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## EIGHT GENERATIONS

FROM

# WILLIAM THORNE.

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WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> THORNE, of Dorsetshire, England, was "made freeman at Lynn Massachusetts 2nd May 1638 30 and ten acres of land apportioned to him." No name of his wife appears upon the various records of the family but it is presumed to have been Sarah, for this name is transmitted in the families of two of his sons, and a sloop owned by his son Joseph Thorne and two others in 1712 was named "The William and Sarah."

In 1645 he was in Flushing, L. I., the original patent of that town being granted by the Dutch Governor, the Hon. William Kieft, to him and seventeen others, "Oct 19th 1645."

In 1646 William Thorne was granted a plantation lot at Gravesend, L. I. In 1657 he was one of the proprietors of Jamaica, L. I.

His children were :

- i. WILLIAM,<sup>2</sup> Jr., married Winifred Lemington, daughter of Richard Lemington, of Hempstead, L. I.; born in Dorsetshire, England, 7d. 4m. 1632; died 1688.

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  - ii. JOHN,<sup>2</sup> married Mary Parsell.
  - iii. JOSEPH, married Mary Bowne, daughter of John and Mary Bowne; born 1660.
  - iv. SAMUEL, married Susannah —.
  - v. SUSANNAH, married, 1667, John Lockerson.

From the census of Flushing, L. I., in 1678, we find the enumeration:

Willian Thorne Jr	wife Winifred and three children
John <sup>2</sup> Thorne Sr	" Mary — three children
Joseph Thorne	" Mary — nine children
Samuel Thorne	" Susannah — Six children

The census of Flushing, in 1683, lists the following:

	acres	horses	oxen	cows	hogs	sheep
William Thorne	150	2	2	22	3	
John <sup>2</sup> Thorne	60		2	11		10
Joseph Thorne	25	1	2	10		6
Samuel Thorne	17	1	4	20		

## 2

JOHN<sup>2</sup> THORNE, son of William, married at Flushing, L. I., 9d. 3m. 1664, Mary Parsell, daughter of Nicholas and Sarah Parsell. John was made "freeman of Connecticut if he will have it" May 12, 1664. His will, dated July 23, 1709, was probated the same year, leaving his estate to his wife and children, and restricting his wife's share if she "marries" again.

His son William was left sole executor of his father's will, which names the following children:

- 3
  - i. JOHN,<sup>3</sup> Jr.
  - ii. HANNAH, married Richard Cromwell.
  - iii. WILLIAM, married at Shrewsbury Friends Meeting, N. J., 2d. 12m. 1708, Meribah Allen, who was born 12d. 9m. 1686, daughter of Jediah and Elizabeth Allen.



- iv. JOSEPH, married at Flushing, L. I., 9d. 9m. 1695, Martha Johanna Bowne, daughter of John Bowne, who was born 1673; died 1753.
- v. MARY, married William Fowler; had one child, *Mary<sup>4</sup> Fowler*.
- vi. ELIZABETH, married — Shuerman.
- vii. SARAH, married, 1695, Joshua Cornwell, born 1677; brother of Richard.

## 3

JOHN<sup>3</sup> THORN, Jr., and wife Catharine were named in the census of Flushing, L. I., in 1698. Who Catharine was, I am unable to find, and singularly it seems that he signed his name "Thorn," dropping the "e," and that all his descendants followed the same spelling (Thorn), until the genealogy of William<sup>1</sup> was written, since which, some have added the e. His brother William seems to have done the same, while the brother Joseph retained the final e and his descendants can be traced by this spelling of the name throughout the United States.

John Thorn, Jr., and wife Catharine, on Aug. 26, 1717, bought 181 acres of land near Crosswicks, N. J., where they settled. A part of this land is at the present date (1911) in possession of one of his descendants, George B. Thorn. He was called "carpenter John," being a carpenter and farmer, and held various public offices in the township in which he lived.

His will dated 16th day of second month, 1735, was probated June 14, 1737. Catharine's will dated 19th day of eleventh month, 1766, was probated Nov. 29, 1766.

The children of John and Catharine Thorn were :

- i. JOHN<sup>4</sup>, died 8d. 5m. 1759, at Bordentown without issue.
- ii. MARY.
- iii. ELIZABETH.
- iv. DEBORAH, born 1697; died before 1737, leaving one child.
- 4 v. JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, born 1701; married Sarah Foulke.



- vi. SAMUEL, married, 10m. 1730, Hannah Clay, and had six children.
- vii. BENJAMIN, married, 14d. 4m. 1740, Sarah Bunting; died childless.
- viii. CATHARINE, married, 3m. 1728, Francis King.
- ix. SARAH, born 1719; died 30d. 6m. 1811; married, 3m. 1743, David Wright, who died in 1791.
- x. THOMAS, died 1765; intestate.
- xi. REBECCA, married — Simmons.
- xii. HANNAH, married, 1m. 1737/8, Caleb Shreve.

## 4

JOSEPH<sup>4</sup> THORN, married at Friends Meeting at Crosswicks, N. J., 3m. 1723, Sarah, daughter of Thomas<sup>2</sup> and Elizabeth Foulke, whose parents came from England in 1677 and settled at Crosswicks.

Thomas Foulke was the son of one of the nine commissioners sent over by William Penn to purchase a part of New Jersey from the Indians. He was born in 1662, and married in 1688, Elizabeth Curtis, daughter of John and Ann Curtis, of Ogston, England, born 1671.

Thomas<sup>1</sup> Foulke, born 1624; died 1714; had a wife Mary, born 1629; died 1718. Both were buried in Crosswicks. After the commissioners of William Penn had purchased of the Indians parts of the southern section of New Jersey for the settlements of the Friends, Thomas and Mary settled at Crosswicks about 1677 or 1678.

Joseph Thorn was a farmer and weaver, and was a prominent citizen, holding various public offices in the township. He died in 1774 leaving his sons John and Thomas executors, his wife deceased.

Their children were :

- i. ELIZABETH,<sup>5</sup> born 3d. 5m. 1724; married (1), 1748, Abraham Tilton; married (2), 1764, Humphrey Wall.
- ii. JOSEPH, Jr., born 19d. 4m. 1727; died 9d. 5m. 1759.



- iii. JOHN, Jr., born 4d. 3m. 1730; died 22d. 8m. 1807; married, 1753, Diadamia Ivins.
- iv. THOMAS,<sup>6</sup> born 21d. 7m. 1733; died 25d. 2m. 1801; married, 1759, Susannah Biles.
- v. MICHAEL, born 2d. 10m. 1736; died unmarried.

## 5

THOMAS<sup>5</sup> THORN, married at Falsington, Bucks County, Pa., in 1759, Susannah Biles, daughter of William<sup>2</sup> Biles, who married in 1725, Ann Stevenson. William<sup>2</sup> Biles was the son of William<sup>1</sup> Biles, who married in 1695, Sarah Langhorne, of Bucks County, Pa. When William<sup>2</sup> Biles died, in his will he left Susannah "1 Slave Philip."

Thomas died intestate on 25d. 2m. 1801. Susannah died 7d. 9m. 1806. Both were buried at Bordentown, N. J.

Their children were:

- 6 i. JOSEPH,<sup>6</sup> born 12d. 2m. 1761; died 28d. 9m. 1822; married Rhoda Moon.
- ii. BENJAMIN, born 5d. 1m. 1763; died 13d. 6m. 1846; married Lucy Taylor.
- iii. ANN, born 4d. 5m. 1764.
- iv. WILLIAM B., born 26d. 3m. 1766; died 17d. 11m. 1796; married Elizabeth Hutchins.
- v. GEORGE, born 29d. 8m. 1767; died 7d. 10m. 1843; married Mary Field.
- vi. LANGHORNE, born 8d. 3m. 1769.
- vii. SARAH, born 9d. 10m. 1772; died 2d. 1m. 1774.
- viii. ENOCH, born 6d. 1m. 1775; died 12d. 2m. 1826; married Catharine Nagle.
- ix. THOMAS, born 17d. 2m. 1782; died 18d. 8m. 1846; married Ann Falkenburg.

## 6

JOSEPH<sup>6</sup> THORN, son of Thomas, was married 12d. 2m. 1784, to Rhoda Moon, of Bucks County, Pa., by Joshua Anderson, Justice of the Peace, and settled in Bordentown, N. J. He





was disowned from the Society of Friends in 1786 "for violation of the Discipline for being married by a Squire."

The children of Joseph and Rhoda were :

- i. WILLIAM,<sup>7</sup> born Nov. 11, 1784; married Mary Wright.
- ii. ASHER MOTT, born Mar. 15, 1786; married Elizabeth English.
- iii. LANGHORNE B., born Jan. 15, 1788; married Mary S. Warren.
- iv. ANN, born Mar. 15, 1790; married Moore Edwards.
- v. SUSANNA, born Jan. 13, 1792; married Caleb Warren.
- vi. JOSEPH, born Feb. 7, 1794; married —; went to Ohio.
- vii. SARAH, born Aug. 16, 1796; went to Ohio with brother Joseph; died single.
- viii. ELIZABETH, born Sept. 14, 1798; died Mar. 21, 1800.
- ix. GEORGE, born Oct. 16, 1799; married —; left one son, *David<sup>s</sup> Thorn*, deceased.
- x. THOMAS, born Jan. 6, 1802; died Jan. 7, 1804.

Rhoda Thorn died March 8, 1802, after which Joseph Thorn was married to Ann Beck (date unknown to me). He died Sept. 28, 1822. Ann died Jan. 29, 1822.

The children of Joseph and Ann were :

- 7 xi. HENRY<sup>7</sup> B., born Mar. 28, 1803; went to Ohio.
- xii. JAMES DOUGLAS, born Mar. 31, 1806; settled in Pennsylvania.
- xiii. BENJAMIN, born Mar. 30, 1809; had two sons, *Benjamin<sup>s</sup>* and *Thomas Thorn*.
- xiv. LAVINIA, born Mar. 5, 1812; married Abraham Carter, of Philadelphia.
- xv. BARCLAY, born Feb. 23, 1815; died young.
- xvi. MOORE, born April 20, 1817; died 1888, at Trenton, N. J.; single.

HENRY B.<sup>7</sup> THORNE, born in Monmouth County, N. J., March 28, 1803; died in Sidney, O., Sept. 25, 1865, and was buried there. Eliza Ann Jones, his wife, was born in Rich-



mond, Va., Oct. 6, 1809. She, also, died in Sidney, Nov. 9, 1869, and was buried there.

Henry B. Thorne and Eliza Ann Jones were married in Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 28, 1831. "According to the usage of the Presbyterian Church and the laws of the State of Penna. by George C. Potts Pastor of the Fourth Pres. Church Philadelphia." So readeth the Marriage Certificate.

Children:

- i. CATHERINE<sup>s</sup> ELIZABETH, born in Philadelphia, Oct. 10, 1832; died in Sidney, June 30, 1908; buried there; married in Sidney, Feb. 9, 1853, Matthew Champlin Hale.
- 8 ii. LAVENIA<sup>s</sup> ADELAIDE, born in Wapakoneta, O., Nov. 27, 1840; died in Mansfield, O., Oct. 2, 1903; buried in Sidney; married in Sidney, Mar. 25, 1858, William H. Taylor.
- iii. ANNA MARGARET, born in Sidney, Nov. 10, 1842; married (1), in Sidney, A. M. Graham; married (2), Nov. 23, 1871 John G. Stephenson. Last living representative (1913).
- iv. MARY ELIZA, born in Sidney, April 28, 1845; died there Oct. 5, 1875; buried in Sidney; married, Oct. 11, 1866, Henry Augustus Rhodehamel.
- v. ROBERT BARCLAY, born July 22, 1847; died in Kalamazoo, Mich., Oct. 25, 1871.
- vi. HARRY, born in Sidney, Feb. 23, 1849; died in Vineland, N. J., Jan. 12, 1867; buried in Vineland.
- vii. HARRIET EMILY, born in Sidney, Nov. 10, 1850; died in Sidney, Dec. 8, 1868; buried there.
- viii. CHARLES PEMBERTON, born in Sidney, April 3, 1853; died in Sidney, April 14, 1871; buried there.
- ix. EDWIN NEALE, born in Sidney, May 12, 1856; died in Sidney, Mar. 24, 1880; buried there Mar. 26, 1880; married in Dayton, July, 1876.

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LAVENIA ADELAIDE<sup>s</sup> THORNE, born in Wapakoneta, O., Nov. 27, 1840; died in Mansfield, O., Oct. 2, 1903; buried in Sidney, O.; married in Sidney, March 25, 1858, by the Rev.



Mr. Spence, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, William Harrison Taylor, son of Jason and Sarah Craig (Skillen) Taylor, born in Sidney, Nov. 29, 1836.

Children :

- i. ROLLA LINVILLE,<sup>9</sup> born in Sidney, Jan. 6, 1860; married in Columbus, O., in 1883, Maude Ayers, who died in Adrian, Mich., Aug. 17, 1896. Their children: *Florence (Taylor) Robb*, *William Harrison Taylor*, *Lavenia Adelaide (Taylor) Bemiss*. He married in Ionia, Mich., April, 1913, Annie Cooper Foote. Resident in Adrian.
- ii. HOWARD THORNE, born in Sidney, Mar. 25, 1862; married in Adrian, May 27, 1885, Maude Howell. Their children: *Seymour Howell<sup>10</sup> Taylor*, *Harriet Kimball (Taylor) Gray*. Resident in Adrian.
- iii. MARGARET GRAHAM, born in Sidney, Jan. 30, 1866. Resident in Adrian.
- iv. FRANK FULLER, born in Sidney, Oct. 9, 1868. Resident in Adrian.
- v. ALAN McLEAN, born in Sidney, Mar. 1, 1878. Resident in Boston, Mass.
- vi. ROSE KENDALL, born in Mansfield, O., Mar. 2, 1883. Resident in Adrian.











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