

# Family of Robert MARRIS of Grasby (d.1591)

## First Generation

### 1. **Robert MARRIS** was buried on 20 Apr 1591 in Grasby, Lincs.

Robert Marris was the eldest son of John Marris (d.1552) and Agnes (née Bell) of South Carlton, Lincs.

**Note:** Although Robert Marris is Person 1 in this document, in the full pedigree, he is Person 19.1. His father, John Marris of South Carlton, is Person 18.1. See "Marris of Burton Corner.pdf" on <https://www.marrisfamilyhistory.uk/>.

Robert Marris inherited his father's lands and tenements in Rothwell and Nettleton. The will of his mother Agnes Marris stipulated that Robert and his wife Alice (see below) should provide Robert's brother William with "a good and sufficient estate ... lands, tenements and hereditaments [owned by] Robert in the parish and fields of South Kelsey".

Robert's first wife was Alice Anderson of Barton upon Humber. He married secondly Grace Beck (on 17 May 1584). I have not located the first marriage; however both Christian names can be confirmed. Alice is named as Robert's wife in the will of Robert's mother (Agnes Marris of South Carlton), and Grace is named as Robert's wife in the will of Robert himself.

The Grasby BTs show a Robert Marris signing the register as Church Warden in 1561-62, 1576-77 and again in 1589-90.

Robert made his will (PCC Wills - 34 Sainberbe, Prob 11/77, Quire 34) on 12th April 1591 and it was proved on 12th May in the same year. He described himself as a Yeoman of Grisby (i.e. Grasby). He named his brother John Marris of North Kelsey as one of the supervisors. Robert was buried at Grasby on 20th April 1591.

By the time he made his will, Robert had acquired further property. He left lands lying in Grasby, Clixby and North Kelsey to his son Thomas. He left a farm at Rothwell, his land at Nettleton and two acres of barley in Grasby to his son William. His son Robert received two cottages, six acres of arable land and an acre of pasture ground in Rothwell. To Grace, his wife, he left two leases: one that he farmed of the dean and chapter of Lincoln, and the other that he farmed of a Mrs Trehitt of Barton upon Humber (these to pass to his son Thomas after her [Grace's] death). His will also named son Nicholas, daughters Margaret & Alice, son John, granddaughters Faith & Grace (the daughters of his son John), granddaughters Margaret & Alice (the daughters of his son Robert), daughter Barbara (married to Thomas Good), daughter Jenet (married to John Shawe) and grandchildren Robert, Christopher, Anthony & Alice (the children of his son Thomas).

Robert married (1) **Alice ANDERSON**,

They had the following children:

- + 2 M i. **Thomas MARRIS** was born about 1554. He was buried on 22 Jul 1609.
- + 3 M ii. **William MARRIS**,
- 4 M iii. **Robert MARRIS** was born after 1570.
- 5 M iv. **Nicholas MARRIS**,

- 6 F v. **Margaret MARRIS**,  
Margaret married **Edmund LEDYERD** on 28 Nov 1592 in Searby,  
Lincs.
- 7 F vi. **Alice MARRIS**,
- + 8 M vii. **John MARRIS**,
- 9 F viii. **Barbara MARRIS**,  
Barbara married **Thomas GOOD**,
- 10 F ix. **Jenet MARRIS**,  
Jenet married **John SHAWE**,

Robert married (2) **Grace BECK** on 17 May 1584 in Barton upon Humber, Lincs.

## Second Generation

2. **Thomas MARRIS** (Robert) was born about 1554. He was buried on 22 Jul 1609 in Grasby, Lincs.

The Grasby BTs show a Thomas Marris as Church Warden in 1586-87, 1591-92, 1596, 1599-00 and 1607-08.

Thomas' father Robert names four of Thomas's children in his will (Robert, Christopher, Anthonie and Alice) and Burke's Landed Gentry (1952) gives a fifth child (Barbara, bap 26 April 1608). In fact, a close examination of the Grasby PRs and BTs has revealed numerous other Marris baptisms and burials during the years that Thomas signed as Church Warden. Mostly, the events are given without the Christian names of the parents although, in cases where the father is named, it is always Thomas. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, all of these baptisms and burials are assumed to be for children of the Thomas described here.

It should be noted that the baptism of the eldest son Robert, who married Barbara Leach (see below), has not been located. Burke's indicates he was born around 1585. However, this has not been verified as the relevant pages are now missing from the Grasby BTs.

Thomas Marris was buried at Grasby on 22 July 1609. He died intestate and an administration (LCC Admons 1609, BI, 106) was granted at Lincoln on 27 October 1609 to his son Robert Marris, yeoman, of Grisby, and to Thomas Cordwin, Yeoman. The Admon described Thomas Marris as "late of Coxwold, Lincs"

Thomas married **Agnes CORDWYN** on 18 Jun 1580 in Beelsby, Lincs.

Thomas and Agnes had the following children:

- + 11 M i. **Robert MARRIS** was born about 1585. He was buried on 24 Sep 1657.
- 12 M ii. **Christopher MARRIS** was buried on 11 Dec 1591 in Grasby, Lincs.
- 13 M iii. **Anthony MARRIS** was buried on 6 Nov 1590 in Grasby, Lincs.
- 14 F iv. **Alice MARRIS** was christened on 11 Jan 1586/1587 in Grasby, Lincs.
- 15 M v. **George MARRIS** was christened on 7 Oct 1587 in Grasby, Lincs.
- 16 F vi. **Ellen MARRIS** was christened on 24 Mar 1589/1590 in Grasby, Lincs. She was buried on 4 Sep 1590 in Grasby, Lincs.
- 17 M vii. **Nicholas MARRIS** was christened on 5 May 1589 in Grasby, Lincs.
- 18 M viii. **George MARRIS** was christened on 5 Oct 1590 in Grasby, Lincs. He was buried on 5 Oct 1590 in Grasby, Lincs.
- 19 M ix. **Anselm MARRIS** was christened on 16 Dec 1591 in Grasby, Lincs. He was buried on 11 May 1592 in Grasby, Lincs.
- 20 F x. **Jane MARRIS** was christened on 16 Dec 1591 in Grasby, Lincs.
- 21 M xi. **William MARRIS** was christened on 10 Mar 1593/94 in Grasby, Lincs.

The Grasby BTs show a William Marris as Church Warden in 1622-23.

- 22 M xii. **John MARRIS** was christened on 9 Jan 1596/1597 in Grasby, Lincs.
- 23 F xiii. **Isabell MARRIS** was christened on 24 Jan 1598/1599 in Grasby, Lincs.  
She was buried 29 Feb 1598/99 in Grasby, Lincs.
- 24 M xiv. **Thomas MARRIS** was christened on 12 May 1600 in Grasby, Lincs.
- 25 F xv. **Elizabeth MARRIS** was christened on 29 Aug 1602 in Grasby, Lincs.
- 26 F xvi. **Ann MARRIS** was christened on 1 Jan 1604/1605 in Grasby, Lincs.  
She was buried on 13 Feb 1604/1605 in Grasby, Lincs.
- 27 F xvii. **Ann MARRIS** was christened on 20 Jan 1605/1606 in Grasby, Lincs.
- 28 F xviii. **Barbara MARRIS** was christened on 6 Mar 1607/1608 in Grasby, Lincs.
- 29 F xix. **Barbara MARRIS** was christened on 26 Apr 1608 in Grasby, Lincs.

### 3. **William MARRIS** (Robert).

William married **Dorothy GOOD** on 16 Nov 1590 in Grasby, Lincs.

I have this marriage from the research papers of my late great uncle Harold Colquhoun Marris OBE, although I don't think I've seen it myself.

William and Dorothy had the following children:

- 30 F i. **Elizabeth MARRIS** was christened on 17 Jun 1592 in Searby, Lincs.  
She was buried on 28 Feb 1610/1611 in Searby, Lincs.
- 31 M ii. **Robert MARRIS** was christened on 11 Nov 1593 in Searby, Lincs.
- 32 M iii. **William MARRIS** was christened on 13 Sep 1595 in Searby, Lincs. He  
was buried on 3 May 1625 in Searby, Lincs.
- 33 M iv. **Thomas MARRIS** was christened on 26 Oct 1597 in Searby, Lincs.
- 34 M v. **John MARRIS** was christened on 9 Mar 1599/1600 in Searby, Lincs.
- 35 M vi. **Edman MARRIS** was christened on 1 Dec 1605 in Searby, Lincs.
- 36 M vii. **Anthony MARRIS** was christened on 11 Oct 1607 in Searby, Lincs. He  
was buried on 12 Feb 1622/1623 in Searby, Lincs.

### 8. **John MARRIS** (Robert).

John married **Hellen MARSHALL** on 9 Jul 1581 in Searby, Lincs.

Hellen Marshall had a brother Thomas Marshall who is named as uncle of Faith and Grace in the will of Hellen's father in law, Robert Marris (PCC Wills - 34 Sainberbe, Prob 11/77, Quire 34).

John and Hellen had the following children:

- 37 F     i. **Faith MARRIS** was born after 1576. She was buried on 4 Jan 1592/1593 in Searby, Lincs.
- 38 F     ii. **Grace MARRIS** was born after 1576. She was christened on 14 Jul 1585 in Searby, Lincs.

Grace married **Andrew CAYE** on 29 May 1608 in Searby, Lincs.

## Third Generation

11. **Robert MARRIS** (Thomas, Robert) was born about 1585. He was buried on 24 Sep 1657 in Grasby, Lincs.

The Grasby BTs show a Robert Marris as Church Warden in 1612-13 and again in 1623 24. In the years following Robert's marriage to Barbara Leach on 4 November 1611 (see below), the Grasby BTs show the baptism of numerous children with the father named as Robert Marris, Viz: Robert, Thomas, John, Thomas, William, Elizabeth, Ann, Ezechiell, Christopher, Stephen, Richard, Matthew and Susannah.

Robert Marris made his will (Ref: PCC Wills - Prob 11/276) on 24 August 1657 and it was proved in London on 18 May 1658. His will names Barbara (his wife), Ezechiell and Stephen (younger sons), Christopher (son), Anne Wilson (daughter) and her husband James, Thomas (son), Tombury (grandson), John (son), Robert (son), William (son), Susan Odlyn (daughter) and her husband Anselm. The will says that Robert's wife Barbara lived at Hickett Close, Gresby and that this property should eventually go to their grandson Tombury Marris. Robert's sons Ezechiell and Stephen Marris inherited The Drift and The Close at Grasby. Son Christopher inherited other lands at Grasby.

Robert married **Barbara LEACH** on 4 Nov 1611 in Grasby, Lincs. Barbara was buried on 3 Nov 1668 in Grasby, Lincs.

The Grasby BTs record the burial of Barbara on 3 Nov 1668 and confirm that she was "late wife of Robt. Marris".

Barbara made her will (Ref: LCC Wills 1668/1/250v) on 7 February 1662 and it was proved on 19 November 1668. Her will mentions John Marris (son) and John's unnamed grandchildren, William Marris (son) and his unnamed grandchildren, four grand-children (Barbara Wilson, Elizabeth Wilson, William Cooke and Robert Cooke), Anne Cooke (daughter), Christopher Marris (son), Christopher Marris (grandson, parents not identified), Susanna Marris (daughter), Barbara Odling (granddaughter), Anselme Odling (son-in-law), Susanna Odling (daughter), Isabell Marris (granddaughter, parents not identified), daughters-in-law Anne and Mary Marris (their husbands not named), Andrah Cooke (son-in-law), three grandsons (John Marris, William Marris and Thomas Marris - their parents not named), Ezekiel Marris (son) and Steven Marris (son).  
(A wonderfully informative will for the genealogist !)

Robert and Barbara had the following children:

39 M     i. **Robert MARRIS** was christened on 9 Oct 1612 in Grasby, Lincs. He was buried on 10 Jun 1618 in Grasby, Lincs.

40 M     ii. **Thomas MARRIS** was born in 1614. He was christened on 22 Feb 1614/1615 in Grasby, Lincs. He was buried on 10 Apr 1615 in Grasby, Lincs.

The Grasby BTs say he was buried aged 15 mths.

+     41 M     iii. **John MARRIS** was christened on 26 May 1616.

+     42 M     iv. **Thomas MARRIS** was christened on 21 Sep 1617. He died in 1649/1651.

+     43 M     v. **Robert MARRIS** was christened on 23 Nov 1618. He died before 24 Aug 1657.

- + 44 M vi. **William MARRIS** was christened on 23 Feb 1619/1620.
- 45 F vii. **Elizabeth MARRIS** was christened on 23 Feb 1622/1623 in Grasby, Lincs. She was buried on 28 Jun 1623 in Grasby, Lincs.
- 46 F viii. **Ann MARRIS** was christened on 27 Jun 1624 in Grasby, Lincs.  
Ann married (1) **James WILSON**,  
Ann married (2) **Andrah COOKE** on 6 Jul 1659 in Hemswell, Lincs.

The IGI has the marriage of Andrew Cooke to Anne Wilson on 6 July 1659 at Hemswell, Lincs. I have not checked the actual PRs but assume that this is the second marriage of Ann née Marris. She was named as Anne Wilson in her father's will, dated 24 August 1657 but, by the time of her mother Barbara's will (dated 7 February 1662), she was named Anne Cooke.

- 47 M ix. **Ezechiell MARRIS** was christened on 23 Sep 1627 in Grasby, Lincs. He was buried on 6 Nov 1666 in Grasby, Lincs.

Ezekiel Marris of Grasby made his will (LCC Wills 1660/390) on 14 October 1666 and it was proved 22 November in the same year. In his will, he names his brother John Marris and John's unnamed wife, his brother William Marris and William's unnamed wife, his sister Anne and her unnamed husband (their surname not specified), his brother Christopher Marris and Christopher's unnamed wife his sister Susanne and her unnamed husband (their surname not specified), Margaret Burnet (relationship unspecified), Isabell Marris (relationship unspecified), Mary Burnet and Mary Bower (the testator's god-daughters), Tombury Marris, also referred to as Thomas Berrie (relationship unspecified), the unnamed wife of Tombury Marris, William Maris (brother of Tombury Marris) and his brother Stephen Marris.

The will mentions a few other people, including Anselm Odling who was one of the witnesses to the inventory taken of the deceased's estate. The only property mentioned is Cottage House which the testator left to his brother Stephen.

- + 48 M x. **Christopher MARRIS** was christened on 22 Mar 1628/1629. He was buried on 31 Aug 1704.
- + 49 M xi. **Stephen MARRIS** was christened on 27 Dec 1630. He was buried on 2 Jan 1681/1682.
- 50 M xii. **Richard MARRIS** was christened on 27 May 1632 in Grasby, Lincs. He was buried on 15 Oct 1634 in Grasby, Lincs.
- 51 M xiii. **Matthew MARRIS** was christened on 13 Dec 1633 in Grasby, Lincs. He was buried on 5 Feb 1634 in Grasby, Lincs.
- 52 F xiv. **Susannah MARRIS** was christened on 16 Mar 1634/1635 in Grasby, Lincs.  
Susannah married **Anselm ODLYN** on 14 Oct 1656 in Grasby, Lincs.

## Fourth Generation

41. **John MARRIS** (Robert, Thomas, Robert) was christened on 26 May 1616 in Grasby, Lincs.

The Grasby BTs record the burial of a John Marris on 3 Oct 1623. It is possible that it is the above John who was buried and that the parents (Robert and Barbara Marris) had a second child whom they also called John, and who went on to marry Mary (below) and have the children (below).

Burke's Landed Gentry (1952) says that this was the John Marris who gave £10 to King's Commrs for Siege of Newark, 1644 and that he married Mary Jecks and had children at Newark upon Trent, Notts. Although there were several Marris generations at Newark (see separate "Marris of Newark & Barton" tree), I have found no evidence that this John ties in with them.

The will of John's brother Stephen Marris (Ref LCC Wills 1681/ii/605) names one of John's children, Susannah, whose baptism appears in the Grasby registers.

John married **Mary**, Mary was buried on 10 Jan 1678/1679 in Grasby, Lincs.

They had the following children:

- 53 F     i. **Susannah MARRIS** was christened on 4 Mar 1654/1655 in Grasby, Lincs. She was buried on 5 Mar 1681/1682 in Grasby, Lincs.
- 54 F     ii. **Frances MARRIS** was christened on 15 Mar 1659/1660 in Grasby, Lincs.
- 55 M     iii. **Robert MARRIS**,

42. **Thomas MARRIS** (Robert, Thomas, Robert) was christened on 21 Sep 1617 in Grasby, Lincs. He died in 1649/1651.

Thomas Marris of Grasby made his will (LCC Wills 1651, 29) in 1649 and it was proved on 4 April 1651(?). His will mentions his mother but without giving her name. The will does name his brother William Marris, his daughter Issabell Marris, his brothers Ezekiell Marris, Christopher Marris and Steven Marris, his sister Susana Marris and his brother John Marris.

Thomas married **Margaret**,

They had the following children:

- 56 F     i. **Isabell MARRIS** was christened on 27 Mar 1647/1648 in Barrow upon Humber. She was buried on 14 Feb 1670/1671 in Grasby, Lincs.

The Grasby burial register confirms that Isabell was the daughter of Thomas. Isabell Marris made her will (Ref: LCC Wills 1670/i/338/1/172/120) on 12 February 1670. No property is mentioned in the will other than a house in Grasby which the testatrix left to her uncle Christopher Marris. The will names Mary Burnet (sister), Robert Burnet (brother), John Burnet (brother), John Marris (uncle), unnamed wife of John Marris, Robert Marris (son of John Marris), Anthony More (father-in-law), Steven Marris (uncle), Elizabeth Marris (daughter of Steven) and Christopher Marris (uncle).



The Grasby registers record the following marriage which took place four years before Isabell made her will and which establishes a connection between the Burnet and Moor families.

8 11 1666, Margaret Burnet m. Anthony Moor, Grasby, late wife of Robert Burnet.

A possible interpretation is that Margaret Burnet was the natural mother of Isabell Marris and that, after the death of her first husband, Thomas Marris, she married secondly Robert Burnet and, after his death (he was buried at Grasby on 5 March 1665), she married thirdly Anthony More. The combination of events would explain how Isabell managed, in her will, to have Burnets as sister and brothers (in fact they would be half-sister and half-brothers), Marris as uncles (in fact her natural uncles) and Anthony More as her father in law (in fact her step-father).

The Barrow on Humber PRs show the baptism of Isabell Marris to parents Thomas & Margaret Marris on 27 Mar 1647/48. One assumes this to be the same Isabell.

43. **Robert MARRIS** (Robert, Thomas, Robert) was christened on 23 Nov 1618 in Grasby, Lincs. He died before 24 Aug 1657.

Robert married **Clemence TOMBURY**, Clemence was buried on 23 Jan 1661 in Searby, Lincs.

I haven't checked the Searby PRs myself but have, from my late great uncle Harold's papers, a note that Tombury Marris (below) was baptised at Searby on Feb 18th 1637/38, the son of Robert & Clemence Marris. The note gives the maiden name of Clemence as Tombury, but without indicating the date or place of the marriage. Clemence Marris, widow, was buried at Searby on Jan 23 1661. An alternative interpretation is that her maiden name was Berry or Bury and that Tombury was in fact a portmanteau name (formed from Thomas + Berry).

Great-uncle Harold sketched numerous tree diagrams. Those containing Tombury are not consistent about his ancestry. On one, his grandfather is shown as Robert Marris who married Barbara Leach. On another, his grandfather is William Marris who married Dorothy Good. Looking at the various Marris of Grasby wills, the former interpretation looks preferable.

Robert and Clemence had the following children:

- + 57 M i. **Tombury MARRIS** was christened on 18 Feb 1637/1638. He was buried on 30 Mar 1703.
- 58 M ii. **Robert MARRIS** was christened on 29 Nov 1640 in Searby, Lincs.
- 59 M iii. **William MARRIS** was christened on 9 Jan 1648 in Searby, Lincs. He was buried on 19 Apr 1648 in Searby, Lincs.
- 60 F iv. **Rebecca MARRIS** was christened on 11 Dec 1650/1651 in Searby, Lincs.

44. **William MARRIS** (Robert, Thomas, Robert) was christened on 23 Feb 1619/1620 in Grasby, Lincs.

William married **Hannah** in 1647 in Brandon, Lincs. Hannah died on 22 Jun 1668 in Brandon, Lincs. She was buried on 23 Jun 1668 in Brandon, Lincs.

They had the following children:

- + 61 M i. **John MARRIS** was born on 17 Feb 1648.
- 62 F ii. **Lydia MARRIS** was born on 13 Nov 1650 in Hicklin, Lincs. She was christened on 13 Dec 1650 in Hicklin, Lincs.
- 63 M iii. **Joseph MARRIS** was born on 24 Mar 1652 in Brandon, Lincs. He was christened on 20 Apr 1653 in Hicklin, Lincs.

The Hickling PRs show the baptism of Joseph, son of William Morris, Gent, & Ann his wife on 20 April 1653. One assumes this was Joseph Marris.
- 64 F iv. **Rebekah MARRIS** was born on 29 Aug 1655 in Brandon, Lincs. She died on 6 Sep 1655 in Brandon, Lincs.
- 65 F v. **Anna MARRIS** was born on 3 Dec 1656 in Brandon, Lincs.
- 66 F vi. **Elizabeth MARRIS** was born on 18 Jan 1659 in Brandon, Lincs. She died on 6 Jul 1661 in Brandon, Lincs.
- 67 M vii. **William MARRIS** was born on 28 Jan 1661 in Brandon, Lincs. He died on 11 May 1673 in Brandon, Lincs.
- 68 M viii. **Thomas MARRIS** was born on 21 Dec 1664 in Brandon, Lincs. He died on 4 Aug 1668 in Brandon, Lincs. He was buried on 5 Aug 1668 in Brandon, Lincs.

48. **Christopher MARRIS** (Robert, Thomas, Robert) was christened on 22 Mar 1628/1629 in Grasby, Lincs. He was buried on 31 Aug 1704 in Grasby, Lincs.

Christopher Marris of Grasby made his will (LCC Wills 1704/187) on 22 June 1703 and it was proved in 1704. He names his eldest son Christopher, his youngest son Tho(?), his eldest daughter Ann Robinson, his youngest daughter Mary Ormsby and his wife Ann. No property is mentioned in the will.

The Grasby burial register describes him as a Glover.

Christopher married **Ann**, Ann was buried on 7 Jan 1708/1709 in Grasby, Lincs.

Christopher and Ann had the following children:

- + 69 M i. **Christopher MARRIS** was christened on 8 Jan 1659/1660. He was buried on 9 May 1709.
- 70 F ii. **Anne MARRIS** was christened on 6 Jan 1663/1664 in Grasby, Lincs. Anne married **ROBINSON**,
- 71 F iii. **Mary MARRIS** was christened on 25 Sep 1666 in Grasby, Lincs. Mary married **John ORMSBY** in 1688 in Grasby, Lincs.
- 72 F iv. **Elizabeth MARRIS** was christened on 13 Jun 1669 in Grasby, Lincs. She was buried on 22 Jan 1670/1671 in Grasby, Lincs.
- 73 M v. **Thomas MARRIS** was christened on 17 Dec 1671 in Grasby, Lincs.

74 M vi. **Robert MARRIS** was christened on 3 Sep 1676 in Grasby, Lincs. He was buried on 3 Jul 1695 in Grasby, Lincs.

49. **Stephen MARRIS** (Robert, Thomas, Robert) was christened on 27 Dec 1630 in Grasby, Lincs. He was buried on 2 Jan 1681/1682 in Grasby, Lincs.

Stephen Marris of Grasby made his will (LCC Wills 1681/ii/605) on 10 September 1681 and it was proved on 4 January 1681/82(?). He names his eldest son Stephen (not yet 12 years), son John, son Robert, wife Mary and Susanna (daughter of the testator's brother John). Stephen's will mentions land called The Piece which he left to his eldest son, Stephen. To son John Marris, he left a cottage and farm at North Kelsey. To son Robert Marris, he left Hicket, Hicket Tongue and cottages at Grasby.

The Grasby burial register describes him as a Yeoman.

Stephen married **Mary Cockin** on 5 Oct 1669 in Grasby, Lincs.

They had the following children:

75 F i. **Elizabeth MARRIS** was christened on 23 Oct 1670 in Grasby, Lincs. She was buried on 8 Mar 1670/1671 in Grasby, Lincs.

76 M ii. **Stephen MARRIS** was christened on 8 May 1672 in Grasby, Lincs.

77 M iii. **John MARRIS** was christened on 12 Jun 1674 in Grasby, Lincs.

78 M iv. **Robert MARRIS** was christened on 22 May 1677 in Grasby, Lincs.

## Fifth Generation

57. **Tombury MARRIS** (Robert, Robert, Thomas, Robert) was christened on 18 Feb 1637/1638 in Searby, Lincs. He was buried on 30 Mar 1703 in Grasby, Lincs.

Tombury married (1) **Mary SOULBIE** in 1662 in East of West Barkwith. Mary was buried on 10 Mar 1684/1685 in Grasby, Lincs.

The Society of Genealogists has an index of Lincolnshire Marriage Bonds & Allegations 1628 - 1699 (Fiche: ML/Lin/90937/1-6) which shows:

Marrice Tomberrie #, West or East Barkwith, Soulbie Mary s #, MB 1662 / 30

In the above, "West or East Barkwith" was the place of the intended marriage, # indicated that the person was not resident in the parish given, and the "s" meant single person.

I've not checked the actual registers for East or West Barkwith, but this must be our man as I then found the following baptisms in the IGI, all at North Kelsey, Lincs:

Robert, Baptised 30 Aug 1663, son of Tombury Marris  
Mary, Baptised 17 Jan 1664, son of Tombury & Mary Marris  
John, Baptised 19 Dec 1669, son of Tombury & Mary Marris  
Ann, Baptised 7 Apr 1673, son of Tombury & Mary Marris  
William, Baptised 28 Jun 1674, son of Tombury & Mary Marris  
Susannah, Baptised 25 Mar 1678, son of Tombury & Mary Marris  
Elizabeth, Baptised, 22 Aug 1680, son of Tombury & Mary Marris

The Grasby PRs have:

1684/85, March 10th, Mary Marris widow of Tomburie Marris buried.

There is also the marriage of Tombury Marris to Catherine Hodgson at Grasby on 2 Aug 1690 and the burial of Tombury Marris, a Glover, at Grasby on 30 Mar 1703.

Tombury and Mary had the following children:

- 79 M     i. **Robert MARRIS** was christened on 30 Aug 1663 in North Kelsey, Lincs.
- 80 F     ii. **Mary MARRIS** was christened on 17 Jan 1664 in North Kelsey, Lincs.
- 81 M     iii. **John MARRIS** was christened on 19 Dec 1669 in North Kelsey, Lincs.
- 82 F     iv. **Ann MARRIS** was christened on 7 Apr 1673 in North Kelsey, Lincs.
- 83 M     v. **William MARRIS** was christened on 28 Jun 1674 in North Kelsey, Lincs.
- 84 F     vi. **Susannah MARRIS** was christened on 25 Mar 1678 in North Kelsey, Lincs.
- 85 F     vii. **Elizabeth MARRIS** was christened on 22 Aug 1680 in North Kelsey, Lincs.

Tombury married (2) **Catherine HODGSON** on 2 Aug 1690 in Grasby, Lincs.

They had the following children:

86 F viii. **Elizabeth MARRIS** was christened on 10 Dec 1691 in Grasby, Lincs.

87 F ix. **Ann MARRIS** was christened on 22 Aug 1697 in Grasby, Lincs.

61. **John MARRIS** (William, Robert, Thomas, Robert) was born on 17 Feb 1648 in Brandon, Lincs. He was christened on 21 Mar 1648/1649 in Hicklin, Lincs.

John married **Margaret JOHNSON** on 29 Jan 1680 in Brandon, Lincs.

Lincs. Marriage Bonds & Allegations 1628 - 1699 (SoG - Fiche: ML/Lin/90937/1-6) has:

Marris John #, Boultham +, Johnson Margaret #, MB 1680 / 9

+ = more than one parish for the intended marriage was given

# = the person is not resident in the parish given in the Place column.

John and Margaret had the following children:

+ 88 M i. **John MARRIS** was christened on 28 Mar 1682. He was buried on 12 Jan 1742/1743.

89 M ii. **Robert MARRIS** was christened on 12 Jun 1683.

69. **Christopher MARRIS** (Christopher, Robert, Thomas, Robert) was christened on 8 Jan 1659/1660 in Grasby, Lincs. He was buried on 9 May 1709 in Grasby, Lincs.

The baptism of this Christopher Marris appears in the Grasby PRs with the father identified as Christopher Marris but with the mother not named. With just this single item of evidence, it cannot yet be confirmed that this Christopher Marris was the son of Christopher Marris of Grasby and his wife Ann although, circumstantially, it does appear likely.

His burial entry in the Grasby PRs describes him as a Freeholder.

Christopher married **Elizabeth BARNETT** on 16 Jun 1687 in Riby, Lincs. Elizabeth was buried on 28 Dec 1718 in Grasby, Lincs.

Her burial entry in the Grasby PRs describes her as a Widow.

Christopher and Elizabeth had the following children:

+ 90 M i. **Anthony MARRIS** was christened on 29 Jul 1688. He was buried on 24 Sep 1731.

91 M ii. **Christopher MARRIS** was christened on 14 Mar 1690 in Riby, Lincs.

92 M iii. **Thomas MARRIS** was christened on 3 Apr 1698 in Waddingham, Lincs.

It is only circumstantial that Thomas's parents (Christopher & Elizabeth) were the same Christopher & Elizabeth as shown above.

93 F iv. **Ann MARRIS** was christened on 24 May 1702 in Grasby, Lincs. She was buried on 18 Apr 1711 in Grasby, Lincs.

It is only circumstantial that Thomas's parents (Christopher & Elizabeth) were the same Christopher & Elizabeth as shown above. Her burial entry in the Grasby PRs describes her as daughter of Elizabeth Marris.

94 M v. **John MARRIS** was christened on 26 May 1706 in Grasby, Lincs.

It is only circumstantial that John's parents (Christopher & Elizabeth) were the same Christopher & Elizabeth as shown above.

95 M vi. **Robert MARRIS,**

We don't have the baptism for this Robert but he is named in the will of his brother Anthony Marris (LCC Wills 1731/143).

## Sixth Generation

88. **John MARRIS** (John, William, Robert, Thomas, Robert) was christened on 28 Mar 1682 in Hough on the Hill, Lincs. He was buried on 12 Jan 1742/1743.

John married **Eizabeth**,

They had the following children:

- + 96 M i. **John MARRIS** died in Nov 1775.
- 97 F ii. **Ann MARRIS**,  
Ann married **WILLSON**,
- + 98 M iii. **Robert MARRIS** was christened on 3 Mar 1723.

90. **Anthony MARRIS** (Christopher, Christopher, Robert, Thomas, Robert) was christened on 29 Jul 1688 in Riby, Lincs. He was buried on 24 Sep 1731 in Grasby, Lincs.

Anthony Marris made his will (LCC Wills 1731/143) on 20 September 1731 and it was proved on 13 October 1731. His will names his wife Sarah Marris, brothers Christopher, Robert and Thomas Marris and witnesses Chris Hildyard, Joseph Barnard and John Marshall. He left to his wife Sarah his house and land at Grasby and a Close at Grasby called Low Acre Dikes.

Anthony's burial entry in the Grasby PRs describes him as a Freeholder.

Anthony married (1) **Elizabeth MOSEY** on 16 Apr 1723 in Grasby, Lincs. Elizabeth was buried on 22 Nov 1724 in Grasby, Lincs.

Her burial entry in the Grasby PRs describes her as Wife of Anthony Marris.

Anthony and Elizabeth had the following children:

- 99 M i. **Christopher MARRIS** was christened on 28 Dec 1723 in Grasby, Lincs. He was buried on 10 Jan 1723/1724 in Grasby, Lincs.
- 100 M ii. **Anthony MARRIS** was christened on 16 Nov 1724 in Grasby, Lincs. He was buried on 7 Dec 1724 in Grasby, Lincs.

Anthony married (2) **Sarah SMITH** on 4 Dec 1725 in Grasby, Lincs.

They had the following children:

- 101 F iii. **Sarah MARRIS** was christened on 20 Nov 1726 in Grasby, Lincs. She was buried on 21 Nov 1726 in Grasby, Lincs.

## Seventh Generation

**Note:** The generations below need further checking. Treat them with caution.

96. **John MARRIS** (John, John, William, Robert, Thomas, Robert) died in Nov 1775.

John married **Mary ASHWORTH** on 5 Feb 1727 in St Paul in the Bail, Lincoln, Lincs.

John Kirkby (ca. 1921 - see Kirkby Collection at Lincolnshire Archives) says John Marris of Lincoln, Gent, owned land in Brandon, Hough on the Hill, Gelston, Barrowby & S?????? in the Parish of Stow, Left Trustees John Palgrave of Lincoln, Gent, & Thomas Mackiness of Lincoln, Gent, will dated 19 Oct 1775, proved 27 Nov 1775, Extrix Mary Marris dau of Testator.

According to an LFHS index, John Marris married Mary Ashowrth at St Paul in the Bail, Lincoln on 5 Feb 1727. Was Mary Ashworth the Mary who married this John Marris? One would need to check the PRs for St Paul in the Bail to see whether the year was 1726/27.

John Marris, Gentleman of Lincoln, made his will (LCC Wills 1775/123) on 27 Nov 1775 and it was proved 19 Dec 1775. The will names his son John Marris, Grazier Of Brandon, daughter Mary Marris (Executrix), son Thomas Marris (Deceased), Thomas Marris, Grandson (not yet 21, the son of Thomas Marris deceased), sister Ann Willson (Widow), daughter Keziah Cole and her husband William Cole, Grazier Of Quadring, and daughter Elizabeth Slater (Wife of Unnamed Slater, Grocer).

The main inheritor of the will was John Marris the son who was left property at Brandon, Hough on the Hill and Gelista. Trustees of the will were John Palgrave and Thomas Mackeness, both Gentlemen of Lincoln. The will was witnessed by Hen Rutter, Richard Johnson and Geo Babb.

John and Mary had the following children:

- 102 M     i. **William MARRIS** was christened on 18 Mar 1726 in Hough on the Hill, Lincs.
- 103 F     ii. **Ann MARRIS** was christened on 2 Sep 1729 in Hough on the Hill, Lincs.
- + 104 M     iii. **John MARRIS** was christened on 23 Sep 1730.
- 105 F     iv. **Cassiah MARRIS** was christened on 15 Mar 1731 in Hough on the Hill, Lincs.  
Cassiah married **William COLE** in 1765 in Hough on the Hill, Lincs.  
  
He was a grazier of Quadring, Lincs.
- 106 F     v. **Mary MARRIS**,
- + 107 M     vi. **Thomas MARRIS** died before Nov 1775.
- 108 F     vii. **Elizabeth MARRIS**,  
Elizabeth married **SLATER**,  
  
He was a grocer.
- 109 M     viii. **James MARRIS** was christened on 15 Apr 1741 in Hough on the Hill, Lincs.



110 M ix. **Joseph MARRIS** was christened on 15 Apr 1741 in Hough on the Hill, Lincs.

111 M x. **Robert MARRIS** was christened on 15 Apr 1741 in Hough on the Hill, Lincs.

98. **Robert MARRIS** (John, John, William, Robert, Thomas, Robert) was christened on 3 Mar 1723 in Newark, Notts.

He had the following children:

+ 112 M i. **Robert MARRIS** was born on 4 Jul 1749. He died in 1827.

## Eighth Generation

104. **John MARRIS** (John, John, John, William, Robert, Thomas, Robert) was christened on 23 Sep 1730 in Hough on the Hill, Lincs.

He was a grazier of Brandon.

This may be the John Marris, Gentleman of N. Collingham, Notts, who made his will (PRO Wills 1789 PROB 11, 1174) on 4 June 1785, proved 31 January 1789. His will names his wife Jane(?), his only son John Marris (under 21 years of age), William Ashton, Gentleman Of Brandon, Lincs, Samuel Allen, Gentleman Of Newark upon Trent, ??? Ashton (second dau of William Ashton), John Norington (Witness), John Clark (Witness) and ??? Clark (Witness).

John married **Jane COLTON** on 5 Nov 1767 in Eagle, Lincs.

They had the following children:

113 M     i. **John MARRIS** was christened on 10 Jan 1769 in Hough on the Hill, Lincs.

107. **Thomas MARRIS** (John, John, John, William, Robert, Thomas, Robert) died before Nov 1775.

He had the following children:

114 M     i. **Thomas MARRIS** was born after 1753.

112. **Robert MARRIS** (Robert, John, John, William, Robert, Thomas, Robert) was born on 4 Jul 1749 in Lincs. He died in 1827 in London.

According to a booklet at the Courtauld Institute entitled The Devis Family of Painters (Ref: CI/DEV/4/1):

“Robert Marris became a member of the Devis family through his marriage to Frances, daughter of Arthur Devis. He was born about 1750 and died in London in 1827. Robert Marris had two daughters, Frances Ann Marris and Ellin Devis Marris. The latter married Dr Martin Tupper and became the mother of Martin Farquhar Tupper, the mid-nineteenth century diarist and author, who in turn married his cousin Isabella Devis, daughter of Arthur William Devis.

“Robert Marris exhibited water-colour drawings at the Free Society in 1770, at the Society of Artists in 1774 and 1790, and at the Royal Academy between 1780 and 1784. He travelled, possibly with Anthony Devis, throughout the country and although few drawings are signed, many are dated between the years 1794 and 1821”.

Robert Marris appears in the Burke's Landed Gentry 1952. More information about him is held in the Book Library of the Courtauld Institute of Art at Somerset House in London.

Among the Tupper family papers at the Courtauld Library are biographical details of Arthur Devis and his children (Ref: CI/DEV/1/2). An account written by Martin Farquar Tupper shows:

Arthur Devis, born 2 March 1711, married Elizabeth daughter of Thomas Faulkner,... and by her had 22 children of whom the following lived beyond childhood:

- Ellin Davis, born 22 Dec 1746, died 17 Feb 1820

- Frances, born 18 Dec 1751
- Thos Anthony, born 5 Sep 1756, died 1810
- Arthur William, born 10 Aug 1762, died 11 Feb 1822
- Elizabeth, born 12 Apr 1764, died 22 Aug 1825
- Ann, born 30 Aug 1766, died 4 Jan 1838.

It was Frances above who married Robert Marris and had, among other children, Ellin Devis Marris and Frances Ann Marris. Arthur William married Lanchester and had issue Ellin and Isabella; the latter married Martin Farquar Tupper, eldest son of Ellin Devis Marris and Martin Tupper.

Robert Marris made his will (PRO Wills 1827, PROB 11/1727) on 24 October 1826 and it was proved 21 June 1827. He was a Gentleman of Manor Place, Chelsea. The will names Rebecca Cox who had lived for years with the testator, Rebecca's husband, John Cox, Martin Tupper and his wife Ellen Tupper (executor and executrix) and witnesses John Burgess of Great Portland Street and Thomas Osman, butler at Manor Place.

Robert married **Frances DEVIS**, Frances was born on 18 Dec 1751.

They had the following children:

- 115 F      i. **Ellen Devis MARRIS** was christened on 30 Jan 1786 in St Mary, Marylebone Road, Marylebone, London. She died in Sep 1847 in Westminster Reg. Distr, Mddx.  
Ellen married **Martin TUPPER**, Martin was born in 1780. He died on 8 Dec 1844.

Martin Tupper was a Fellow of the Royal Society (5 Feb 1835). His year of birth and date of death were found in the FRS records at <http://www.royalsoc.ac.uk>. They had a son Martin Farquhar Tupper, the mid-nineteenth century diarist and author, who married his cousin Isabella Devis, daughter of Arthur William Devis.

- 116 F      ii. **Frances Ann MARRIS** was born in 1787/1788. She died on 27 Nov 1877 in London.

The GRO Index of Wills shows:  
Frances Ann Marris, (Spinster), 37 SIDNEY ST. BROMPTON, LONDON.  
d. 27 Nov 1877. Age 89. £1,500. To; Martin Farquhar Tupper (Nephew) of Western Villa, North Park, Croydon, Surrey.

- 117 M      iii. **John Anthony MARRIS** died in Jun 1856 in St. Pancras Reg. Distr., London.

More checking is needed on John Anthony Marris before confirming him as the son of Robert Marris and Frances Devis. The current assumption is based on the will of John Anthony Marris, Gentleman of St Pancras, Mddx, Kent (PRO Wills 1856 PROB 11/2243), will dated 3 October 1851 and proved 22 December 1856. The executor was Daniel Tupper of 10 Rutland Gate, Knightsbridge, whom the will identifies as the testator's nephew. The assumption is that Daniel was the brother of Martin Farquar Tupper (the latter mentioned his brother Daniel in his autobiography).

John married **Susan EDWARDS** on 20 May 1800 in St Mary, St Marylebone Road, St Marylebone, London. Susan died in Jun 1848 in St Pancras Reg. Distr., London.