robert and his first wife. Her grandfather Urian mentioned her in his will in 1615². She is, like her sisters mentioned in a mortgage document dated August 1640³, by which time she was married to Thomas Rogers, a weaver of Horsell.

HO16 Jane

Jane was the eldest daughter of Robert by his second wife Joan and was also mentioned in her grandfather's will of 1615². Nothing more is known of her.

HO17 Mary

Mary was the second daughter of Robert and Joan and was also mentioned in her grandfather's will².

HO18 Elizabeth

Elizabeth was the youngest daughter of Robert and Joan and like her sisters Jane and Mary was mentioned in her grandfather's will in 1615², but nothing more is known of her.

HO19 Robert

Robert was the only son and youngest child of Robert and his wife Joan. He was mentioned in the mortgage document of 1640³ where he was described as living in Eton, Berkshire and working as a bricklayer. There is a burial entry for a Robert "Worrington" in Eton, Buckinghamshire on 4 May 1643⁷ but it has not been confirmed whether this was Robert **HO19**. *Note: Eton was originally in Buckinghamshire and transferred to Berkshire only in 1974.*

Family of John and Elizabeth

HO20 Urian

Urian was the eldest son of John and Elizabeth and was of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. He was a maltster. In 1615-16 an indenture was made between Urian Worthington of New Windsor (**HO2**) and his grandson Urian (**HO20**) in which land in the parish of Pyreford, Surrey was demised to Urian⁵. The property was held by Urian's aunt Joan (later Cripps) but would revert to him on her death. Urian would have had to have reached the age of 21 by 1615 to be a party to an indenture, indicating that he had been born by 1595. Urian was a beneficiary of his father's will⁶.

On 1 June 1649 an Urian Worthington signed a Declaration made by the "True Levellers", a group of Protestant agrarian communists known as the "Diggers", to dig upon St George's Hill, Surrey⁸. It is believed that this was Urian (**HO20**).

HO21 William

William was living in 1618 when he was mentioned in his father's will⁶.

HO22 Margaret

Margaret was born after 1597 as she was aged under 20 in December 1618, when she was mentioned in her father's will⁶.



St Mary the Virgin Horsell

Whilst the Horsell Worthingtons are clearly established in the early part of the 16th Century in Surrey, nothing seems to be known about them after about 1640 and in some instances even earlier (1615). Yet in the second half of the century a number of families are all over the county (which at that time covered the west end of what we now know as London). Would it be appropriate to recognise the wider Worthington community in Surrey in the circumstances by having some narrative at the end of the pedigree which describes the above but perhaps with little of the detail? I suppose that some of the families may have “migrated” across borders to Berkshire, Hampshire and Sussex. I wonder what research was done to examine such movements? – a future project?

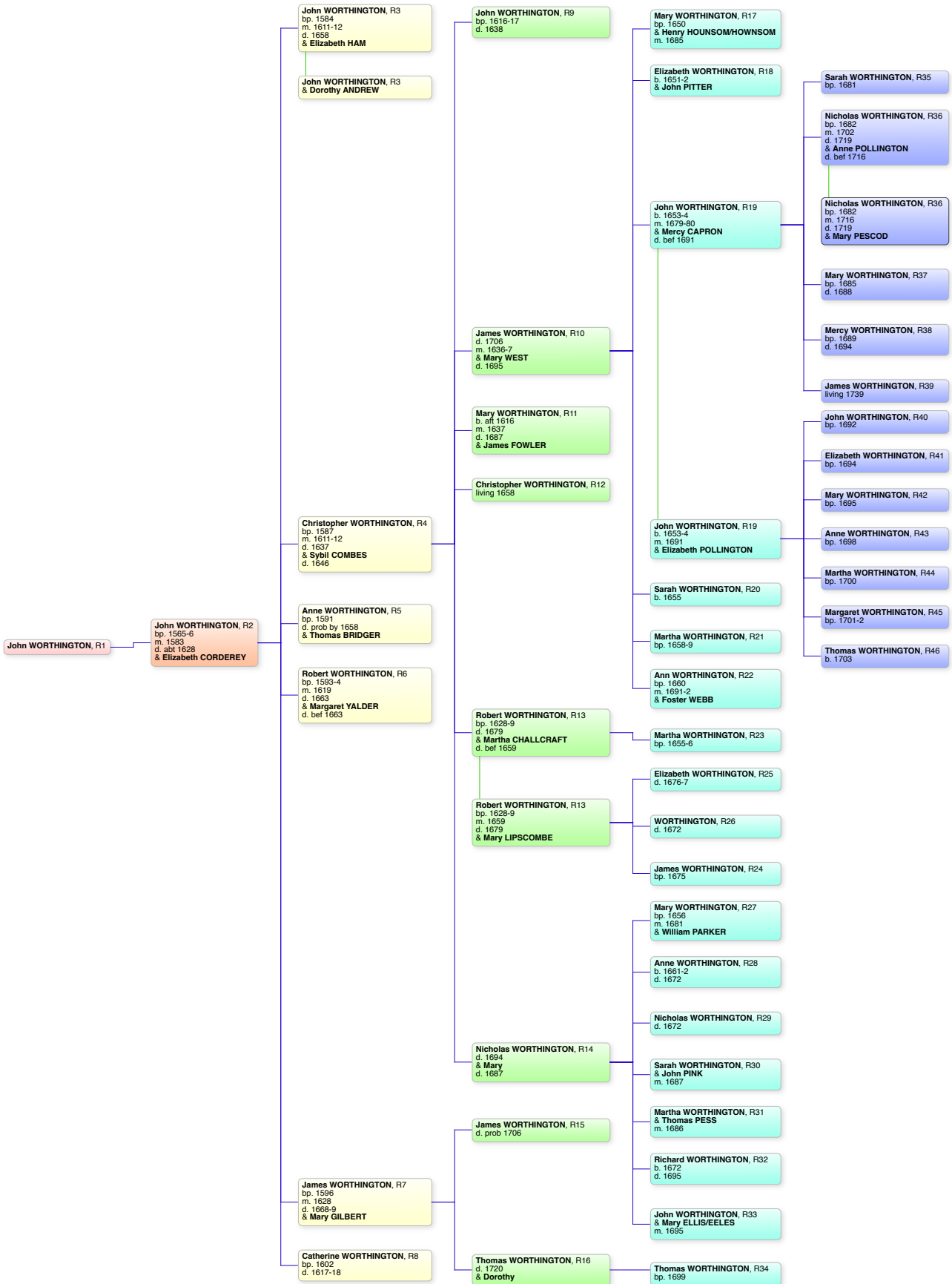
There is some evidence that this line of Worthington families could have had its origins in northern England by way of London and Middlesex. Whilst a pedigree for London Kensington has been completed and appears in Volume 1 of our publication *The Worthington Families of the Seventeenth Century*, no further research has so far been done on the Worthington groups who lived in and around London at the time.

**The
Worthington
Families of
Hampshire**



The county of Hampshire by Jan Jansen 1588-1684

The Worthington Family of Ropley, co. Southampton (Hampshire) part 1



Chapter 18 - Ropley part 1

The village of Ropley is a parish in Hampshire, close to the border of Sussex (nowadays West Sussex). In the 17th Century Hampshire was known as the county of Southampton. Ropley is about 17 miles from Funtington in West Sussex, which in turn was an easy day's ride and close to East Ashling. The parish church in Ropley is dedicated to St Peter and was originally built in Norman times although there is little left of the early structure. It is sited on a mound at the heart of the village. The church in Funtington is dedicated to St. Mary and originates from the 13th Century; East Ashling is included in the parish and has no church of its own. The parish church of Farlington nr Portsmouth is dedicated to St Andrew. Parish records in Ropley date from 1538, although many registers are missing between the years 1625 and 1658. The parish registers for Funtington date from 1559 (bishop's transcripts from 1590) and those for Farlington from 1542 (burials) and 1655 (baptisms and marriages).

During the period between the mid 16th century and the beginning of the 18th century, several Worthington families settled in this part of Hampshire and West Sussex. It is at present only speculation that their descendants may have spread further west into Devon and particularly the Torbay area, where Worthington families were known to have lived in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Generation 1

R1 John Worthington

There is evidence that John Norryngton, interpreted as Worryngton or Worthington had a son, John (see R2 below). No further details about his marriage (if there was one), his death or burial have so far been found. If John R2 was his son, it would be interesting to know why he moved from Ropley to Funtington, some 25 miles away, and a day's ride in the 16th century, but it seems to have been the beginning of a Worthington presence there.

Generation 2

R2 John Worthington

John was baptised on 21 March 1565-6 at St. Mary's Funtington¹. He was described as a parishioner of Ropley and went on the marry Elizabeth, a daughter of Richard Corderey of Ropley in St. Peter's church, Ropley on 13 July 1583². In 1584 their first son, also named John was baptised, again in Ropley. John made his will on 22 August 1628³. In it he mentions his sons in order of their birth and leaves each a bequest: John, Christopher, Robert, James, followed by his daughter Ann (by then Ann Bridger). His daughter Catherine was born in 1602 before John wrote his will, but she died before him. The remainder of his estate was left to his wife Elizabeth, who along with son James were the executors. The date of his death and burial are unknown, but probably some time shortly after he wrote his will.

Generation 3

Family Of John and Elizabeth Corderey

R3 John Worthington

John was the eldest son of John and Elizabeth and was baptised on 13 September 1584 at St. Peter's, Ropley². He married firstly Elizabeth Ham of East Tisted, co. Southampton on 4 February 1611-12 at St James's church, East Tisted⁴. After her death, the date of which is not known, he married again. His second wife was Dorothy Andrew (her married name), a widow who already had three sons, William, John and James. John had no children of his own from either marriage. He left a will dated 7 June 1658, which was proved in London on 11 March 1658-9⁵. No burial record for him has been found but evidently he must have died between those two dates. John left several bequests, which were to be distributed amongst many relatives and godchildren as well as his then wife Dorothy, who must have been living at the time he wrote his will as he referred in it to them both receiving a yearly rent for lands in Ropley. When Dorothy died is not known. Her three sons by her first marriage were all mentioned in the will. It shows that he was quite a wealthy man for the time. Some of this must have come from his own father in his will, but what kind of business the family ran is not

certain, perhaps ownership and leasing of land, farming and husbandry. A summary of who received what and their relationship to John is below.

The Will of John Worthington R3 1658 - Bequests:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Relation</i>	<i>amount</i>	<i>Article</i>
Robert	Brother	40s	R6
James	Brother	40s	R7
Thomas	Nephew (son of James)	20s	R16
John	Nephew (son of Robert) *Kinsman and executor , also received lands and money for himself and for distribution		RA2
Robert	brother	£20	R6
James	brother	£20	R7
William	nephew (son of Robert)	£3.10s	RA6
Catherine	niece (dau. of Robert)	£3.10s	RA3
Edith	niece (dau. of Robert)	£3.10s	RA5
Ann	niece (dau. of Robert)	£3.10s	RA7
Elizabeth	niece (dau. of Robert)	?20s	RA8
James	nephew (son of James)	£3.10s	R15
Thomas	nephew (son of James)	£3.10s	R16
Christopher	nephew (son of Christopher)	50s	R12
Nicholas	nephew (son of Christopher)	50s	R14
Robert	nephew (son of Christopher)	50s	R13
John	gr nephew (son of John/Robert)	50s	RA9
Margaret	gr niece (dau. of John/Robert)	50s	RA10
Ann	gr niece (dau. of John/Robert)	50s	RA11
John	gr nephew (son of James/Christopher)	50s	R19
Mary	gr niece (dau. of James/Christopher)	50s	R17
Elizabeth	gr niece (dau. of James/Christopher)	50s	R18
Sarah	gr niece (dau. of James/Christopher)	50s	R20

NB. Brothers Robert R6, James R7 and nephew Thomas R16 were mentioned twice.

*Further details of John the Executor are in pedigree RA

In addition the following also received bequests:

Ann Bridger née Worthington his sister for her and her family;

Mary Fowler née Worthington niece, (dau. of Christopher) 50s plus something for her six children;

Some members of the Corderey family (his wife's line);

His three step sons William, John and James,(described as sons in law) family name Andrew;

The poor of the parish;

Other names not recognised were mainly godchildren and may or may not have been relations.

One of these is named as "John Worthington of Surrey" - raising the question, what the connection was between the families of Hampshire and Surrey?

R4 Christopher Worthington

Christopher, John and Elizabeth's second son, described as "of East Ashling," was baptised on 7 September 1587 at St. Peter's Ropley². He married Sybil (who was also known as Sabine) Combes of Racton, Funtington, Sussex in 1611-12. A licence was issued by the Archdeaconry of Chichester, Sussex on 25 January that year⁶. They presumably married in Funtington, although the record has not been found. It was only Christopher, who from his marriage in Funtington, settled there, while his older brother and siblings settled in Ropley. Christopher and Sabine went on to have five sons and one daughter. Christopher wrote a will dated 14 August 1637⁷. He left bequests to the poor of the parish of Funtington and specific bequests to his children in the order of Mary, John, James, Christopher and Nicholas, all of whom, except John, were under the age of 21 at the time of the will. It is not known why he did not mention his son Robert. Perhaps he was a sickly child and not expected to survive into

adulthood? He made Sabine/Sybil his executrix and left her the residue of his estate. The will was proved on 13 September the same year. A record of his burial has not been found, but is likely to have been at Funtington in late August /early September 1637. Sybil wrote her will on 30 April 1646⁸. She also left bequests to her surviving children (John had died in 1638) viz: Christopher who was of age, Nicholas and Robert, neither of whom had reached the age of 21, Mary, now Mary Fowler, (and Mary's children) and James, whom she made her sole executor.

R5 Anne Worthington

Anne, the eldest daughter of John and Elizabeth, was baptised on 3 April 1591 at St. Peter's Church, Ropley². She married Thomas Bridger at Ropley (as Annie Warrington) on 10 November 1609 and had children by him. She had probably died by 1658 as she was not mentioned in her uncle John's will, although her children were named in it as beneficiaries.

R6 Robert Worthington

Robert, John and Elizabeth's third son was baptised on 7 January 1593-4 at St. Peter's Church². He married Margaret Yalder on 7 December 1619² in Ropley and they went on to have seven children, two sons and five daughters. This line is developed further in a separate **Pedigree RA**.

R7 James Worthington

James was John and Elizabeth's youngest son and was baptised at St Peter's, Ropley on 25 July 1596². He married Mary Gilbert on 13 August 1628 at the same church. They had two sons James and Thomas. He was buried at St. Peter's, Ropley on 5 March 1668-9². No will has been found, but his son James had substantial assets (and debts) when he died in 1682 and may have inherited them from his father.

R8 Catherine Worthington

Catherine, John and Elizabeth's youngest child was baptised at Ropley on 11 April 1602². We do not know for certain when she died, but she was not mentioned in her father's will in 1628³ with her siblings. She may have died as a young girl and was buried on 16 March 1617-18 in Ropley².



Saint Peter's Ropley

Generation 4

Family of Christopher and Sybil Combes

R9 John Worthington

John, Christopher's and Sybil's eldest son was baptised at St. Mary's, Funtington on 26 January 1616-17 and thought to have died without issue: A burial of a John Worthington was registered at Funtington on 7 September 1638¹. This was probably **John R9**, who was living in 1637 when his father wrote his will, but was presumed dead by 1646 as he was not mentioned in his mother's will of that year.

R10 James Worthington

James "of East Tisted" was Christopher and Sybil's second son. No baptismal record been found for him, but he was likely born around 1616 given he married in 1636-7. He had not reached the age of 21 when his father wrote his will in 1637, but had when his mother wrote hers in 1646 and was made her executor⁸. James married Mary West at All Saints' in Bighton, Hampshire on 17 January 1636-7⁹. The couple went on to have a family of five daughters and one son. James made his will, in which he is described as a yeoman of East Tisted, Southampton county, on 25 May 1706¹⁰. It was proved on 5 May 1708. In it James left bequests to his daughter Elizabeth, and her husband John Pitter, to his son in law Henry Hownsham, making his grandsons John and Henry Hownsham his executors. He was buried at Ropley on 2 July 1706². His wife Mary predeceased him, dying in 1695. She was buried at St Peter's Ropley as "ye wife of James Worthington" on 13 August 1685².

R11 Mary Worthington

Mary was Christopher and Sybil's only daughter. She was under 21 when her father died so would have been born sometime after 1616. She married James Fowler on 14 November 1637 at St Mary's, Funtington¹ and they went on to have six children, four of them having been born by 1646 when they were mentioned in their grandmother Sybil's will⁸. Mary and all six of her children benefited from her uncle John's will in 1658⁵. She was buried at Funtington as the wife of James Fowler on 3 October 1687¹.

R12 Christopher Worthington

No record of Christopher's birth or baptism has been found, but he is thought to have been Christopher and Sybil's third son. He was not yet 21 when his father wrote his will in 1637⁷, making his birth year some time after 1616 but before 1625 as he was of age when his mother wrote her will in 1646⁸. He was still living in 1658 when he was mentioned in his uncle John's will⁵. It is not known if he married or had children. Nor is it known when he died or where he was buried.

R13 Robert Worthington

Robert was baptised on 12 March 1628-9 in Funtington¹. For some unknown reason he was not mentioned in his father's will unlike the rest of his siblings. He married firstly, Martha Challcraft at St. Mary's Funtington on 29 May 1655¹ and secondly, Mary Lipscombe in 1659, also in Funtington. He had a daughter, Martha by his first wife and a daughter Elizabeth and two sons, one unnamed and James with his second wife. Robert died and was buried in Funtington on 7 November 1679¹. No will has been found for Robert. Nor has a burial record for his first wife Martha, who presumably died before 1659. There was a burial of Mary Worthington at Funtington on 11 December 1694¹, this could be Robert's second wife although there was no indication in the register that she was a widow.

R14 Nicholas Worthington

No baptismal record for Nicholas has been found. He is listed here in order as the the youngest son of Christopher and Sybil. But he may not have been. It might make more sense for Robert to be the youngest, given he was missed out in his father's will⁷. Nicholas could have been born in 1626-27 which would fit with the 21 years calculations. He was born sometime after 1625 as he like Robert was not yet 21 years old when his mother wrote her will in 1646⁸. He married Mary whose family name is unknown. Where they married is also not known, but perhaps it was near to West Stoke, Sussex where some of their children were baptised and where at sometime around 1682 he was a church warden. Together they had four

daughters and three sons (R27 - R33), three of whom were baptised at St. Andrew's Church, West Stoke, Sussex. Nicholas was buried at Funtington on 5 November 1694¹. His wife Mary had predeceased him and was buried in West Stoke on 25 September 1687¹¹. Nicholas wrote his will on 1 November 1694 and it was proved just two weeks later on 17 November¹². He left bequests to his sons Richard and John, daughter Martha and sons in law John Pink and William Parker, the husbands of his daughters Sarah and Mary respectively. Pink and Parker were also made joint executors.

Family of James (R7) and (Mary Gilbert)

No birth or baptism records have been found for either of James and Mary's two known children. We know of their existence as both were beneficiaries of their uncle John's will in 1658⁵.

R15 James Worthington

James, the elder son, was living in Ropley in 1658 when his uncle John died and he benefited from his will⁵. An Admon dated 1686¹³, naming brother Thomas and an inventory in the name of James junior, stated that James (the deceased) died on 23 Sept 1682. No other similarly named pairing of brothers has been found, leading to the conclusion that the documents referred to this James and Thomas. The death fits with a corresponding burial is at Ropley on 25 Sept 1682.

R16 Thomas Worthington

Thomas, the other known child of James and Mary (Gilbert) also benefited from his uncle's will in 1658⁵. He was living in 1686 when he was named in the Admon of his brother's estate¹³. He married Dorothy Surname unknown and had at least one child, Thomas, who was baptised in St. Mary's Funtington on 23 July 1699¹.

Editor's note: The parameters set for Volume 1 of The Worthington Families of the 17th Century were not to develop the biographies of those children who had been born after 1680 unless their eldest sibling had been before 1680. In Volume 2 we have been a little more flexible as can be seen in the individuals of generations 5 and 6 where some basic facts have been stated. However, whatever became of the male lines after this generation has not (yet) been researched by the Society. If anyone linked to these lines has further detailed and sourced research, we should be delighted to add it here.

Generation 5

Family of James (R10) and Mary (West)

R17 Mary Worthington

Mary, James and Mary's eldest daughter, was baptised on 16 October 1650 at St. Mary's Funtington¹. She married Henry Hounsom/Hownsham on 20 April 1685 at St. Peter's Church Ropley². They had at least two children named John and Henry.

R18 Elizabeth Worthington

Elizabeth, James and Mary's second child, was registered as being born (rather than baptised*) on 23 January 1651-2 in Funtington¹, She and her husband, John Pitter, were both mentioned in her father's will of 1706¹⁰.

R19 John Worthington

John was James and Mary's only son and was born on the 10 January 1653-4^{1*}. He married firstly, Mercy Capron, on 22 January 1679-80 at St Michael's Church, Up Marden, Sussex¹⁴ and they had three daughters and two sons. Presumably Mercy died before John remarried, but no burial record for her has been found in either West Sussex or Hampshire. John's second marriage was to Elizabeth Pollington at St. Andrew's Farlington, Hampshire on 12 October 1691¹⁵. Together they had a further five daughters and two sons. He may have died after

1703 when his youngest son was born and before 1706 as he was not mentioned at all in his father's will¹⁰, but no burial record has so far been found.

R20 Sarah Worthington

Sarah was both born on the 25 December 1655* at St. Mary's Funtington¹. Little is known about her but she did live long enough to be named in her great uncle John's will in 1658⁵.

**Note that the entries in the Funtington register from 1653- 1669 recorded a birth rather than a baptism. Only at the time of a change of scribe in 1670 did the register start to record baptisms as opposed to births. We have assumed that the three children Elizabeth, John and Sarah were actually baptised on these days as opposed to just being born.*

R21 Martha Worthington

Martha was baptised on 18 January 1658-9 in St. Peter's Ropley². Nothing more is known of her.

R22 Ann Worthington

James and Mary's youngest daughter was baptised on 17 November 1660 at St. Peter's Ropley². She married Foster Webb on 2 February 1691-2 at the same church².



St Mary's Funtington

Family of Robert (R13) and Martha Challcraft

R23 Martha Worthington

Martha was the only daughter of Robert by his first wife Martha Challcraft. She was baptised at St. Mary's Funtington on 27 January 1655-6¹. Nothing more is known of her.

Family of Robert (R13) and Mary Lipscombe

R24 James Worthington

James was baptised at Funtington on 12 October 1675¹. Nothing more is known about him.

R25 Elizabeth Worthington

A daughter Elizabeth, by Robert's second wife Mary Lipscombe, was buried as an infant at St. Mary's, Funtington on 5 February 1676-7¹. It is not known when she was born or baptised.

R26 A son Worthington

An unnamed son of Robert and Mary was buried 1 August 1672 at St. Mary's, Funtington¹.

Comment: It seems unusual that they had no children following their marriage in 1659 (or did they and we don't know about them?) until James some 16 years later.

Family of Nicholas (R14) and Mary (Unknown)

R27 Mary Worthington

Mary was baptised on 16 September 1656 at St. Andrew's Church, West Stoke, Sussex¹¹, which may have been the home of her mother. She married William Parker on 15 November 1681 at the same church¹¹. She may have still been living in 1694 as, although not mentioned by name in her father's will¹², he did refer to her husband.

Note: there is a transcription error in the Register of Worthington References which shows the date of the marriage as 13 November 1686, but an original image is now available on family search.org)

R28 Anne Worthington

Anne, daughter of Nicholas, was baptised at St. Andrew's West Stoke on 29 December 1661¹¹. There is a subsequent burial record for Anne, daughter of Nicholas on 27 May 1672 at the same church¹¹. No age is given at the time of death but she was probably still a child aged about 11 years.

R29 Nicholas Worthington

Nicholas's baptism has not been found but he was buried on 23 May 1672¹¹ just four days before his sister Anne. Perhaps they died of an illness prevalent at the time? There had been measles and smallpox epidemics in and around London about that time.

R30 Sarah Worthington

Sarah was the third daughter of Nicholas and Mary. She married John Pink at St. Peter's and St. Mary's Church, New Fishbourne, Sussex on 15 December 1687¹⁶ and was therefore born some time between 1656- 60. She may have still been living in 1694 as, although not mentioned by name in her father's will¹², he did refer to her husband.

R31 Martha Worthington

Martha, their youngest daughter married Thomas Pess on 11 May 1686 at St. Mary's Church Funtington¹. Like her sister Sarah she was probably born sometime between 1656 and 1660. Little more is known of her other than she was living in 1694, when she was mentioned in her father's will¹².

R32 Richard Worthington

Richard, their second son was born (not baptised according to the register - see note*at R20) on 10 May 1672 at St. Andrew's West Stoke, Sussex¹¹. It is not known what happened to Richard, but there was a burial at St Andrew's on 17 April 1695, which could have been him. The entry does not refer to him being "the son of" so the burial was probably an adult. Richard would have been 23 years old.

R33 John Worthington

John, Nicholas and Mary's third son was probably born around 1674. He married Mary Eeles (Ellis) of Funtington on 18 December 1695¹⁶. Mary was buried at Funtington on 29 March 1720¹ and John a year later on 1 May 1721¹. No further research has been made regarding any children of the couple.

Family of Thomas (R16) and Dorothy

R34 Thomas Worthington

Thomas was the only known child of Thomas R16 and his wife Dorothy. He was baptised at St. Mary's Funtington on 23 July 1699¹. Further research on his line has not yet been done.

Generation 6

Family of John (R19) and Mercy Capron

R35 Sarah Worthington

Sarah, the eldest daughter of John and Mercy, was baptised on 8 May 1681 at St. Mary's, Funtington¹.

R36 Nicholas Worthington

Nicholas, the elder son of John and Mercy was baptised on 4 June 1682 also at St. Mary's, Funtington¹. He married firstly Anne Pollington of Farlington near Portsmouth, on 2 November 1702 at St. Andrew's church, Farlington¹⁵. He married secondly Mary Pollington née Pescod, a widow of Bedhampton on 24 April 1716 also at St. Andrew's, Farlington¹⁵. Nicholas and Anne had at least two children, Thomas and Anne, who were baptised at St Andrew's¹⁵ on 2 October 1704 and on 20 August 1707 respectively.

The parish record transcripts on line from Farlington show Anne, wife of Nicholas, and Anne, daughter of Nicholas, were buried on the same day, 26 August 1707¹⁵ probably indicating that both mother and daughter died in childbirth. Nicholas died in 1719 and he left a will¹⁷. In it he left bequests to Mary his then wife, two of her children from her first marriage, and his son by his first marriage, Thomas. He made his brother James his executor.

R37 Mary Worthington

Mary was baptised at St. Mary's, Funtington on 6 July 1685¹. She died a child aged about 3 years old and was buried at the same church on 19 June 1688¹.

R38 Mercy Worthington

Mercy, the youngest daughter of Nicholas and Mercy was baptised at St. Mary's, Funtington on 24 September 1689¹. She also died as a young child and was buried on 28 October 1694 also in Funtington¹.

R39 James Worthington

James, Nicholas and Mercy's younger son was living in 1719 when he was named as an executor in his brother Nicholas' will¹⁷. Nothing more is known about him.

Family of John (R19) and Elizabeth Pollington

R40 John Worthington

John was the elder son of John and his second wife Elizabeth. He was baptised on 29 October 1692 at St. Andrew's Church, Farlington¹⁵.

R41 Elizabeth Worthington

Elizabeth, the eldest daughter of John and Elizabeth was baptised on 5 August 1694 at St. Andrew's Farlington¹⁵.

R42 Mary Worthington

Mary, the second daughter of John and Elizabeth was born on 26 December 1695 and baptised two days later on 28 December at St. Andrew's, Farlington¹⁵.

R43 Anne Worthington

Anne, their third daughter was both born and baptised on 6 April 1698 at St. Andrew's, Farlington¹⁵.

R44 Martha Worthington

Martha their fourth daughter was born on 14 May 1700 and baptised five days later on 19 May at St. Andrew's, Farlington¹⁵.

R45 Margaret Worthington

Margaret, their youngest daughter was baptised in the same church on 16 February 1701-2¹⁵.

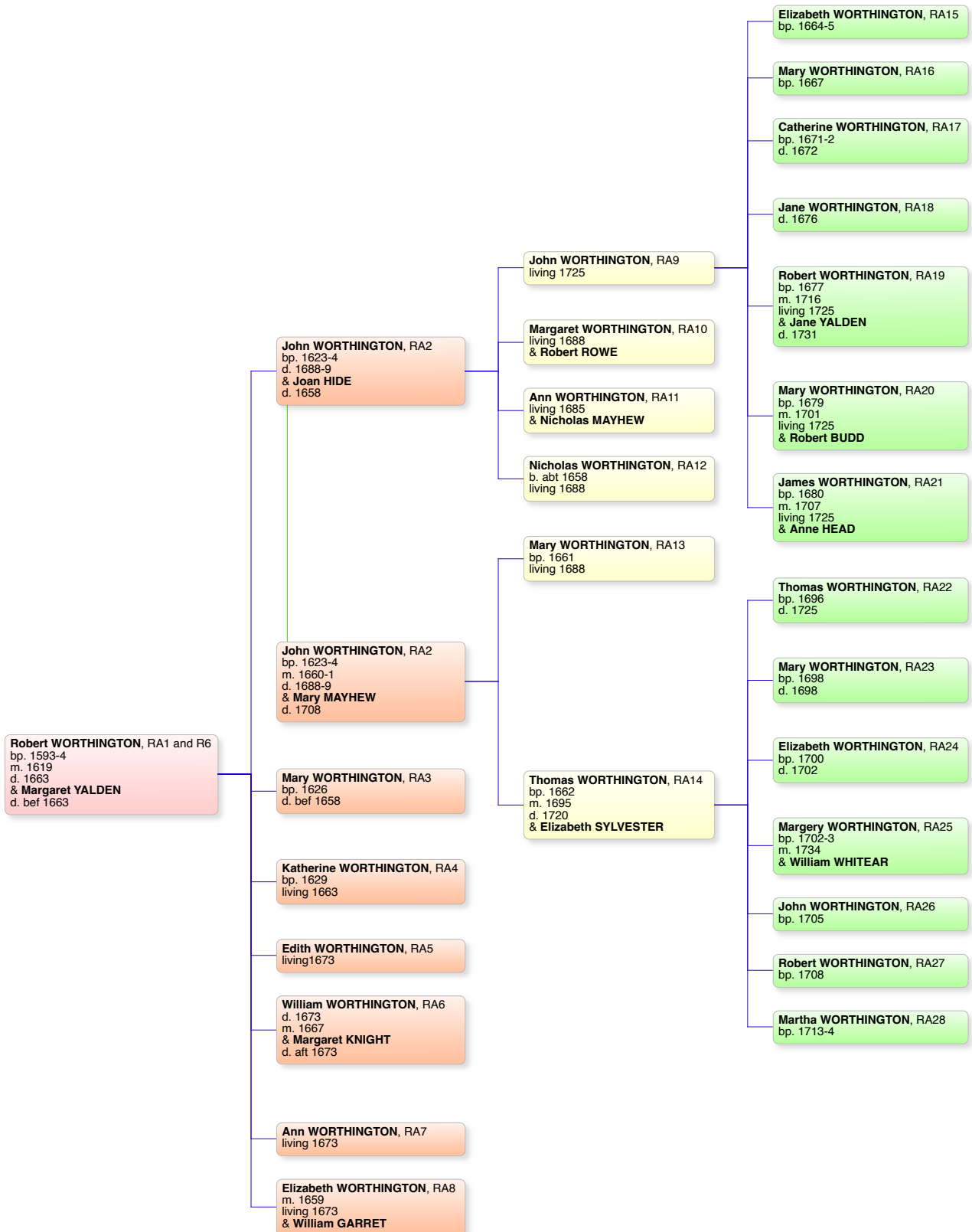
R46 Thomas Worthington

Thomas, their youngest son was born on 11 May 1703 and baptised on 19 May 1703 at Farlington¹⁵.



St Andrew's Farlington

The Worthington Family of Ropley, co. Southampton (Hampshire) part 2



Chapter 19 - Ropley part 2

This pedigree develops a cadet line from Pedigree R, the Worthington families of Ropley, co. Southampton.

Generation 1

RA1 (and R6 of Pedigree R) Robert

Robert was the third son of John Worthington of Ropley (**R2**), co. Southampton, the earlier name for the county of modern day Hampshire. He was also (probably) the grandson of John Worthington of East Ashling (**R1**). Robert was baptised on 7 January 1593-4 at St. Peter's Church, Ropley¹, when his father John was described as a yeoman of the parish. He married Margaret Yalden on 7 December 1619 in Ropley¹ and they had seven children, two sons and five daughters.

Robert made a will on 24 May 1663², "*being sick of body but of perfect memory*", and left bequests to his daughters Katherine, Edith (Iddey) and Ann, his granddaughter by Katherine. The residue of his estate was left to his son William who was also made executor. Probate was granted on 8 October 1663, so he must have died between May and October that year but no trace of his burial has been found. His wife, Margaret, probably predeceased him as there is no mention of her in Robert's will, and similarly there is no trace of her burial.

Generation 2

Family of Robert and Margaret

RA2 John

John was the elder child of Robert and Margaret and was baptised on 11 January 1623-4 at St. Peter's, Ropley¹. He was a farmer and married firstly, Joan Hide (details of this marriage have not been found but we know her name because of John's will⁵ in which he names his brother-in-law as Humphrey Hide). Joan died in 1658 and was buried at St Peter's on 25 November 1658¹. This was the same year that John's uncle **John R3** died and left numerous bequests to his siblings³, their children, his godchildren and others. **John RA2** was described in this will as "his Kinsman son of my brother Robert" and was appointed the executor of the will as well as being left the residue of the estate. John married secondly, Mary Mayhew on 11 February 1660-1 in St. James' Church, East Tisted, Hampshire⁴. He had four children with his wife Joan and a further two with his second wife Mary. He died in 1688-9, predeceasing Mary who did not die until 1708; she was buried in Ropley on 21 April 1708¹. John was not mentioned in his father's will² although he was alive at the time....perhaps it was because he had already been well provided for in his uncle **John's R3** will³.

RA3 Mary

Mary, daughter of Robert and Margaret, was baptised in Ropley on 24 December 1626¹. She had probably died by 1658 as she was not mentioned in her uncle **John's R3** will³, but no trace of her death or burial record to confirm this has so far been found.

RA4 Katherine

Katherine, a second daughter of Robert and Margaret was baptised in Ropley on 3 May 1629¹. We do not know if and when she married as no record has been found either of a wedding or a husband. But by 1663 she already had a child, possibly illegitimate, and both of them were mentioned in her father's will².

RA5 Edith

Edith, also known as Iddey, was a daughter of Robert and Margaret. Details of her birth and baptism have not been found, but the known dates of baptism of some of her siblings indicate she was born some time between 1623 and 1640. She was named in her uncle **John's R3** will in 1658³, her father's will in 1663² and also in the nuncupative will of her brother **William RA6**

in 1673⁶. Whether she married (there was no indication of this in any of these wills) and when she died is not known.

RA6 William

William was the younger son of Robert and Margaret. The date of his baptism is not known but like most of his siblings he was living in 1658, when he benefited from his uncle John's will³. William married Margaret, a daughter of Henry Knight of West Tisted at West Tisted on 15 April 1667 (this information comes from a transcript of the marriage available on The Genealogist website). William died in 1673 and shortly before his death left a nuncupative (oral) will to Thomas Pither, which was later recorded in a memorandum⁶. He left 12 pence to his brother John and the same sum to his sisters Elizabeth, Katherine, Edith and Ann with the residue of his estate going to his wife Margaret. An inventory of his goods and chattels was made on 18 August 1673⁶, which was valued at £43 5s 8d. The date of Margaret's death is not known. No children were mentioned in the will and no record of any has been found, so it has been assumed they had none.

RA7 Ann

Ann was a daughter of Robert and Margaret. Details of her birth and baptism are not known but she was living in 1673 when she was named in the nuncupative will/memorandum of her brother William that year⁶. She had also benefited from her uncle John's will in 1658³. It is not known if she married (probably not by 1673, if at all) and no details of her death have so far been found.

RA8 Elizabeth

Elizabeth may have been the youngest child of Robert and Margaret. The date of her baptism is unknown but she married William Garret in nearby Bighton, Hampshire, on 6 October 1659⁷. Elizabeth received a sum of money (twenty shillings) from her uncle **John R3** in 1658³, but was not mentioned in her father Robert's will². She was living in 1673 when she was also named in the memorandum of her brother William⁶.

Generation 3

Families of John and his two wives, Joan Hide and Mary Mayhew

RA9 John

John was probably the eldest son of **John RA2** and his first wife Joan. He was named in his great uncle **John's R3** will of 1658³ along with his two sisters Margaret and Ann. The other three children listed here had not been born by 1658. He was also named in his father's will of 1688⁵. Although he married, the name of his wife and the date of his marriage is not known. However he had seven children; five daughters and two sons. The time and place of his death is unknown, although he was alive in 1725 when he was named in his nephew **Thomas' RA22** will⁹.

RA10 Margaret

Margaret, probably John and Joan's eldest daughter was similarly named in her great uncle John's will in 1658³. By the time of her father's death in 1688, she was married to Robert Rowe. Nothing more is known of her.

RA11 Ann

Ann, John and Joan's second daughter was similarly living in 1688⁵. She was married by the time of her father's death to a Nicholas Mayhew. Nothing more is known of her.

RA12 Nicholas

Nicholas was the younger of John's two sons with Joan and must have been born after 1658 as only his elder siblings are mentioned in the will of great uncle **John R3**. The Nicholas referred to in uncle **John's R3** will³ was **Nicholas R14** the youngest son of John's brother **Christopher R4**. He benefited from his father John's will in 1688⁵.

RA13 Mary

Mary, the eldest daughter of John and his second wife Mary, was baptised in Ropley on 26 November 1661¹. She was a principal beneficiary of her father's will in 1688⁵, perhaps because she was unmarried at the time. Nothing more is known of her.

RA14 Thomas

Thomas was the youngest of John's children from his marriage to his second wife Mary Mayhew. He was baptised on 28 July 1662¹. He married Elizabeth Sylvester on 13 June 1695¹⁰ in Stoughton, Sussex and went on to have a family of three sons and four daughters (RA22-RA28). He was buried on 20 September 1720 at St. Peter's, Ropley¹. No will has been found for Thomas, but an inventory of his goods and chattels was appraised on 30 September 1720 by Laurence Cooper of East Tisted and William Walden of Ropley, valuing it at £219. 1s. 0d⁸.

Editor's note: The parameters set for Volume 1 of The Worthington Families of the 17th Century were not to develop the biographies of those children born after 1680 unless their eldest sibling had been before 1680. In Volume 2 we have been a little more flexible as can be seen with the individuals of generation 4 below where some basic facts have been stated. However, whatever became of the male lines after this generation has not (yet) been researched by the Society. If anyone linked to these lines has further detailed and sourced research, we should be delighted to add it here.

Generation 4

Family of John (RA9) and his wife (name unknown)

RA15 Elizabeth

Elizabeth, John's eldest daughter was baptised on 5 February 1664-5 in Ropley¹. Nothing further is known about her.

RA16 Mary

Mary, John's second daughter was baptised on 6 August 1667 in Ropley¹. Nothing more is known of her, but it is possible that she married Arthur Pullenger (see note attached to **Thomas RA22**).

RA17 Catherine

Catherine, his third daughter, was baptised in Ropley in 1671-2¹, although the actual date is missing from the register. She died in infancy and was buried in Ropley in July 1672¹.

RA18 Jane

Jane, John's fourth daughter was buried in Ropley on 6 December 1676¹. There is no record of her baptism so she may have been still born or died shortly afterwards.

RA19 Robert

Robert, John's elder son was baptised on 17 July 1677 in Ropley¹. He married Jane Yalden, the widow of Richard Yalden of Ropley on 25 July 1716 at St Peter's, Ropley¹. He was living in 1725 when he was mentioned in his cousin **Thomas' RA22** will⁹ but his death record has not yet been researched. Jane, his wife, died and was buried on 14 December 1731 in Ropley¹.

RA20 Mary

Mary, John's youngest daughter, was baptised in April 1679¹, the exact date is not known. She married Robert Budd on 27 October 1701¹. She was living as a widow in 1725 when she was named in the will of **Thomas RA22** of East Meon⁹.

RA21 James

James, John's youngest son was baptised on 30 November 1680 in Ropley¹. He married Anne Head of Hambledon, co. Southampton, on 10 June 1707 at St. Andrew's, Farlington¹¹ and had at least one child, Anne. He was living in 1725 when he was named in his cousin **Thomas' RA22** will, as was James' daughter Anne⁹.

Family of Thomas (RA14) and Elizabeth

RA22 Thomas

Thomas, the eldest son of Thomas and Elizabeth, was baptised on 16 July 1696 in Ropley¹. He was living in East Meon, co. Southampton when he died in 1725. He was described as a yeoman and was unmarried. Thomas wrote a will dated 13 May 1725⁹. It was proved just 6 days later, indicating that he died very soon after writing the will. In it he left bequests to his several of his relations, some of whom he referred to by name as uncle or aunt, when in fact they would have been cousins, as the children of his father's brother John: "Aunt" Budd (widow), who was his cousin Mary (RA20); "uncle" Robert (RA19), his cousin; "uncle" James (RA21), his cousin (and James's daughter Anne - 1st cousin once removed). He left £5 to his actual uncle John (RA9) and his property in Farlington was left to "uncle" Arthur Pullenger.

RA23 Mary

Mary, the eldest daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth, was baptised on 27 October 1698 in Ropley¹. She died shortly afterwards and was buried on 17 November 1698.

RA24 Elizabeth

Elizabeth, the second daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth, was baptised on 8 August 1700. She died and was buried in Ropley before she was two years old on 22 April 1702¹.

RA25 Margery

Margery, the third daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth, was baptised on 22 February 1702-3¹. She survived to adulthood and married William Whitear on 23 September 1734 at St Peter's church, Ropley¹.

RA26 John

John, the second son of Thomas and Elizabeth, was baptised in Ropley on 25 September 1705¹.

RA27 Robert

Robert, the third son of Thomas and Elizabeth, was baptised on 10 May 1708, also in Ropley¹.

RA28 Martha

Martha, the youngest child of Thomas and Elizabeth was baptised on 15 January 1713-4 in Ropley¹.

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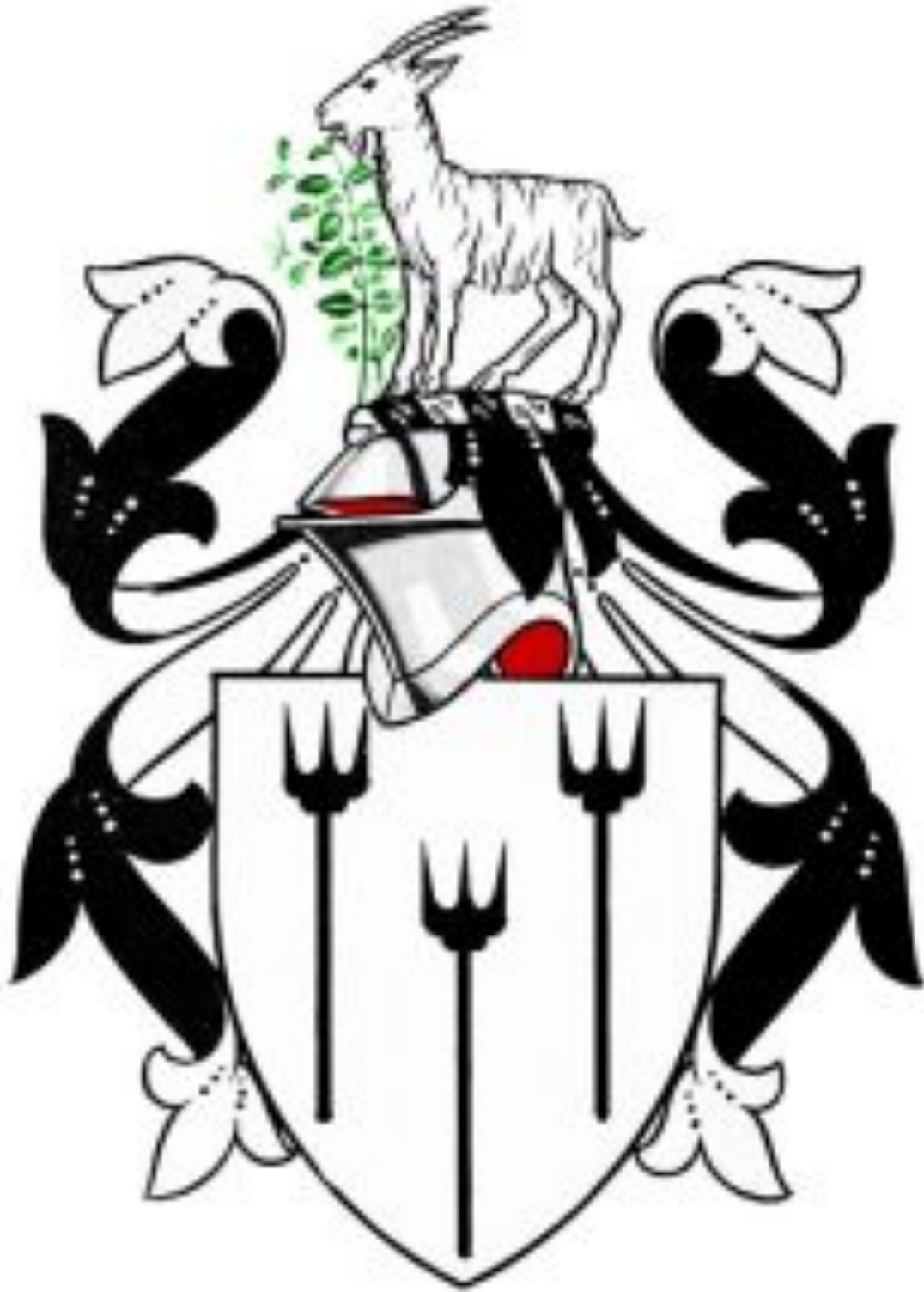
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