

Other Family Trees – MARRIS of Hemswell

First Generation

1. **Christopher Marris** was buried on 20 Jun 1770 in Hemswell, Lincs.

Christopher married **Catharine Gilliot** on 30 Nov 1761 in Hemswell, Lincs.

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 is based on research by a present day descendant of this line coupled with my own searches of available on-line records in English and New Zealand (BMDs, Census Returns, MIs, Probates etc).

It is only circumstantial that Christopher Marris and Catherine Gilliot (above) were the parents of John Marris (below). The marriage was found in the Hemswell PRs. Christopher Marras (sic) and Catharine were married by Banns at Hemswell on 30 Nov 1761. Christopher Marris was a Labourer of the Parish of Harpswell, Lincs. Catharine Gilliot was a spinster of the Parish of Hemswell. The marriage was witnessed by Willm Dickinson and George Dickinson.

The parents of Christopher Marris have not been identified. He was of Harpswell, Lincs, at the time of his marriage (Harpswell and Hemswell are only a mile or so apart)

The Hemswell PRs show the burial of Christopher Marris on 20 Jun 1770. After his death, Catharine Marris (née Gilliot) remarried. The Hemswell PRs show the marriage by Banns of John Thornill, Labourer of Hemswell and Catherine Marrass (sic), Widow. The marriage took place on 3 Jan 1791. The marriage was witnessed by Robeart Beaumont and John Lawler.

It is worth noting that another Marris was living at Harpswell, Lincs, around this time. He was William Marris (1748-1826) who married Elizabeth Barnby/Barmby/Barnaby at Kirton in Lindsey, Lincs, on 15 May 1775 (see "Marris of Redbourne" tree). Looking at a map of Lincolnshire, places like Kirton in Lindsey, Hemswell, Harpswell, Normanby and Redbourne are all virtually on top of each other.

Christopher and Catharine had the following children:

+ 2 M i. **John Marris** was born about 1762/1763. He died on 20 Aug 1848.

3 F ii. **Mary Marris** was christened on 2 Jan 1765 in Hemswell, Lincs.

No further trace has been found of Mary Marris. The Kirton in Lindsey PRs show the burial of Mary Marris on 22 Jan 1774 but her age wasn't given. One would therefore need something more before linking the burial at Kirton with the Mary shown above.

Second Generation

2. **John Marris** (Christopher) was born about 1762/1763. He was christened on 31 Oct 1762 in Hemswell, Lincs. He died on 20 Aug 1848. He was buried on 23 Aug 1848 in Normanby by Spital, Lincs.

John married **Elizabeth Craft** on 7 Aug 1793 in Normanby by Spital, Lincs. Elizabeth was born about 1762/1763. She was christened on 20 Feb 1763 in Caistor, Lincs. She died on 20 May 1846 in Normanby by Spital, Lincs. She was buried on 23 May 1846 in Normanby by Spital, Lincs.

The 1841 Census at Normanby, Lincs, shows:

Dorcas Marris, 30, Grocer, y
John Marris, 75, Ag Lab, y
Elizabeth Marris, 75, y

John Marris married Elizabeth Craft at Normanby by Spital on 7 Aug 1793. She was the daughter of William Craft and Dorcas Butter who were married at Ulceby, Lincs, on 25 May 1755.

An MI at St Peter, Normanby by Spital, Lincs, reads:

Sacred to the memory of Elizabeth Marris who died full of years and deeply regretted by her family and friends on the 20th May 1846, aged 83 years.

John died on 20 Aug 1848 at the age of 85, hence he was born around 1762/1763.

A question for this pedigree is the original surname - was it Marris or Marrows? At the marriage of John Marris and Elizabeth Craft at Normanby, the vicar entered John's surname into the marriage register as "Marris". John signed the register but there is a smudge after the first four letters (Marr) so it is hard to see how he spelt it himself. At their baptisms, the three children (Dorothy, William and Elizabeth) were entered as Marrows. All subsequent records for this family show them as Marris.

One further lead is an Ann Marris who was buried at St Michael, Billingham, Lincs, on 19 Dec 1870, aged 80 (therefore born in 1789 / 1790). Son William below was buried at Billingham. Was Ann a relative?

John and Elizabeth had the following children:

- 4 F i. **Dorothy (Dorcas) Marris** was born in 1795 in Normanby by Spital, Lincs. She was christened on 15 Sep 1795 in Normanby by Spital, Lincs. She died on 16 Apr 1872 in Walcot, Lincs. She was buried on 18 Apr 1872 in Normanby by Spital, Lincs.

The Normanby PRs show her baptised as Dorothy. The Census has her as Dorcas.

The 1851 Census at Normanby by Spital, Lincs, shows:

Dorcas Marris, Head, U, 54, Grocer & Shopkeeper, born Lincolnshire Normanby
Charlotte Marris, Niece, U, 24, Grocer & Shopkeeper, born Lincolnshire Rowston

The 1861 Census at High Street, Walcot, Lincs, shows:

Dorcas Marris, Head, Un, 65, born Normanby Lincolnshire

The 1871 Census at Walcot, Lincs, shows:

Rt Parker, H, Un, 20, Farmer's son, born Walcot Lincolnshire
Dorcas Marris, Visitor, Un, 76, Retired, born Normanton (sic) Lincolnshire

- + 5 M ii. **William Marris** was christened on 25 Feb 1798. He died on 7 Mar 1858.

- 6 F iii. **Elizabeth Marris** was christened on 13 May 1804 in Rowston, Lincs. Elizabeth married **Jesse Anderson** on 27 May 1824 in Rowston, Lincs.

The marriage bond described Jesse Anderson as a widower & licensed preacher and Elizabeth Marris as a spinster of 21 years and upwards. William Marris witnessed the marriage.

Third Generation

5. **William Marris** (John, Christopher) was christened on 25 Feb 1798 in Normanby by Spital, Lincs. He died on 7 Mar 1858 in Walcot, Lincs. He was buried on 11 Mar 1858 in Billinghamay, Lincs.

The Lincolnshire Archives has a reference to "Marris of Walcot" in its card index (Ref: MCD 131). "MCD" stands, I think, for miscellaneous collection deposits. I phoned the archives in March 2004 and spoke to a librarian who said that the item is described as "one folio with some notes on the Marris family of Walcot". Without calling for the item itself, the librarian was unable to say what the item contains. She did say that "one folio" suggests a sheet of foolscap, a page or two of A4 or the like.

William married **Elizabeth Harrison** on 29 Aug 1822 in Rowston, Lincs. Elizabeth was born in 1800 in Lincoln, Lincs. She died on 9 Mar 1886 in Lincoln, Lincs. She was buried on 11 Mar 1886 in Walcot, Lincs.

She was Elizabeth Harrison (née Hannah) previously married to William Harrison. She died at 344 High Street, Lincoln.

The 1841 Census at Billinghamay, Lincs, shows:

William Marris, 40, Farmer, Y
Elizabeth Marris, 40, Y
Elizabeth Harrison, 20, Ind(?), Y
Mary Harrison, 20, Ind(?), Y
Hannah Marris, 15, Y
Charlotte Marris, 15, Y
Maryann Marris, 10, Y
John Hannah Marris, 5, Y
. . . and 3 servants

The 1851 Census at Walcot, Lincs, shows:

William Marris, Head, 53, Farmer 60 acres of land 1 Labourer, born Lincolns Normanby
Elizabeth Marris, Wife, 50, born Lincolns Lincoln
Elizabeth Harrison, Daur, 31, born Lincolns Rowston
Mary Harrison, Daur, 30, born Lincolns Rowston
Mary Ann Marris, Daur, 20, born Lincolns Rowston
. . . and two servants

The 1861 Census at Walcot, Lincs, shows:

Elizabeth Marris, Head, Widow, 61, Farmer 3 acres land, born Lincoln Lincolnshire
Mary A Marris, Daug, Un, 29, Farmers Daug, born Rowston Lincolnshire
Emma Marris, Grand Daug, 8(?), Scholar, born Sheffield Yorkshire
. . . and 3 servants

The 1871 Census (indexed by ancestry as Morris) at Navenby, Lincs, shows Elizabeth Marris (nee Harrison) in the household of her son-in-law Robert Holinshead (see his entry below for the details).

The 1881 Census at 344 High Street, Lincoln, shows Elizabeth Marris (nee Harrison) in the household of her son-in-law William M Parker (see his entry below for details):.

William Marris made his will on 31 August 1857 and it was proved on 12 June 1858. He described himself as William Marris of Walcot Fen in the Parish of Billingham, Farmer. His will named the following:

- Elizabeth Marris (wife)
- John Hannah Marris (son)
- Charlotte Marris (daughter)
- Mary Ann Marris (daughter)
- Elizabeth Harrison (step daughter)
- Mary Harrison (step daughter)
- William Marris (son)
- Hannah the wife of William Parker (daughter)

The index of wills at Somerset House shows:

William Marris, Walcot Fen, Billingham, Lincs. d. 07 Mar 1858. £600. To; Elizabeth Marris (Widow & Relict).

An MI at Walcot, Lincs, reads:

In memory of William Marris who departed this life in peace March 7th 1858, aged 60 years.

The Marris and Hannah families were involved in the development of the Methodist Church. There is a memorial plaque to William Marris (sic) inside the Methodist Church at Walcot, which reads:

Tribute of Respect
To the Memory of
The Late
WILLIAM MARRISS
He died, MARCH 7th 1858
Aged 60 years

Also John H. Son
of the above Who Died
April 27th 1860
Aged 27 years

William and Elizabeth had the following children:

- 7 F i. **Hannah Marris** was christened on 7 Aug 1823 in Rowston, Lincs.
Hannah married **William Parker** on 29 Oct 1850 in Sleaford, Lincs.

William Parker was a farmer of Walcot, the son of Robert Parker, farmer. William & Hannah had two children, William Marris Parker (chemist, 344 High ST, Lincoln) and Mary Elizabeth Parker who died aged 12 years.

The 1851 Census at Town, Walcot, Lincs, reads:

William Parker, Head, Mar, 30, Famer 40 acres employing 1 man and labourer,
born Lincoln Billinghamay
Hannah Parker, Wife, Mar, 27, born Lincoln Rowston
Robert Parker, Son, 2 mo, born Lincoln Walcot
. . . and 2 servants.

The 1881 Census at 344 High Street, Lincoln, shows:

William M Parker, Head, Unm, 23, Chemist & Drugist, born Walcot Lincoln
Hannah Parker, Mother, Widow, 57, Housekeeper, born Rowston Lincoln
Elizabeth Marris, Grand Mot, Widow, 81, born St Peters at Arches Lincoln

I have not made any serious attempt to trace the family further. However, there is an MI at Walcot that reads:

In Memory of Mary Elizabeth, daughter of William and Hannah Parker who departed this life [date uncertain, possibly 1862-4), aged 12 years.

- + 8 M ii. **William Marris** was christened on 23 Mar 1825. He died on 4 Sep 1869.
- 9 F iii. **Charlotte Marris** was christened on 18 Jan 1826 in Rowston, Lincs. She died on 4 Apr 1874. She was buried in Normanby by Spital, Lincs. Charlotte married **Thomas Vickers** on 18 Jul 1858 in Ind. Chapel, Newland, Lincs. Thomas was born in 1825/1826.

Thomas Vickers was an agriculture machine man, the son of William Vickers, farmer of Normanby, deceased by the time of the marriage of Thomas & Charlotte.

An MI at Normanby by Spital reads:

In memory of Charlotte the beloved wife of Thomas Vickers who died April 4th 1874, aged 47.

- 10 F iv. **Mary Ann Marris** was christened on 2 Aug 1829 in Rowston, Lincs.
Mary married Robert Hollinshead.

FreeBMD shows the marriage of Mary Ann Morriss and Robert Hollinshead in Mar Qtr 1863 at Sleaford Reg. Distr., Lincs. Billingahy falls within Sleaford so this could be the Mary Ann Marris, but one would need to check the Billinghay PR to be sure.

The 1871 Census at Navenby, Lincs, shows:

Robert Hollinshead, Head, Mar, 35, Farmer 100 acres, born Lincolnshire Martin
Mary A Hollinshead, Wife, Mar, 36, born Lincolnshire Rowston
Mary E Hollinshead, Daur, 4, Scholar, born Lincolnshire Walcot
John R Hollinshead, Son, 2, born Lincolnshire Walcott(?)
Charlotte H Hollinshead, Daur, 3 mo, born Lincolnshire Navenby
Elizabeth Morris (sic), Mother in law, W, 70, Annuitant, born Lincolnshire Lincoln
. . . and 2 servants

- 11 M v. **John Hannah Marris** was born about 1832/1833. He died on 27 Apr 1860. He was buried on 30 Apr 1860 in Walcot, Lincs.

The National Burial Index gives John's age at death as 27 years. This is confirmed by an MI at Walcot which reads:

Sacred to the memory of John Hannah Marris who departed this life April 27th 1860, aged 27 years.

Fourth Generation

8. **William Marris** (William, John, Christopher) was christened on 23 Mar 1825 in Rowston, Lincs. He died on 4 Sep 1869 in Nelson, NZ. He was buried on 7 Sep 1869 in Wakapuaka Cemetery, Nelson, NZ.

The 1841 Census shows a possible match for William Marris, at New Sleaford, Lincs, found in the household of William Hunt, Draper, as follows:

William Marris, 15, Appr., Y

William married (1) **Annie Cuthbert** on 2 Mar 1850 in Sheffield, Yorks. The marriage ended in divorce.

She was the daughter of John Cuthbert, innkeeper, of Sheffield Park, Sheffield, Yorks.

The 1861 Census at 18 Addle Street, St Mary Aldermanby, Cripplegate Within, City of London, finds William Marris in what appears to have been a boarding house, as follows:

William Marris, Wardenman, Mar, 35, Warehouseman, born Lincolnshire Rowston

William and Annie had the following children:

12 F i. **Emma Elizabeth Marris** was born on 17 Oct 1852 in Sheffield, Yorks.

Emma was born at 1 Manton Street, Sheffield, Yorks.

Emma married **Charles Frederick Henry Manssen** on 1 Jun 1874 in Wellington, NZ. Charles was born in 1847/1848.

Charles and Emma had 15 children.

William married (2) **Betsy Ann Utting** on 14 Oct 1862 in Martin near Timberland, Lincs. Betsy died on 13 Dec 1914. She was buried in Wakapuaka Cemetery, Nelson, NZ.

William Marris & Betsy Ann Utting married in the local Wesleyan Chapel. She was the daughter of Benjamin Utting, farmer of Middle Rasen, Lincs, and his wife Frances née Waddingham. They emigrated, with William's daughter Emma Elizabeth (from his first marriage) from England in 1862 aboard the ship "Electra", arriving at Nelson, New Zealand on 30 March 1863.

After the death of William Marris in 1869, Betsy Ann re-married to William Walker, a widower, at Nelson Cathedral in 1871. They had four children before William Walker's death in 1879.

The following MIs were found at Wakapuaka Cemetery:

In loving memory of William Marris Died 4th Sept. 1869 aged 43 years
Also his Wife Betsy Ann Utting died Dec 13th 1914 aged 78 years

William and Betsy had the following children:

- + 13 M ii. **John William Marris** was born on 25 Jan 1864. He died on 1 Apr 1948.

- 14 F iii. **Frances (Fanny) Elizabeth Marris** was born in 1866 in Nelson, NZ. She died on 16 Oct 1950. She was buried in Wakapuaka Cemetery, Nelson, NZ.

She was a schoolteacher.

Frances married **James Wigzell** . James died on 20 Dec 1947. He was buried in Wakapuaka Cemetery, Nelson, NZ.

Fifth Generation

13. **John William Marris** (William, William, John, Christopher) was born on 25 Jan 1864 in Nelson, NZ. He died on 1 Apr 1948. He was buried in Wakapuaka Cemetery, Nelson, NZ.

He was a building contractor of Waimea Road, Nelson, New Zealand. He made his will on 8 Sept 1943 and it was proved at Nelson, NZ, on 4 May 1948.

John married (1) **Emily Black** on 1 Jan 1895 in Nelson, NZ. Emily was born in 1870/1871. She died on 2 Jun 1920. She was buried in Wakapuaka Cemetery, Nelson, NZ.

Emily was the daughter of Robert Black, carpenter, and his wife Jessie, daughter of James Palmer Black [an unrelated Black family]. John & Emily were married at Myrtle Cottage, the family home of her parents.

An MI at Wakapuaka Cemetery, Nelson, NZ, reads:

In loving memory of John William Marris died April 1st 1948 aged 84
And his wife Emily Marris died June 2nd 1820 (sic) aged 50

John and Emily had the following children:

15 M i. **John (Jack) Richard Marris** was born on 20 Jan 1896. He died in Jan 1986 in Nelson, NZ. He was buried on 12 Jan 1986 in Marsden Valley Cemetery, Nelson, NZ.

John married **Doris Sarah Stone** on 30 May 1922 in Methodist Church, Hardy St, Nelson, NZ. Doris was born in 1901/1902. She died on 12 Jan 1986 in Public hospital, Nelson, NZ. She was buried on 14 Jan 1986 in Marsden House Funeral Home, 41 Nile St, Nelson, NZ.

16 M ii. **Albert (Bert) William Marris** was born on 15 Feb 1897. He died on 30 Apr 1933 in Nelson, NZ. He was buried on 2 May 1933 in Wakapuaka Cemetery, Nelson, NZ.

Albert married **Zita Mary Child** on 20 Nov 1925 in Nelson, NZ. Zita was born on 22 May 1903 in Nelson, NZ. She died on 2 Feb 1992 in Nelson, NZ. She was buried in Wakapuaka Cemetery, Nelson, NZ.

She died at Green Gables, a rest home in Bridge Street East, Nelson, NZ.

17 F iii. **Ethel Marris** was born on 30 Oct 1898. She died on 22 Jan 1977. She was buried on 25 Jan 1977 in Karori Cemetery, Wellington, NZ. Ethel married **Charles McKnight Stevenson McCabe** about 1920.

18 M iv. **Edmund (Ted) Buller Marris** was born on 21 Jul 1900. He died on 26 Nov 1985. He was buried in Marsden Valley Lawn Cemetery.

Edmund married **Kathleen Nellie (Nell) Strawbreidge** on 18 Sep 1928 in Rutherford Street Church. Kathleen died after 2001.

19 M v. **Norman Andrew Marris** was born on 8 Jan 1902. He died on 4 Nov 1961.

Norman married **Ruby Louisa Marshall** on 14 May 1930 in Papanui Methodist Church, Christchurch, NZ. Ruby died on 14 Sep 1992 in Sprott House, Karori, NZ.

Ruby was the daughter of William Henry Marshall and his wife Mary Jane Putman who were farming in mid Canterbury.

John married (2) **Louisa Coppell** on 12 Nov 1924 in Nelson, NZ. Louisa died in 1960. She was buried in Rototai Cemetery, Takaha, NZ.

They married when John William Marris was 60. The marriage took place in Halifax Street at the residence of Mr Moulder. Louisa was a widow. Her first husband had been Ernest Coppell, carpenter of Takaha, who died 21 April 1914.