

Family of William MARRIS of Immingham (1731-1803)

First Generation

1. **William Marris** was born about 1731. He was christened on 10 Feb 1731/1732 in Goxhill, Lincs. He died on 2 Sep 1803 in Immingham, Lincs. He was buried on 5 Sep 1803 in Immingham, Lincs.

William Marris (1731-1803) was the son of John Marris of Goxhill, Lincs (1688-1737) and Elizabeth nee Wakelin.

Note: Although the above William Marris is Person 1 in this document, in the full pedigree, he is Person 24.9. His father, John Marris Senior of Goxhill, Lincs. is Person 23.3. See "Marris of Burton Corner.pdf" on <https://www.marrisfamilyhistory.uk/>.

In his will (see below), William Marris described himself as Gentleman of Immingham. The will named his two surviving daughters and their husbands. It also named his two nephews Thomas Marris and the Rev. George Marris, His will (see below) and other references provide ample proof of relationships and his place in the Marris pedigree accepted by the College of Arms in 1940.

William married **Dorothy Hunt** on 20 Feb 1749/1750 in St Paul, Lincoln, Lincs. Dorothy died on 14 Aug 1773 in Immingham, Lincs.

The Lincoln St Paul parish register recorded the marriage as:

William Marris of Sutton in ye March and Dorothy Hunt of ye same Place marryd ye Feb 20 1749/50.

William Marris made his will (LCC Wills 1803/II/19) on 22 September 1802. It was proved on 26 September 1803. He had freehold messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments in Immingham, Killingholme and Goxhill which he left variously to his two surviving daughters (Catharine and Dorothy) and their husbands. He previously had a farm at Roxton. The will also named two nephews: Thomas Marris of Great Limber, Farmer, and George Marris of Croxton, Clerk.

The two nephews named in the above will were the sons of the testator's brother Thomas Marris (1728-94) and his wife Mary nee Syberry (see "Marris of Croxton" for details of them).

William and Dorothy had the following children:

- 2 F i. **Catharine Marris** was born about 1752. She was christened on 4 Nov 1752 in Goxhill, Lincs. She died on 1 Mar 1836. She was buried on 10 Mar 1836 in Immingham, Lincs.

Catharine married **William Richardson** on 11 May 1778 in Immingham, Lincs. William was born in 1754. He died on 2 May 1830. He was buried on 7 May 1830 in Immingham, Lincs.

Mary E Richardson's book "The Life of a Great Sportsman, John Maunsell Richardson" says that Catharine was a rather grand lady known locally as Dame Richardson. Catharine and William Richardson had no children.

William Richardson was Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Lincoln. His horse "Conqueror" won the Chester Gold Cup in 1788. He was the great uncle of William Richardson (1812-50) who was the father of the noted sportsman and politician John Maunsell Richardson (1846-1912) who won the Liverpool Grand National on "Disturbance" in 1873, married the widowed Victoria, Countess of Yarborough and, who in 1894 was elected as Member of Parliament for Brigg, Lincs (see "Marris of Croxton" for further details of him).

A tablet inside the Church of St Peter, Great Limber, reads: "Sacred to the memory of William Richardson Esq. one of the deputy lieutenants of this county who departed this life May 2nd 1830 ..."

... Catherine his beloved wife who died March 17 1836, their remains are interred at the Church at Immingham".

A tablet inside the Church of St Andrew, Immingham, reads: "Sacred to the memory of William Richardson esq. one of the deputy lieutenants of this county who departed this life May 2nd 1830, anno atatis 78. He was highly distinguished through life for his urbanity of manners and sincerity of friendship, and possessed in a very high degree those virtues, which not only endeared him to his relations and friends but acquired for him the esteem and respect of all classes of society.

Also of Catherine his beloved wife who died March 1st, aged 81 years. Their remains are interred in this church. This testimonial of gratitude was erected by their truly affectionate great nephew.

This tablet was erected by their great nephews William and John Maunsell Richardson, to replace one which fell and was broken. 1907".

The Immingham PRs show the burial of William Richardson of Great Limber, aged 78, on 7th May 1830. This would suggest he was born in 1751 or 52, whereas Mary E Richardson in her biography of John Maunsell Richardson gave 1754.

The Immingham PRs also show the burial of Catharine Richardson's of Limber, aged 84, on 10th March 1836.

- 3 F ii. **Pleasance Marris** was christened on 16 Jan 1756 in Goxhill, Lincs. She was buried on 27 Jan 1774 in Immingham, Lincs.
- 4 F iii. **Dorothy Marris** was christened on 19 Mar 1758 in Immingham, Lincs. Dorothy married **Ferdinand Drewry** on 31 Aug 1777 in Heigham, Norfolk.