

Other Family Trees – MARRIS of Banbury

First Generation

1. **William Mariss** was born in 1800/1801 in Banbury, Oxon. He died in Mar 1871 in Banbury, Oxon.

This is one of a number of MARRIS trees that has not been connected into the main Marris pedigree published on www.marrisfamilyhistory.uk.

This tree came from an attempt to trace the ancestors of James Albert Marris, Able Seaman, who died in WWI while serving with the Royal Navy. He died aged 20 on 11th January 1918. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission describes him as "Son of Mr. T. H. and Mrs. M. E. Marris, of 38, High St., Staines."

From this information, it was possible to trace this family back to Banbury, Oxon, where previous generations lived. The spelling of the surname was inconsistent but, by the time of the later Censuses of the 1800s and, indeed the death record of James Albert Marris himself, the family name was clearly Marris rather than Mariss, Maris or Morriss.

I have not consulted the Parish Registers for Banbury so have not determined the parents of William MARISS (born 1800 or 1801 at Banbury) who is at the head of this tree.

William married **Rebecca Dickens** on 27 Nov 1833 in Banbury, Oxon. Rebecca was born in 1815/1816 in Banbury, Oxon. She died in Mar 1859 in Banbury, Oxon.

The IGI shows the following baptisms to William & Rebecca Marris (with surname spelt with Maris or Mariss):

Susannah, bapt at Banbury, Oxon on 25 Dec 1835
John, bapt at Banbury, Oxon on 4 Jul 1838
John, bapt at Banbury, Oxon on 27 May 1840
Caroline, bapt at Banbury, Oxon on 11 Sep 1842
James, bapt at Banbury, Oxon on 4 Jul 1847
Thomas, bapt at Banbury, Oxon on 21 Apr 1850

The 1841 Census at Mill Lane, Banbury, Oxon, shows:

William Maifs (sic), 30, Boatman, N
Rebecca Maifs, 25, Y

Susanna Maifs, 5, Y

John Maifs, 1, Y

Despite the curious surname spelling, the above is surely the right family. The above Census clearly shows the letter "N" against William's name (i.e. not born in the County). This contrasts with the 1851 Census (below) which gives Banbury, Oxon, as his place of birth.

The 1851 Census at Ruthers Cottages, Mill Lane, Banbury, Oxon, shows:

William Morriss (sic), Head, Mar, 50, Boat Man, born Banbury Oxon

Rebecca Morriss (sic), Wife, Mar, 35, born Banbury Oxon

John Morriss (sic), Son, 11, Scholar, born Banbury Oxon

Richard Morriss (sic), Son, 6, Scholar, born Banbury Oxon

James Morriss (sic), Son, 3, Scholar, born Banbury Oxon

Thomas Morriss (sic), Son, 11 months, born Banbury Oxon

There are only a few MARIS surnames in the GRO deaths index for Banbury, Oxon. Two of the three earliest ones were Rebecca MARIS (March Qtr 1859) and William MARIS (March Qtr 1871). These are assumed to be the William & Rebecca Maris shown here.

William and Rebecca had the following children:

- 2 F i. **Susannah Marris** was christened on 25 Dec 1835 in Banbury, Oxon.

The 1851 Census at Bourton, Oxon, shows Susannah Maris (sic) as a servant in the household of William Elkington, Inn Keeper, as follows:

Susannah Maris, Servant, 16, House Servant, born Oxon Banbury

Susannah married **Frederick Ayres** in Dec 1854 in Banbury, Oxon.

Frederick was born in 1829/1830 in Milcomb, Oxon.

FreeBMD shows the marriage of Susannah Maris (sic) in Dec. Qtr 1854 at Banbury, Oxon. On the same page of the marriage register were Frederick Ayres and John Stokes. Of the two, Frederick Ayres is the likelier as the 1861 Census at Milcomb, Oxon, shows the following family:

Frederick Ares (sic), Head, Mar, 31, Ag Lab, born Oxfordshire Milcombe

Susanna Ares, Wife, Mar, 25, born Oxfordshire Banbury

Elizabeth Area, Daur, Un, 5, Scholar, born Oxfordshire Milcombe

James Ares, Son, 3, born Oxfordshire Milcombe

John Area, Son, 3 mo, born Oxfordshire Milcombe

- 3 M ii. **John Marris** was christened on 4 Jul 1838 in Banbury, Oxon.
- Presumed to have died in infancy.
- 4 M iii. **John Marris** was born in 1840 in Banbury, Oxon. He was christened on 27 May 1840 in Banbury, Oxon.
- 5 F iv. **Caroline Marris** was christened on 11 Sep 1842 in Banbury, Oxon. She died in Sep 1844 in Banbury, Oxon.
- + 6 M v. **Richard Maris** was born in 1843/1844. He died in Mar 1884.
- + 7 M vi. **James Marris** was born in 1847.
- + 8 M vii. **Thomas Maris** was born in 1850. He died in Sep 1930.

Second Generation

6. **Richard Maris** (William) was born in 1843/1844 in Banbury, Oxon. He died in Mar 1884 in Banbury, Oxon.

The 1861 Census (indexed by Ancestry as "Maviss") at Moira Colliery, Leics, shows Richard Mariss (sic) as Mate on board a ship or vessel called "Harriett", owned by Thomas & Harriet Wells:

Richard Mariss, Unmarried, 17, Mate, born Banbury Oxfordshire

Richard married **Mary Ann Budd** in Mar 1868 in Banbury, Oxon. Mary was born in 1851/1852 in Boddington, Gloucs.

FreeBMD shows two Banbury marriages in March Qtr 1868:

- James Mariss
- Richard Mariss

On the same marriage page were Elvirai Baker and Mary Ann Budd.

The 1871 Census at Fish ??? Yd, Banbury, confirms Mary Ann as the wife of Richard, as follows:

Richard Maris (sic), Head, M, 26, Labourer, born Banbury
Mary Ann, Wife, M, 19, Labourer, born Boddington Northants
Susannah Springalis, Visitor, M, 35, Labourers W, born Banbury
Jonar (Janas?) Springalis (Springalls?), Son, U, 9 mths, born Milcombe

The 1881 Census at 42 Windsor St Extension(?), Neithrop Oxon, shows:

Richard Maris (sic), Head, Mar, 36, Boatman, born Oxon Banbury
Mary Ann Maris, Wife, Mar, 29, born ?? Boddington
Agnes Maris, Daur, 6, Scholar, born Warwickshire Birmingham
Florence Maris, Daur, 4, Scholar, born Warwickshire Birmingham
George F???? Wyatt, Visitor, Unm, 26, Carpenter (unemployed), born Oxon Banbury
. . . and one boarder.

Richard and Mary had the following children:

9 F i. **Agnes Maris** was born in 1874/1875 in Birmingham, Warks.

The GRO indexes show the birth of Teresa Agnes C Mariss in Oct Qtr 1874 at Aston, Warks. This could be the same child but there is nothing to corroborate it.

The 1891 Census at 355 & 357 Victoria Road, Aston, Warks, finds Agnes as a servant in the household of Henry G Bailey, Grocer, as follows:

Agnes Marriss (sic), Servant, S, 16, General Servant, born Warwickshire B'ham

10 F ii. **Florence Maris** was born in 1876/1877 in Birmingham, Warks.

The GRO indexes show the birth of Florence Emily M Marris Jun Qtr 1877 at Aston, Warks. This could be the same child but there is nothing to corroborate it.

7. **James Marris** (William) was born in 1847 in Banbury, Oxon. He was christened on 4 Jul 1847 in Banbury, Oxon.

James married **Elvira Baker** in Mar 1868 in Banbury, Oxon.

FreeBMD shows two Banbury marriages in March Qtr 1868:

- James Mariss
- Richard Mariss

On the same marriage page were Elvirai Baker and Mary Ann Budd.

The 1871 Census (above) at Fish ??? Yd, Banbury, confirms Mary Ann as the wife of Richard. James was therefore married to Elvirai. This is confirmed by the 1871 Census at 20 ????? Terrace, Banbury, Oxon, which shows:

James Mariss (sic), Head, Mar, 23, Coal Lab, born Oxon Banbury
Elvaira (sic) Marriss (sic), Wife, Mar, 22, born Northamptonshire Middleton
Thomas H Mariss (sic), Son, 2, born Oxon Banbury
Laura M, Daur, 3 mo, born Oxon Banbury

However, by 1881, Elvira was now calling herself Annie, or was she perhaps James's second wife? It is hard to say.

The 1881 Census at 22 Calthorpe St, Neithrop, Banbury, Oxon, shows James & Elvira in the household of James' brother Thomas, as follows:

Thomas Marris, Head, Unm, 32, Hawker, born Oxon Banbury
James Marris, Brother, Mar, 34, Hawker, born Oxon Banbury
Annie Marris, Sister in Law, Mar, 30, Hawker's Wife, born Northants Middleton
Laura Marris, Niece, 8, born Oxon Banbury
Henry Marris, Nephew, 12, born Oxon Banbury
. . . and one lodger

(Henry Marris in the above Census was presumably Thomas Henry Marris.)

The 1901 Census at 13 Southam Rd, Neithrop, Oxon, shows:

Annie Marris, Head, M, 56, Lodging House Keeper, Worker, born Northants Mid Cherry
Norah Marris (sic), Daur, S, 21, born Oxon Banbury
Maria E Marris, Daur in Law, M, 32, born Surrey Egham
Thomas H Marris, Gd Son, 5, born Middlesex Twickenham
James A Marris, Gd Son, 2, born Middlesex Ashford
Alexander A C Marris, Gd Son, 6 mo, born Surrey Egham
James Budd, Uncle, S, 74, Own Means, born Norths Boddington
. . . plus one servant and six boarders.

James and Elvira had the following children:

- + 11 M i. **Thomas Henry Marris** was born in Mar 1869. He died in Mar 1947.

- 12 F ii. **Laura Mary Marris** was born in Mar 1871 in Banbury, Oxon.

FreeBMD shows the marriage of Laura Mary Maris in March Qtr 1889 at Banbury with William Henry T Jennings and William Washbrook on the same marriage page. However, I have been unable to trace Laura in the 1891, 1901 or 1911 Censuses under either surname.

Laura married **Unknown** in Mar 1889 in Banbury, Oxon.

8. **Thomas Maris** (William) was born in 1850 in Banbury, Oxon. He was christened on 21 Apr 1850 in Banbury, Oxon. He died in Sep 1930 in Banbury, Oxon.

Thomas married **Jane Ann Smith** in Jun 1890 in Banbury, Oxon. Jane was born in 1859/1860 in Helmdon, Northants. She died in Dec 1931 in Banbury, Oxon.

The 1881 Census at 22 Calthorpe St, Neithrop, Banbury, Oxon, shows:

Thomas Marris, Head, Unm, 32, Hawker, born Oxon Banbury
James Marris, Brother, Mar, 34, Hawker, born Oxon Banbury
Annie Marris, Sister in Law, Mar, 30, Hawker's Wife, born Northants Middleton
Laura Marris, Niece, 8, born Oxon Banbury
Henry Marris, Nephew, 12, born Oxon Banbury
. . . and one lodger

The 1891 Census at 27 Factory St, Neithrop, Oxon, shows the following household with Jane Ann Smith's children from a presumed previous marriage, as follows:

Thomas Maris (sic), Head, M, 40, Licensed Hawker, born Oxon Banbury
Jane Ann Maris, Wife, M, 31, born Northants Chacombe
Emily Maria Smith, Daur, 9, born Northants Chacombe
Ann Jemima Smith, Daur, 5, born Oxon Neithorp
Alice Victoria Smith, Daur, 2, born Oxon Neithorp
Henry Geo Heritage, Bro, 24, Police Constable, born Northants Chacombe

The 1901 Census at 6 Lower Charwell St. Neithorp, Oxon, shows:

Thomas Maris, Head, M, 50, General Hawker, own account, born Oxon Banbury
Jane A Maris, Wife, M, 40, born Northants Chacombe
Alice V Smith, Daur, S, 13, born Oxon Banbury
Susan R Maris, Daur, S, 9, born Oxon Banbury
Charles H Maris, Son, 6, born Oxon Banbury
Frederick J Maris, Son, 2, born Oxon Banbury
. . . and one Boarder

The 1911 Census at 6 Lower Charwell St. Neithorp, Oxon, shows:

Thomas Maris, Head, 60, Married, General Dealer, Own Account, born Banbury Oxon
Jane Ann Maris, Wife, 51, Married 20 years, 6 children (all living), born Chacombe Northants
Charles Henry Maris, Son, 16, Single, Post Office Messenger, born Banbury Oxon
Frederick John Maris, Son, 12, School, born Banbury Oxon
Alice Victoria Smith, Step Daughter, 23, Single, Sewing Machinist, born Banbury Oxon

The GRO deaths index shows the death of both Thomas & Jane A Maris, aged 80 and 71 respectively.

Thomas and Jane had the following children:

- 13 F i. **Susan Rebecca Maris** was born in Sep 1891 in Banbury, Oxon.
- + 14 M ii. **Charles Henry Maris** was born in Mar 1895.
- 15 M iii. **Frederick John Maris** was born in Mar 1899 in Banbury, Oxon.

Third Generation

11. **Thomas Henry Marris** (James Marris, William) was born in Mar 1869 in Banbury, Oxon. He died in Mar 1947 in Eton Reg. Distr., Berks.

Thomas married **Mary Elizabeth Collins** in Dec 1890 in Staines Reg. Dist., Mddx. Mary was born in 1868/1869 in Egham, Surrey. She died on 7 Feb 1950 in Wraysbury, Bucks.

According to another Marris researcher, James Albert Marris's parents were Henry Thomas Marris & Mary Elizabeth Collins. This is supported by the FreeBMD which shows them on the same marriage page.

The 1891 Census at Langley Rd, Staines, Mddx, shows:

Thomas Marris, head, M, 22, Painter, born Oxon Banbury
Maria E Marris, Wife, M, 22, born Surrey Edgham

The 1901 Census shows Thomas Henry Marris as a boarder in the household of Frederick William Evans at 10 Richmond Road, Staines, as follows:

Thomas Henry Marris, Boarder, M, 32, House Decorator, Worker, born Oxfordshire Banbury

The 1911 Census at 81 Hythe Park Road, Staines, Mddx, shows:

Thomas Henry Marris, Head, 42, Married, Decorator, Building, Worker, born Banbury Oxon
Maria Elizabeth Marris, Wife, 42, Married (20 years), 4 children (all living), born Egham Surrey
Thomas Henry Marris, Son, 15, Single, Assistant at Theatre, Worker, born Twickenham M
James Albert Marris, Son, 12, Single, At School, born Ashford Middlesex
Alexander Archibald Campbell Marris, Son, 10, Single, At School, born Staines Middlesex

The index of wills at Somerset House shows:

Maria Elizabeth Marris (Widow) of Jascot, Gloucester Drive, Wraysbury, Bucks. d. 07 Feb 1950.
Age 80. £1,332. Admon. To; Thomas Henry Marris (Machinist).

This would appear to be the same Mary Elizabeth Marris. See also the 1961 will (below) of Helen Hilda Marris, wife of Thomas Henry Marris (Machinist) who was also of Wraysbury, Bucks.

Thomas and Mary had the following children:

- 16 M i. **Thomas Henry Marris** was born on 10 Apr 1896 in Twickenham, Mddx. He died on 10 Mar 1982 in Staines, Mddx.

Thomas married **Helen Hilda Brown** in Jun 1920 in Staines Reg. Dist., Mddx. Helen died on 10 May 1961 in Wraysbury, Bucks.

The index of wills at Somerset House shows:

Helen Hilda Marris (wife of Thomas Henry Marris) of Woodstock Wharf Road, Wraysbury, Bucks. d. 10 May 1961. £3,323. Admon. To; Thomas Henry Marris (Machinist).

Thomas Henry Marris of 1 Holly Villas, 41 Wraysbury Road, Staines, Middlesex. d. 10 Mar 1982. d/b 10 Apr 1896 £16,303.

- 17 M ii. **James Albert Marris** was born in Dec 1898 in Ashford, Mddx. He died on 11 Jan 1918 in HMS "Vivid". He was buried in London Rd Cemetery, Staines, Mddx.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission records the death of James Albert Marris in WWI as follows:

Name: MARRIS, JAMES ALBERT

Rank: Able Seaman, Service Number: J/59239

Date of Death: 11/01/1918, Age: 20

Regiment/Service: Royal Navy, HMS "Vivid"

Service Country: United Kingdom

Grave/Memorial Reference: D. 462

Cemetery: STAINES (LONDON ROAD) CEMETERY

Other Information: Son of Mr. T. H. and Mrs. M. E. Marris, of 38, High St., Staines.

- 18 M iii. **Alexander Archibald Campbell Marris** was born on 7 Oct 1900 in Staines, Mddx.

Alexander married **Violet Grace Potipher** in Sep 1923 in Islington Reg. Distr., London. Violet died in Sep 1927 in Staines Reg. Distr., Mddx.

14. **Charles Henry Maris** (Thomas Maris, William) was born in Mar 1895 in Banbury, Oxon.

The GRO births index spelt his surname as Mariss.

Charles married **Winifred P Pimm** in Mar 1918 in Brentford Reg. Dist, Mddx.

They had the following children:

- 19 F i. **Joan W Maris** was born in Mar 1919 in Brentford Reg. Dist, Mddx.
Joan married **Cyril L R Dalley** in Sep 1940 in Brentford Reg. Dist,
Mddx.